



SFBC NOTES - OCTOBER 2019

SAN FRANCISCO BOYS CHORUS – EST. 1948

WINTER CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets go on sale October 4th for the Winter Concerts that this years will feature Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* holiday favorites and sing-a-longs. Boys from all Chorus levels will participate in the December 20 concert at 7pm at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco. Apprentices, Intermediates, Concerts and Bellringers will perform at the 7pm

December 14th at St. John's in Berkeley. Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, Op. 28 was written in 1942 for Christmas with text from The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems, principally in Middle English, with some Latin and Early Modern



English. Tickets may be purchased through www.sfbc.org/tickets Please sign up to volunteer. Ushers, and stage-managers are needed. www.charmsoffice.com. **Important:** it is not too early to order your son's uniform. Please help promote the SFBC Winter Concerts by spreading the word through your social media accounts.

INTERMEDIATE NEW ORLEANS TOUR

New Orleans Childrens Chorus has invited the San Francisco Boys Chorus to sing in the Crescent City Choral Festival June 25-30 in New Orleans. The festival offers young singers the opportunity to work with New Orleans conductor Cheryl Dupont, guest artist Tom Shelton, and sing with other youth groups in one of America's historic cities. Boys currently enrolled in the Intermediate Chorus who are in good standing will be eligible.



Selection will be based on chorus citizenship that includes discipline and attendance as well as vocal suitability. The cost of the tour is \$2,550, and financial assistance is available for those who qualified for tuition assistance for the 2019-2020 Chorus year. Benefit Drawing credits earned during the 2020 campaign may be set

aside for festival fees. **Families have until October 30th to opt out of the tour.** After that the tour charges will be added to TADS accounts.

SAVE THE DATES

October 2019

9 Fallen Heroes Memorial Concert CC's
14 Columbus Day Regular Rehearsals
~ Hansel & Gretel Rehearsals SF Opera for Int. and CC's – complete schedule will be sent
18th Musica Marin Intl. Chamber Music Festival
24 St. Vincent de Paul Gala (I)
31 No Rehearsals SF/MR/EB/SM

November 2019

~ Hansel & Gretel SF Opera Rehearsals & Performances Ints. and CC's
29th - Macy's Great Tree Lighting Ints. & CC's

December 2019

6th, 8th, 9th - SF Symphony Deck the Hall
14th Sat. - East Bay Winter Concert
20th Fri. - SFBC Winter Concert ALL Chorus Levels

January 2020

6th Regular rehearsals
25th & 26th - New Getty Opera CC's – Audio

February 2020

21st – Auction begins online
24th – Benefit Drawing Kick-off
29th - New Getty Opera CC's Video

March 2020

14th - SFBC Gala & Auction at St. Regis Hotel
30th - April 10th Spring Break

April 2020

13th - Regular Rehearsals begin

May 2020

30th - SFBC Spring Concert

June 2020

26-30 Crescent City Choral Festival – New Orleans (I)

July 2020- Summer Overnight Camp

August 2020 - SFBC Day Camp

View the **CHARMS CALENDAR**
School Code: sfbcparents
Password: MMDDYY[first name initial][last name initial]

REHEARSALS

San Francisco

Mon & Weds
 Prep, M 3:45 - 4:25,
 W 3:45 - 4:25
 Junior, W 4:00 - 5:20
 (Wednesday only)
 Apprentice, 4:30 - 6:00
 Intermediate, 4:30 - 6:30
 Concert, 4:30 - 6:30
 Grads, 5:30-7:30
 (Monday only)

Handbell Schedule

Beginning Handbells:
 6:00 - 6:30 Mondays only
 Advanced Handbells:
 6:35- 7:20 Mondays only

Marin

Tues & Thurs
 Prep, 3:45 - 4:25
 (Tuesday only)
 Junior, 3:45 - 5:00
 (Tuesday only)
 Apprentice 1,
 4:45 - 6:15, Tues
 4:15 - 5:45, Thurs
 Apprentice 2, 4:45 - 6:15
 Intermediate, 4:15 - 6:15

East Bay

Tues & Thurs
 Prep, 3:45 - 4:25
 (Thursday only)
 Junior, 3:45 - 5:00
 (Thursday only)
 Apprentice 1, 4:15 -
 5:45, Tues
 4:45 - 6:15, Thurs
 Apprentice 2, 4:45 - 6:15
 Intermediate, 4:15 - 6:15

San Mateo – NEW DAYS

Tues & Thurs
 Prep: 3:00 - 3:45 Tues
 only
 Junior: 3:00-3:45 Tues
 only plus last Thursday of
 month
 Apprentice 1: 3:45 - 5:00
 Apprentice 2: 3:45 - 5:00
 Intermediate: 4:45 - 6:15

WHAT TO BRING

Refillable water bottle &
 nut-free snack. Music &
 theory workbooks
 provided by the music
 faculty P/Jr/App.

Int, CC & Grads bring
 their music, water bottle
 & pencils.

WELCOME NEW CHORISTERS

Welcome new Choristers accepted in the SFBC May and September competitive auditions: **Preparatory Chorus** Emilio Berman, Noah Jack Bolle, Aaron Brandstetter, Rivan Deshpande, Joseph Di Bene, Félix Gallisá, Silas Hung, Joe Li, Aaron Mayfield, Andrew Nellesen, Gabriel Reyes, Sasha Stepanov, Lucas Tong, Matthew Wang, and August White **Junior Chorus** Lucas Akridge, Andrew Brassfield, Michail Chung, Luke Di Bene, Jethro Durmann, Connor Dyi, Eugene Friedman, William Gonzalez, Thomas Gu, Becksan Keum, Damon Oliver, West Pinckaers, Stephen Reid, Bodhi Rowe, William Solari IV, Stephan Stemkovski, and Edison Wu **Apprentices** Riley Dieu, Logan Galvez, Nathan Harah, Rad Jennings, Rafael John, Naraya Lawinski, Sebastien Pascal, Thelonious Stroud, Newland Thomas, and Akena Wanzala **Intermediate Chorus** Stefan Gavin, Hampton Yeh, and Elvin Zhong **Concert Chorus** Hovey Clark **The next round of auditions** will be held Saturday, January 11th, 2020 at all rehearsal locations. Audition appointments are ongoing and can be scheduled online www.sfbc.org/auditions.

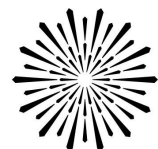
NEW APPOINTMENTS

Christopher Fazzi joins the SFBC faculty as the Marin Chorus Director. Currently he also serves as Music Director of St. Raphael's Church in San Rafael and leads the youth choirs there as well. Previously he directed the Glendale Chamber Orchestra and the Glendale Youth Orchestra. From 2009 to 2011, he was the Associate Director of the California College of Music in Pasadena. Mr. Fuzzi is a music graduate of UCLA's and received his Masters at USC.

Caroline Flett is the new rehearsal coordinator. Bay Area born and raised, Caroline was Assistant Director at the Cinnabar Theatre in Petaluma and a graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. She studied voice at the European Music Institute in Vienna.

SAN FRANCISCO OPERA

Congratulations to the outstanding choristers who have been selected to sing in the San Francisco Opera's production of Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*: **David Awunyo-Akaba, Lev Corliss, Newton De Silva, Lucas Durant, Reed Grenager, Harry O'Sullivan, Kiane Perrone, Shaan Swaminathan, and Tyler Winslow.** The opera will run from November 15 to December 7.



SAN FRANCISCO
OPERA

ESCRIP BENEFITS THE SFBC



The Boys Chorus will receive eScrip donations for purchases made at Molly Stones, Woodlands Market, Scotty's, Orvis, Lucky Stores, Cal Mart and Diablo Market. Please sign up at www.escrip.com. More than 100 Bay Area restaurants and scores of online merchants participate.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered in September: **Dan Susan Chen, Carla Cuevas, Christina Briggs**, SFBC thanks all the many volunteers who support the boys in countless seen and unseen ways.

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND

Please contribute to the Annual Fund. Tuition covers only 50% of the actual costs of training choristers. The rest is made up by the generosity of Chorus families, individuals in the community, alumni, government funds, corporations, foundations and fundraising events including the Annual Gala, Auction and Benefit Drawing. The Annual Fund is a key part of that funding. Its goal this fall is to raise approximately \$85,000. We hope that every family will give. If we can go to corporations and foundations and tell them: "100% of our parents support the Chorus," the impact will be powerful. That's a bandwagon other donors will want to climb aboard. Whether it's \$1 or \$5,000, your support is compelling, because you know firsthand the benefit and positive impact of the Chorus' training on your son. Make your Annual Fund donations online at www.sfbc.org/annualfund.

CLOTHES CLOSET

Please make sure your son's uniforms are up-to-date. Refer to the uniform requirements in Charms. Donations to the Clothes Closet accepted at all rehearsals. Clothes Closet (clean and gently used uniform exchanges) will take place at Kanbar on Monday October 7th 4-5pm during rehearsal. Purchase new uniforms through Dennis Uniforms at www.dennisuniform.com (school code: WZSSAN). The Dennis Uniform store is located at 590 -10th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Order may also be made by phone at 415-864-3401.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumnus **Kurt Ribak** performed with His Mighty Combo on September 24 at Berkeley's Freight and Salvage. Kurt's music is described as "Charles Mingus meets The Meters. They go to Duke Ellington's house to jam, and Cachao and Thelonious Monk sit in." Kurt features his own compositions, which are original yet accessible, taken from his five albums, including his most recent recording, *Onward*. Kurt attended UC Berkeley, where he met keyboardist Greg Sankovich and reconnected with his fellow **San Francisco Boys Chorus alumnus, saxophonist Lincoln Adler**. Kurt continues to play with Greg and Lincoln. Kurt was also a scholarship student at Berklee College of Music, where he graduated with top honors. Early tunes reflect a strong Thelonious Monk influence, while others reflect his love of the great bassist/composer/bandleader Charles Mingus. Later tunes bring to mind Horace Silver, Lee Morgan, and the South African composer Abdullah Ibrahim. Kurt's recordings are played on KCSM-FM, KPFA, KZSC, KZFR, KKUP and San Diego's Jazz 88, PRI. <http://www.ribak.com>



CONTACTS

Need to report an absence?

Send a brief email to sfbccprogram@sfbcc.org and your son's chorus director (email addresses listed below).

Questions about your bill?

Contact TADS by phone 1-800-477-8237 or 612-548-3320) or online at www.mytads.com

Want to donate a vehicle to SFBCC? Call 1-800-370-4993

Have a scheduling question?

Visit the Charms Calendar www.charmsoffice.com

Have a friend who wants to join the chorus? Tell them to visit www.sfbcc.org/auditions

Have a question for your teacher? Send your teacher an email (email list below)

Want to volunteer? Sign up on Charms at www.charmsoffice.com

Want to donate an auction item? Visit www.sfbcc.org/gala or get a donation form at rehearsal

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



San Francisco Boys Chorus has been invited to participate in **Fleet Week** with an evening concert **October 9, 2019** to pay tribute to the service members who volunteered to defend their country. On **October 18**, the boys will be a featured guest artist at **Festival Musica** in Marin with violinist Hans Liviabella and Musica Marin Artistic Director and violist Ruth Kahn. The San Francisco Boys Chorus will follow with a selection of works by Italian composers.

Celebrated German-Italian lyric baritone Marco Vassalli and Adler Fellow pianist César Cañón will also participate. KDFC's Dianne Nicolini will emcee Please refer to the **Charms Calendar** for call times and uniform requirements.

The San Francisco Boys Chorus exists to discover, develop and encourage boys with changed and unchanged voices through its music programs. Its heritage of 70 years of training young performers for the opera and other major musical institutions has established the highest standards of excellence with which boys are trained for today and prepared for tomorrow. We believe that the lives of all people are enriched and strengthened by a love of music.