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The original 29-member San Francisco Opera Boys Chorus photographed in its founding year of 1948. San Francisco Opera founder and conductor, Gaetano Merola, realized that he needed trained young male singers and asked talented music educator Madi Bacon to found what is now, 75 years later, the Grammy Award winning San Francisco Boys Chorus.

—2024 Honoree—

Diane Marie O'Malley, Esq.

Senior Partner, Hanson Bridgett, LLP

Diane O'Malley is a senior partner in the Labor and Employment Section of Hanson Bridgett LLP San Francisco, specializing in representing employers mainly in the senior living and public transit industries.

She has Juris Doctorate from St. John's University School of Law, after receiving a Masters from State University of New York at Albany and a B.A. from Molloy College for Women.



Diane is a Member of the Advisory Board for The Center for Labor and Employment Law, St. John's Univ. School of Law, the Bar Association of SF: Labor & Employment Section and the Globalaw Labour Business Initiative.

Annually, Diane writes articles and provides training and seminars regarding new legal developments in federal, state, and local laws. She is a frequently invited speaker at the California Assisted Living Association and LeadingAge California conferences.

She has generously contributed pro bono legal work programs to a number of worthy organizations including the San Francisco Boys Chorus. She is a former Hamilton Families board of director member, and a San Francisco service provider to homeless families. She and other firm attorneys continue to assist Hamilton Families with pro bono legal services. She also donates her time to the Swords to Plowshares' Pro Bono Legal Services Program.

The San Francisco Boys Chorus is very fortunate to have the invaluable support of Diane for the last two decades. She graciously helps to insure the values of the Chorus' Mission and is standard bearer of integrity.

2024 Alumnus Honoree
George Gorbatenko, Ph.D.

Founder Gorby Coffee, Retired IBM Engineer and UMN Professor

San Francisco Boys Chorus charter alumnus George Gorbatenko is a retired IBM electrical engineer, former Professor at the University of Minnesota, and founder of Gorby Coffee. Gorby Coffee sells machines, engineered by Dr. Gorbatenko, that package coffee in fully biodegradable pods, also known as single-serve K-cups.



Dr. Gorbatenko holds degrees from UC Berkeley, UCLA, and the University of Minnesota. Prior to his early retirement from IBM, he was involved with research and leading-edge product development. As an inventor, he received nearly two dozen patents and patent disclosures.

An entrepreneur at heart, George was involved with several startups. Hooked on the single-serve concept, he felt there had to be a better way and set out to develop a system geared to the specialty coffee roaster for packaging 100% compostable pods at an affordable price. He was concerned that most K-cups are not biodegradable or recyclable. Billions are consumed every year. They all end up in landfills.

Read more about his current quest to provide an ecologically and economically affordable way to enjoy the convenience of single-serving beverages at www.gorbycoffee.com.

The Chorus is very fortunate to count this great alumnus as friend, who believes in the value of being in the Chorus and its impact on a boys future.

This Evening's Program

6:00 p.m. Reception and Silent Auction

with Kurt Ribak Trio

Alumnus Kurt Ribak, Bandleader, Bass

Mark Sowlakis, Saxophone and clarinet

Greg Sankovich, Keyboards

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Performances by the San Francisco Boys Chorus

Concert and Intermediate Choruses

Graduate Chorale

Ian Robertson, Artistic Director & Conductor

Todd Jolly, Intermediate Chorus Director

Harlan Hays, Graduate Chorale Director

Franz Zhao, Accompanist

8:30 p.m. Dessert and Live Auction

Auctioneers

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The Norman Wong Scholarship Fund



The Norman Wong Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of an alumnus and longtime devoted friend of the San Francisco Boys Chorus. A San Francisco native, Norman served on the musical and camp staff of the Chorus, working under Artistic Director William Ballard.

Boys who apply for assistance annually at the San Francisco Boys Chorus and demonstrate the need for assistance are eligible to receive the Norman Wong Scholarship. Preference is given on the basis of ethnicity in order to advance diversity at the San Francisco Boys Chorus.

Contribute to the Norman Wong Scholarship Fund
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Next Audition:

May 11, 2024

Auditions in San Francisco, East Bay, South Bay and Marin locations.

Boys in K or Pre-K do not need to audition and will be accepted automatically into the Junior Chorus.

www.sfbc.org/auditions

Open to boys age five and older

Saturday, May 4

Community Songfest

Enjoy and join with the youngest singers of the San Francisco Boys Chorus

Saturday, May 18

Spring Concert--Heavenly Voices



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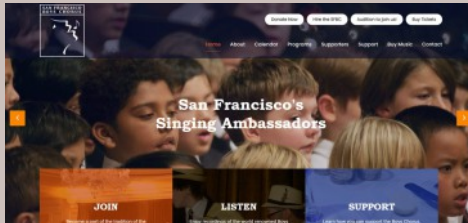


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Arish Arvind
Anthony Awunyo-
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May 4, 2024: Family Concert and Workshop at Trinity+St. Peter's

May 11, 2024: New Chorister Auditions

May 15, 2024: Benefit Drawing

May 18, 2024: Spring Concert at Calvary Presbyterian Church, SF

Sept 5, 2024: National Anthem at SF Giant's

Sept 25, 2024: National Anthem at Oakland A's

June 28-July 2, 2024: Crescent City Choral Festival in New Orleans

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