



RAGAZZI BOYS CHORUS INVITES BOYS WHO LOVE TO SING TO SINGFEST

FREE HALF-DAY MUSIC MINI-CAMP

Saturday, January 12, 2019

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Redwood City

REDWOOD CITY, CA (11 December 2018) — Acclaimed **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** kicks off the New Year with the return of *SingFest*, a free half-day mini-camp for boys ages 7 to 10. This action-packed event offers singing, musical games, and other fun at no cost. From singing the National anthem at a San Francisco Giants baseball game, attending an exclusive summer camp, and touring the world, the opportunities that Ragazzi offers are endless. Boys who love to sing and want to “test-drive” Ragazzi’s world-class choral experience are invited to join in. *SingFest* runs from **9:15am to 12:00pm Saturday, January 12, 2019** at Ragazzi’s main rehearsal location in Redwood City. No singing experience is necessary, but those interested must pre-register online at bit.ly/SINGFEST, by calling **(650) 342-8785**, or by emailing ragazzi@ragazzi.org. If a child is unable to attend *SingFest*, but is interested in joining Ragazzi, small group auditions are also offered at ragazzi.org/join-us/book-audition/

SingFest seamlessly integrates auditions into the day’s activities, making it an entertaining experience. There is never any obligation to join Ragazzi after attending *SingFest*. Those who do join will be placed in an entry-level or intermediate level-chorus, depending on their maturity and experience. Entry-level rehearsals are held in San Mateo and Redwood City, parents may choose either convenient location.

Through training in vocal development, music theory, sight-reading, and stage presence, **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** prepares boys to be accomplished performers. In addition to superb musical training and performance experiences, Ragazzi boys forge close friendships and develop

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self-confidence while working to reach personal and team goals. According to Ragazzi Artistic Director Joyce Keil, “It has been my experience that young people respond passionately to powerful music. For boys who join Ragazzi, musicianship and choral training provide life lessons in leadership, teamwork, excellence, and perseverance, and a deep appreciation of the power and beauty of music that transcends cultural differences.”

Peninsula-based **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** is one of the San Francisco Bay Area’s premiere music and performance organizations for boys. Now the largest Peninsula-based boys chorus, there are more than 225 singers from over 100 schools in 30+ Bay Area communities participating in the program. Ragazzi means “boys” in Italian and is the term used in opera to refer to children’s voices. Ragazzi has performed with the San Francisco Opera, San Francisco Symphony, Opera San Jose, West Bay Opera, Symphony Silicon Valley, Masterworks Chorale, and the Stanford University Symphonic Chorus among others. The group has toured throughout the United States and internationally. In 1999, Ragazzi was honored for its contribution to the San Francisco Symphony’s triple Grammy Award-winning recording of Stravinsky’s *Perséphone*, and has five CDs available: *A Holiday Collection*, *Canciones de Alabanza*, *Magnificat: My Spirit Rejoices*, *Splendors of the Italian Baroque*, and *I Dream A World*.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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- WHERE:** St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St, Redwood City
- CONTACT:** For more information about Ragazzi, **SingFest** location details, and to pre-register for **SingFest** (required), the public may visit bit.ly/SINGFEST, call **650-342-8785** or email ragazzi@ragazzi.org.

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MEDIA: High resolution photos of **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** can be downloaded from:
<http://cbpr.co/press/singfest>

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