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The Windsbach Boys Choir Performs with the Pacific Boychoir October 24 in Berkeley
Leading German Choir Tours the Bay Area

Oakland, CA—The Pacific Boychoir Academy is pleased to announce the upcoming joint concert with the Windsbach Boys Choir, one of the leading boy choirs in the world. These two world-class choirs unite for a once-in-a-lifetime concert experience, Friday, October 24 at 7:30pm at First Congregational Church in Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Tickets are available at PacificBoychoir.org/Windsbacher.

In their 68-year history, Windsbacher Knabenchor has become one of the most popular boychoirs in Germany due to their pure, brilliant sound and invigorating performances at some of the most prestigious venues in the world. The choir will embark on a 13-day U.S. tour from October 23 through November 3 that will take them from the West Coast to the East Coast. The tour is part of a German effort to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Along the way, the boys will perform in Berkeley with the Bay Area-based and world-renowned Pacific Boychoir. Windsbacher is known for their singing of German Romantic repertoire, and will perform the music of Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bruckner, and more. Pacific Boychoir will join in a number of these pieces and also perform American folks song and spirituals.

Founded in 1946 by Hans Thamm, the Windsbach Boys Choir was brought to national and international acclaim by his successor Karl-Friedrich Beringer. In 2012, Martin Lehmann took on as conductor of the choir, and focused on creating a synthesis of musicality, precision, and purity of sound. As a result, top orchestras, such as the Deutsche Symphonie-Orchester Berlin, the Bamberger Symphoniker, and the Akademie für alte Musik Berlin love to work with the choir. Frequent invitations to important festivals, such as the Rheingau Musikfestival and the Bachwoche Ansbach, emphasize the standing the choir has acquired in the national and international music scene. The choir's ability to deliver a beautiful, uniform tone through sacred and secular texts has drawn enthusiastic audiences in prestigious German concert halls, such as Berliner Philharmonie, Festspielhaus Baden-Baden, Herkulesaal der Münchener Residenz, as well as performance spaces throughout Europe, such as Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Tonhalle Zurich, Palau de la Musica in Barcelona and in Luzern. The choir has the unique honor of recording with Sony Classical and has released numerous recordings, including the Mozart Requiem, Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Brahms' German Requiem, and countless a cappella recordings.

Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) is a Grammy Award-winning, independent choir school for boys in grades four through eight, with seven after-school choirs for boys in pre-kindergarten through high school. PBA provides a richly diverse community, focusing on excellence in music education, academics, and performance. Founded in Oakland, California in 1998 by Artistic Director Kevin Fox, PBA serves over 170 choristers a season, has released seven independent albums, tours internationally each year, and has garnered three Grammy Awards with the San Francisco Symphony. The only North American boychoir school outside of the East Coast, PBA offers unique and rigorous choral and academic programs, producing confident, engaged young men and artists. The L.A. Times calls PBA's sound quality "astonishing," while the New York Times hails PBA's ability to perform music "far beyond the reach of most children's choirs." Hear, watch, and learn more at PacificBoychoir.org