

# Golden Gate International Children's and Youth Choral Festival

...a musical experience like no other!

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*From classical to contemporary, from historic to gospel, choral music lovers the world over will come together in the San Francisco Bay area July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to sing, compete and participate in a series of concerts, competitions and special events, and to experience the energy and music of some of the finest children's choirs in the world!*

Dear Colleague,

The Golden Gate International Children's and Youth Choral Festival is pleased to announce our very exciting 10<sup>th</sup> Festival! The Festival will be held July 12 – July 18, 2015, in the beautiful San Francisco Bay area. As one of America's most important choral music competitions for young artists, the Golden Gate Festival attracts choirs from all over the world to compete, perform, celebrate music, and develop international friendship.

We are accepting applications now and we want to encourage your choir to join our international roster of singers as both competing and non-competing groups.

Founded in 1991 by The Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir, The Golden Gate International Children's and Youth Choral Festival is the first international children's choral festival in the United States and is presented under the direction of Robert Geary, Artistic Director. The Festival promotes international exchange through music and musical excellence in choral singing through competition and performance. This year we are excited to announce **Maria Guinand (Venezuela)**, **Judit Hartyany (Hungary)**, **Aarne Saluveer (Estonia)** and **Terrance Kelly (USA)**, all celebrated conductors and composers, as the Festival Conductors and Adjudicators.



The 2015 Festival will feature competitions in Historical and Folk choral music, Contemporary choral music and Solo Voice. We have also added a new, and much requested competition category - Spiritual and Gospel!

Accommodations for all international choristers, 20 years of age and under, will be in local homes, on a first come first served basis and based on ability. The fee for all participants including choir adults and chaperones, which includes all Festival activities as well as a number of social events, is US\$425 per participant. Choirs who arrange for their own housing will pay a fee of US\$325 per participant. Limited scholarships may be available.

Please visit our website [www.goldengatefestival.org](http://www.goldengatefestival.org) for official rules and an application, and do not hesitate to email me at [ctumlinson@goldengatefestival.org](mailto:ctumlinson@goldengatefestival.org).

In a world defined by borders, the Golden Gate International Choral Festival offers a rare opportunity for children to build bridges. We hope you will join us!

Warm regards,



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