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NORTHWEST BOYCHOIR PRESENTS TOUR CONCERTS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

PALO ALTO

Monday, July 8 at 7:30pm

Summer Concert Series at Memorial Church

Stanford Memorial Church

450 Serra Mall

Stanford, CA 94305

Free concert sponsored by Stanford Office for Religious Life. \$10 suggested donation.

SACRAMENTO

Tuesday, July 9 at 7:30pm

St John's Lutheran Church

1701 L St

Sacramento, CA 95811

Freewill offering to benefit St. John's Program for Real Change.

SAN FRANCISCO

Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30pm

Star of the Sea Church

4420 Geary Blvd

San Francisco, CA 94118

Freewill offering to benefit Star of the Sea Medical Services, Nairobi, Kenya.

More information available at www.nwboychoir.org or (206) 524-3234

You've heard them on movie soundtracks (*Let Me In*, *Valkyrie*, *Millions*, *Bad Santa 2*) and on your favorite video games (*Medal of Honor*, *Peggle 2*, *Golem*). Now you can hear the Seattle-based Northwest Boychoir live in concert as part of their 2019 Concert Tour in California.

"The Northwest Boychoir sang beautifully throughout..." *Gramophone*

"The Northwest Boychoir sings superbly..." *The Guardian*

The Grammy-nominated **Northwest Boychoir** conducted by **Music Director Joseph Crnko** will present three concerts in Northern California as part of its two-week 2019 California Concert Tour. Tour performances include concerts in Seattle, Stanford University Memorial Church, Sacramento, San Francisco, La Cañada, Irvine, and Beverly Hills. The highly acclaimed, 34-member Northwest Boychoir will present a program that will include classical choral works, folk songs and Americana.

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About the Northwest Boychoir

The Northwest Boychoir's musical sophistication, rich tonal quality, and dedication to exacting perfection have established its reputation as one of the nation's premier children's choirs. Along with Vocalpoint! Seattle, the Northwest Boychoir has trained thousands of young singers for more than 40 years, and more significantly, shaped the lives of our region's youth by teaching important lessons in personal commitment and the value of teamwork. Led by Joseph Crnko, now in his 35th year as Music Director, the Choir's staff of professional musicians and educators is engaged in the teaching of a rigorous curriculum that trains young singers, 6-18 years old, to be fully-skilled musicians who sing at the highest professional level, read music fluently, and perform in professional settings with confidence.

For more than 30 years, the Choirs have maintained a close working relationship with the Seattle Symphony and participate annually in the performance of great choral works. Last year the Northwest Boychoir joined with the SSO to perform Vivadi's *Gloria*, and then in March returned to Benaroya Hall for performances of Orff's *Carmina burana*. The following month, the Boychoir again collaborated with the Seattle Symphony and Seattle Symphony Chorale for performances of Stravinsky's *Perséphone*. The Northwest Boychoir will perform the Debussy *Nocturnes* in Maestro Morlot's Farewell Concert with the Seattle Symphony in June.

At the end of last year, the Northwest Boychoir was honored to perform with Music of Remembrance when they presented their 20th Anniversary concert at Benaroya Hall. The Northwest Boychoir closed its season with eight performances of its 40th season of A Festival of Lessons & Carols, including a presentation with Northwest Sinfonia at Benaroya Hall. This spring, the Northwest Boychoir presented their annual classical series, Choral Tradition, featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*, and great choral works by Brahms, Debussy, Lauridsen, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Orff and Rheinberger.

Along with a very active performance schedule, the Northwest Boychoir is regularly contracted for recording engagements. Last year the Northwest Boychoir recorded the soundtrack for the motion picture *Prospect*, and can also be heard in Cirque du Soleil's *Volta*. The Northwest Boychoir serves as the official "Singing Ambassadors" of Washington.

Full California Concert Schedule available at www.nwboychoir.org

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What People Say about the Northwest Boychoir...

"We're so spoiled in Seattle to have the wonderful Northwest Boychoir."

- Ludovic Morlot, Music Director, Seattle Symphony

"... the Northwest Boychoir were the stars of this part of the evening. That these young boys were able to master the difficult dissonances and numerous high notes required in the score, not to mention prolonged singing and Sprechstimme in the always-difficult French language, was an astonishing accomplishment."

- Erica Miner, Bachtrack

"The Northwest Boychoir sang with miraculously pure intonation and impressive diction."

- Thomas May, Seattle Times

"On Friday evening, the Boychoir responded to Cleobury's baton with singing of exceptional clarity and balance, imposing unity, precise diction and a soaring lyricism that equaled the boys on the other side of the Atlantic."

- Melinda Bargreen, Seattle Times

"I was in awe of their sound. Clearly, for me, this score would have not been as strong without them."

- Michael Giacchino, Composer - *UP, The Incredibles, Medal of Honor*