



About WomenSing

Award winning **WomenSing** has engaged and delighted audiences in the Bay Area and beyond since 1965. Singing with a vibrant and beautifully blended sound, WomenSing programs include both the traditional and the unexpected, featuring great landmarks of the treble repertoire, seldom-performed works, new music, commissions from nationally recognized composers, and familiar music from all eras. The group regularly collaborates with local performing groups such as the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Jubilate Orchestra, California Shakespeare Theatre, Contra Costa Children's Chorus, and the finest Bay Area musicians. WomenSing has performed throughout Europe, Asia, Latin and South America, Canada, and the United States.

WomenSing's most exciting musical outreach program is our **Youth Inspiring Youth** (YIY) partnership with River of Words, a program sponsored by the Center for Environmental Literacy at St. Mary's College in Moraga that educates youth about nature through art and poetry. WomenSing commissions young composers to create music using the inspired words of award-winning young River of Words poets. Nationally recognized composer Libby Larsen mentors the young composers. During our May, 2011 Washington DC tour, WomenSing presented YIY pieces in collaboration with the Peabody Children's Chorus of Baltimore at a concert presented by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

Due in part to the success of the YIY project, WomenSing is attracting attention both nationally and locally. National recognition includes partial funding from MetLife Meet the Composer and the Chorus America/ASCAP Alice Parker Award for adventurous programming in 2010. Most recently, WomenSing was awarded the 2011 Contra Costa County Arts Commission Award for Excellence, a Lafayette Community Foundation grant, and was selected as one of six Bay Area choruses to perform during the Chorus America 2011 annual convention held June 2011 in San Francisco.