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WOMENSING – Upper Voiced Choirs Festival "TREBLE VOICES NOW"

Many music lovers in and around the Bay Area are choral singers and enjoy attending the

concerts of a long list of choral organizations that so beautifully perform in our area.

Now there is an opportunity for singers, composers, conductors, music educators and

general public to enjoy a new choral festival. This inaugural festival, **Treble Voices**

Now, hosted by **WomenSing**, will explore contemporary classical music that is

specifically written for upper-voiced choirs.

On Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th (at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian

Church), **WomenSing** will be joined by the Advanced Performing Chorus of the Contra

Costa Children's Chorus and both "Bella Voce" and the "Women's Ensemble" from

Acalanes High School. Participants will enjoy the unique opportunity to fine-tune two

new compositions from this year's Youth Inspiring Youth – Commissioning Emerging

Composers competition winners, Chris Castro and Jordan Nelson. The young composers

will describe their works and explain such structural decisions as key changes and

particular phrasing with the poetry and text in mind. The singers will become involved in

trying out proposed changes as composers and mentors experiment and arrive at a final

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product. In addition, the guest choirs will have their own clinics where they can explore their own contemporary repertoire. These events will be a unique and new kind of master class that the general public can attend, observe and hear.

Join **WomenSing** and the **Treble Voices Now** choirs on Friday evening, April 11th from 6:30 to 9:30 to listen in on the Public Workshop with clinicians Martín Benvenuto and Cristian Grases. Then return on Saturday morning, April 12th to observe Clinics where the guest choirs explore their own contemporary repertoire. The Concert, which showcases all the choirs, will be on Saturday, April 12th at 3:00 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. Hear each choir perform their own material, culminating in workshop performances of the Youth Inspiring Youth compositions. The Workshop on Friday, and the Clinics and Concert on Saturday are free and open to the public. For more information visit: www.womensing.org.

About WomenSing: Since 1965 **WomenSing** has engaged and delighted audiences in the Bay Area and beyond. Their reputation for excellence draws members from the entire San Francisco Bay Area. 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.