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South Bay Children's Choir to Celebrate its 20th Anniversary
El Camino College sets the Stage for SBCC's "Echoes and Encores"

The South Bay Children's Choir will celebrate two decades of noteworthy performances with a grand reunion concert. The current choir will be joined by alumni, friends and special guests for a 20th anniversary event set for 4 p.m. March 20 in El Camino College's Marsee Auditorium.

"Echoes and Encores" will feature past members from all over the country. Several beloved former conductors will also attend, including Megan Eddy, Taryn Koch, Maza Zimmerman and "Bud" Bisbee, who will conduct one of his own compositions. Many alumni are now opera divas, professional singers, and music teachers. Alumni from 1996 to 2016 are invited to join in the musical celebration. Email julie@southbaychildrenschoir.com for more information.

The performance features the opening number "It's a Grand Night for Singing!" Numerous alumni solos follow throughout the concert, including: lyric coloratura soprano Jessie Tisdale, who is performing in concerts and on the opera stage in locations across the country; Craig Benson, fresh off the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center stage production of "Beauty and the Beast;" Amber Alarcón, a busy mezzo-soprano and educator; and Niko Murakami, a freshman at California State University, Long Beach, who recently won first place in the vocalist category at the Jean Lombardo Marina District Young Musicians Competition.

The South Bay Children's Choir (SBCC) is an auditioned group of talented young singers in residence at El Camino College. Co-founded in 1996 by Artistic Director Diane Simons and the late Jane Hardester, the choir is known for its beautiful tone and expressive singing. Ensembles are led by Simons, Julie Corallo, Ellen Steinmetz, and Mary Herzbrun. SBCC has its own composer-in-residence, B. Wayne Bisbee, whose works are premiered in its concerts.

The group has performed in world-renowned venues throughout the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Canterbury Cathedral, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and Royce Hall at UCLA. Last summer the choir attended the Mile High Music Festival in Denver, Colorado. Auditions are held in January and August. For more information about the South Bay Children's Choir, please view www.southbaychildrenschoir.com.

Tickets for "Echoes and Encores" are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under and may be purchased online at centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Campus Parking is \$3. The El Camino College Marsee Auditorium is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.