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**BAY AREA YOUTH SINGERS HOSTS
JUNIOR HIGH REGION CHOIR AUDITION MUSIC WORKSHOP**

HOUSTON, Aug. 13, 2010 -- On Saturday, Sept. 11, Bay Area Youth Singers (BAYS) will host its first junior high region choir audition music workshop. The purpose of this half-day program is to help seventh and eighth grade students in public, private or home schools prepare to audition for the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) sponsored junior high region choir.

"High school students have many opportunities to attend choir camps and clinics to help them prepare for the rigorous All-State Choir audition process but junior high students in our area never have been offered the same chance," explained Carol Barwick, executive director of BAYS. "Our workshop will provide an excellent venue for students who want a head start on mastering the choral pieces required for this audition."

The BAYS junior high region choir audition music workshop will be offered in two sessions. The morning session will be for students in TMEA Region 19 (includes Alvin, Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, LaMarque and Pearland ISDs) and run from 9 a.m. to noon. The afternoon workshop will last from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. for Region 17 (includes Deer Park and Pasadena ISDs). Leading the sections are four highly successful choral directors from this area: Margaret Jordan, Ken Sink, Tony Tuckwiller and Brenda Varvoutis.

The pre-registration fee for the workshop is \$25 which includes a packet of music or \$15 if a student already has the music. On-site registration is \$30 and is cash only. The workshop will take place at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer, Houston, 77089.

To pre-register for the workshop, call 832-425-2329 or e-mail bayareayouthsinger@hotmail.com. More information is available online at www.bayareayouthsingers.org.

BAYS holds open auditions for 2010-2011 season

Two auditions times are slated for new members interested in joining Bay Area Youth Singers apprentice and concert choirs for the 2010-2011 season . Auditions will be held Tuesday, Aug. 24 and Aug. 31 beginning at 6 p.m. at University Baptist Church. BAYS meets every Tuesday night beginning on Sept. 14 and running through the school year. To schedule an audition or make arrangements for a private audition, call 832-425-2329 or e-mail bayareayouthsingers@hotmail.com. More information is available online at www.bayareayouthsingers.org.

Established in 2007, Bay Area Youth Singers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for children in third through ninth grade to develop their singing voice, learn to read music, develop poise and self-discipline, and develop a love and appreciation of singing great choral literature.