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BAY AREA YOUTH SINGERS NAMES BRENDA VARVOUTIS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

HOUSTON, July 12, 2010 -- Brenda Varvoutis has accepted the position of artistic director for the Bay Area Youth Singers (BAYS).

Varvoutis is well known in music education in Houston as she has taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels for the past 25 years. She currently is the lead choir director at Queens Intermediate School in the Pasadena Independent School District, musical director at Lakeside Lutheran Church, and a clinician and adjudicator for UIL contests and choral festivals throughout Texas.

"Bay Area Youth Singers is thrilled to have Brenda Varvoutis become our new artistic director," explains Kathy Hamilton, president of the board for BAYS. "Brenda is not only truly musically gifted but she also is so dedicated to instilling a love of music in her students. I know all members of BAYS will benefit enormously under her direction."

A graduate of the University of Houston with a bachelor of music degree, Varvoutis also holds a performance certificate from the International Academie in Nice, France. She is affiliated with the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA), Texas Music Adjudicators Association (TMAA), Texas Choral Director Association (TCDA) and American Choral Directors Association (AMCD).

Auditions currently are being held for new members to join Bay Area Youth Singers apprentice and concert choirs for the 2010-2011 season . Auditions will be held Saturday, July 17, Tuesday, Aug. 24, and Saturday, Aug. 28. To schedule an 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.