

# PHILADELPHIA BOYS CHOIR PHILADELPHIA GIRLS CHOIR PHILADELPHIA VOCAL CONSERVATORY

May 2, 2018

Dear School Administrator,

This letter is on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, a student at your school.

The Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale (PBCC) provides the finest musical education for young men in the Philadelphia area. Known and celebrated throughout the world, PBCC delivers a one-of-a-kind performance experience.

This letter is to let you know that PBCC has prepared several boys to perform in the Philadelphia Orchestra's upcoming performance of the opera, Tosca, including the above-mentioned student. This is an excellent opportunity for the boys to work with one of America's premiere orchestras, in addition to first-class opera soloists. Unfortunately, the orchestra rehearses during the day, and so the final three rehearsals are **during the entire school day on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

We try to limit all rehearsals and performances to evenings and weekends, but things do come up once in a while during the day, and we only agree to the ones which have the most positive impact on the organization and the boys. On behalf of the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale, we would greatly appreciate it if you would work with this student and his family to excuse this absence, and to assist them in preparing for the material that he will miss.

We understand that school absences are a challenge for singers and for schools, and we thank you in advance for working with him to ensure he can be successful at both. The life skills that our singers learn from performing music at a professional level with professional musicians and from participating in events such as these are often the same skills that help them to excel at school and later in life.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact me at: 215-222-3500, ext. 802 or [jsmith@phillyboyschoir.org](mailto:jsmith@phillyboyschoir.org). You can learn more about the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale at [www.phillyboyschoir.org](http://www.phillyboyschoir.org). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Smith  
Artistic Director