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## **PHILIPPINES DISASTER RELIEF CONCERT**

The Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and the San Francisco Boys Chorus (SFBC) today announced that they will jointly hold an emergency benefit concert on Sunday, November 24th for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines. The concert will feature the San Francisco Boys Chorus (Chorus-in-Residence of the Cathedral of Christ the Light), members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus, and members the San Francisco Symphony Chorus. The performance will be conducted by Maestro Ian Robertson, Artistic Director of the San Francisco Boys Chorus, with Jerome Lenk, organ and will feature SFBC repertoire as well as excerpts from Giuseppe Verdi's momentous Requiem. All proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services in the Philippines.

This special concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street in Oakland. Suggested donation is \$25 payable at the door or via [www.sfbc.org/benefitconcert](http://www.sfbc.org/benefitconcert). Please keep donation receipt for concert admission.

The San Francisco Boys Chorus is a 65-year-old bay area institution that trains boys with unchanged voices to perform at a professional level, appearing regularly in San Francisco Opera productions and with the San Francisco Symphony.

The Cathedral of Christ the Light is one of the nation's premiere performance venues, dedicated in 2008 . With its beautiful wood work and 12-story nave, the modern venue is a stunning setting for choral music.

“Our organization of young singers is in the forefront of providing community service through song. We could not stand by and hear about the tragedy in the Philippines and do nothing,” said Maestro Robertson, Artistic Director of the San Francisco Boys Chorus. “The boys of the San Francisco Boys Chorus are proud to lend their voices to do what they can for less fortunate people on the other side of the world. We are also proud to be joined by members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus and members of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus who, like us, are donating their performances.” Choristers of the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Opera appear courtesy of the American Guild of Musical Artists.

All proceeds from the concert will go to Catholic Relief Services that has sent aid workers to the Philippines. The typhoon that may ultimately measure as the worst the world has know has caused loss of life and destruction on a vast scale.

In 2010, the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and the San Francisco Boys Chorus held a benefit concert for victims of the Haiti Earthquake. Members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus and the International Orange Chorale participated in that benefit, which netted nearly \$30,000 for earthquake victims and Catholic Relief Services.

“The San Francisco Boys Chorus remains proud to stand in the forefront of children’s groups who are ready and able to serve those who are less fortunate,” said Gary Jones, President of the San Francisco Boys Chorus.

Donations can also be made online at [www.sfbc.org/benefitconcert](http://www.sfbc.org/benefitconcert)

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Press photographs at [www.sfbc.org/press](http://www.sfbc.org/press)

Video of Boys Chorus' performances is at [www.sfbc.org/videos](http://www.sfbc.org/videos)

Additional information about the Cathedral of Christ the Light is available at [www.ctlcathedral.org/](http://www.ctlcathedral.org/)

Additional information about the San Francisco Symphony Chorus can be found at [www.sfsymphony.org/chorus](http://www.sfsymphony.org/chorus)

Additional information about the San Francisco Opera Chorus can be found at <http://sfopera.com/About/People/Chorus.aspx>