



EAST BAY SUMMER CHORUS

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Dear **EAST BAY SUMMER YOUTH ENSEMBLE** Member,

My name is Mr. Richard Sylvia and I am the new Director of the **EAST BAY SUMMER CHORUS**. Inactive for a number of years, the **EBSC** (*then called The East Bay Chorus*) was begun in the late 1970's as part of the East Bay Association for the Arts, under the direction of Mr. Charles Mello. I am honored to be asked by The East Bay Summer Wind Ensemble Director, Mr. David M. Marshall to continue the development of singers in the greater East Bay area over the summer.

I hope you find it helpful if I quickly elaborate on my background in music. I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Rhode Island College. I am currently in my first year of teaching at Somerset High School, where I direct the concert choir, treble choir, chorale, and show choir, and teach vocal techniques and acoustic guitar classes. I am currently also the co-director for Somerset High School's drama club, director of **Encore Community Chorus** and the musical director for Bishop Hendricken High School's drama program. In the past, I have directed the Rhode Island Children's Chorus' Treble Choir and musical directed for the North Kingstown Players. As a choral singer, I have had the opportunity to perform in concert tours in Scotland, Great Britain, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. I have also had the honor of working with several composers, conductors and performers, including Carlisle Floyd, Libby Larsen, Michael Remson, Jean Redpath, Ann Howard Jones and Michael Bublè.

THE EAST BAY SUMMER CHORUS will hold its first rehearsal of the season on the stage at Somerset High School located at 625 County Street in Somerset, MA on Friday, May 29th, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals are held every Friday until mid-August. Our mission is to provide musicians entering grades 9 through adult with a quality summer music experience. We hope to have the same diversity in the chorus that we boast with EBSWE & EBSYE in that its membership will consist of vocalists of all ages and backgrounds! You can expect 2-3 performances in this, our re-inaugural season.

The registration fee is \$35.00 for the entire season and is due at the first rehearsal (*checks payable to EBSWE*), but will be reduced to \$20 for active EBSWE and/or EBSYE members that are interested in performing with both groups! For updated information on the ensemble and directions to Somerset High School, please visit our link on The East Bay Summer Wind Ensemble's web-site located at WWW.EBSWE.ORG. Thank you in advance for your support and considered participation of this valuable and exciting new summer program! We hope to add to the fine musical tradition that the EBSWE has celebrated for over 30 years!

Yours truly,

Richard Sylvia



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Mission Statement: *To provide community musicians (amateur, student and professional) with a quality summer music experience while providing first-rate traditional and contemporary choral music performances to neighboring communities.*