



### **Boston City Singers in a Beautiful Spring Sing**

DORCHESTER, MA (May 11, 2015)—On Saturday, May 9, over 100 of Boston City Singers' youngest singers came together at Hope Central Church in Jamaica Plain to sing for friends and family at the annual Spring Concert. The event celebrated the end of a music-filled year for the singers, ages 4-11.

Led by Ms. Wendy Silverberg, Boston City Singers' Early Childhood Music Director, the Jamaica Plain and Dorchester-based Kodály Singing Classes (ages 4-7) combined to showcase their singing skills with complex rhythm, hallmarks of the Kodály Method of musical training. Teen Mentors from Boston City Singers' Tour Choir (advanced singers ages 11-18) Guiverly Blaise and Stacia Aguirre were featured as soloists in the final song of the set, "In My Class", by Alfred Balkin.



Ms. Annie Shulenburg directed the Dorchester-based Melody Makers division (grades 1-2) in three pieces that highlighted their extensive training. Melody Makers is one of the newest offerings from Boston City Singers and provides a bridge between the foundational music training of the Kodály Singing Classes and the intermediate instruction of the Neighborhood Training Choruses.

The Dorchester and Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Training Choruses combined under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth Higgins to close the concert with a wide variety of selections, including the audience favorite “Coffee, Anyone?”, a child’s comical ode to the adult population’s favorite morning beverage, and “When I Close My Eyes”, an endearing composition by the renowned Brookline-based composer Jim Papoulis.

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**Boston City Singers** was founded in 1995 by Artistic Director Jane Money in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood to provide outstanding opportunities for children to come together through music in their own neighborhoods. Twenty years later, 16 different programs provide comprehensive sequential music instruction to 500 young people aged 4 – 18.

Weekly rehearsals are designed so that singers develop progressive mastery of skills coupled with performance, youth development, cultural exploration, leadership training, and community service components, all within a strong and supportive community. Boston City Singers’ Tour Choir will be performing throughout Costa Rica in August 2015.

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Boston City Singers is now accepting applications for all divisions in Jamaica Plain, Dorchester and North Cambridge. For more information and to apply, visit [www.bostoncitisingers.org/join-us.html](http://www.bostoncitisingers.org/join-us.html)

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