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Boston City Singers Receives Arts|Learning 2013 Champions of Arts Education Advocacy Awards

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June 27, 2013 – Dorchester – Boston City Singers and its Early Childhood Music Director Wendy Silverberg received recognition from the 2013 Arts|Learning Champions of Arts Education Advocacy Awards. Boston City Singers was named Outstanding Community Arts Education Collaborative; Jane Money, Founder, Education and Artistic Director of Boston City Singers, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. Wendy Silverberg received the Dennis Wrenn Distinguished Music Education Advocate Award.

Arts|Learning's mission is to transform education through the power of the arts. A|L's Networking and Advocacy Group has held these statewide awards since 1984 to recognize

individuals, organization, institutions and businesses that exemplify excellence in arts education advocacy. "The Boston City Singers are a shining example of great arts programs in this city. Arts training, like that provided by BCS, is important for the development of young people," said State Representative Martin Walsh. "I am very proud, as a State Representative, of my record of supporting arts and culture programs throughout not only my district, but across the Commonwealth. Jane Money and Wendy Silverberg are inspirational leaders who deserve to be recognized for their selfless commitment to the children served by their program. We are a better city for their contribution."

Boston City Singers was recognized as an arts organization that has developed model arts education collaborations between school and community cultural resources. The Dorchester-based nonprofit serves over 425 young people ages 4-18 and works with many local and international organizations to give Boston's youth access to the arts. For instance, it collaborates with the Community Music Center of Boston to provide instrument lessons to young singers in Dorchester and works with local groups, such as the Boston Opera Collaborative and Back Bay Chorale, as well as foreign choirs, including the Australian Girls Choir and the Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society of South Africa, to bring extensive learning and performance opportunities to its singers. "We are honored to be recognized by the Commonwealth's leadership for our work with children," Money said. "We hope to continue to build more partnerships in our community to bring music to Boston youth."

Wendy Silverberg was recognized for her superior teaching skills in music and for creating model arts programs and partnerships. She has presented her programs at the Eastern Division MENC, the National School Boards Convention in Orlando, Florida and the MMENC in Boston, and, in 2010, Singapore's Department of Education invited her to share her program with their students and teachers. Silverberg, who retired in 2012 from teaching in Cambridge Public Schools for over 40 years, is the Early Education Director at Boston City Singers. She teaches Kodály Singing Classes to children ages 4-6 in Cambridge, Jamaica Plain and Dorchester and is the Director of the Cambridge Children's Chorus for 65+ singers ages 4-11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives recognized Money and Silverberg for their awards with certificates signed by Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and State Representative Martin Walsh. The Board of Directors' Treasurer Jocelyn Heywood presented the certificates to Money and Silverberg at Boston City Singers' finale concert at the Strand Theatre on June 1st to a standing ovation from the full house.

ABOUT BOSTON CITY SINGERS

Boston City Singers provides quality choral training for over 425 young people ages 4-18 in the Boston and Cambridge area, with locations in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, North Cambridge, Norwell and Weymouth. The organization's mission is to provide the highest level of musical training and performance opportunities, inspire personal development, and foster goodwill through the power of music. Boston City Singers is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Boston Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Convention