



*The Tour Choir on set at WGBH's "Sing That Thing!" in March*

## **Boston City Singers selected National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Finalist**

DORCHESTER, MA (April 21, 2015) Dorchester's own Boston City Singers is delighted to announce that it has been selected as a 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award (NAHYP) Finalist by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Boston City Singers was selected from 335 nominations, and is one of 50 Finalists.

Each year, the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities (PCAH) grants the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards to youth arts organizations that have demonstrated excellence in programming and youth development. The award is the highest in the country, earning organizations national recognition for excellence in their commitment to achieving artistic excellence while simultaneously cultivating environments in which young artists are supported in self-discovery and growth.

A national jury composed of arts and humanities field experts will decide the recipients of the 2015 NAHYP Awards by the end of June. If selected, Boston City Singers will be invited to attend the White House awards ceremony hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama.

To learn more about the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards, visit [www.nahyp.org](http://www.nahyp.org)

### **About Boston City Singers**

Boston City Singers was founded in 1995 in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood to provide outstanding opportunities for children to come together through music in their own neighborhoods.

Twenty years later, our programs provide comprehensive sequential music instruction to over 500 young people aged 4 – 18 in 15 different programs in the Greater Boston area. No child is ever turned away for inability to pay tuition, and over 60% of singers receive financial assistance.

Weekly rehearsals are designed to provide singers with well-balanced sequential music instruction coupled with performance, youth development, cultural exploration, leadership training and community service components.

Singers develop progressive mastery of skills with children from backgrounds different than their own, engaging hearts and minds during the critical after-school hours. Emphasis is placed on personal discipline, teamwork and group cooperation. Through ongoing mentor relationships with older youth and teachers who share common interests, singers are connected to a strong and supportive community.

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