

**SORORIS: An Italian Sojourn**  
**July 6 – 19, 2008**

**What is SORORIS?** *Sororis* is Latin for “sisters,” and that is what the PGC envisions this group will be – sisters in a quest for musical knowledge and experience. There are up to 16 openings for singers to rehearse and perform in trios and quartets during a two week stay in Ceriana, Italy. Each participant will be required to learn her part before arriving in Ceriana, where she’ll work with Bob Ghiorzi and Cathy Wesolek on the combined numbers. The group will join several of Ceriana’s premiere choirs, experiencing music of Ceriana’s famous confraternities (dating back to 1340), and learning traditional Cerianese songs. The final concert will be shared by *Sororis*, and the choirs of Ceriana. *SORORIS* is open to Alumnae and current seniors of the PGC who will be ages 18 – 24 at time of travel.

**Why Ceriana?** Ceriana is a small hill town 8 miles from San Remo, on the Italian Riviera; in this small town of about 1200 people, there are 6 choirs, a town band and a children’s choir, and now (part-time) PGC director Bob Ghiorzi. The townspeople are fervent supporters of music, and have a rich musical tradition connecting directly back to medieval times. Moreover, the 4 *confraternities* date back to 1340, and each has its own differing versions of the traditional Latin parts of the mass. *SORORIS* singers will have a musical opportunity afforded to few people outside of doctoral students of musical history, all in a beautiful area of Italy.

**Why PGC Alumnae?** Because PGC Alumnae have the requisite maturity and musical knowledge to appreciate working in quartets, one voice to a part; since our PGC singers also will be responsible for learning their music individually, the PGC musical staff believes that this is a better fit for our Alumnae.

**What else is nearby?** Located only 11 km from the Italian Riviera and the resort town of San Remo, Ceriana’s bus line makes excursions to sand, sea, and shopping very easy during the many stretches of leisure time. A small group weekend excursion to Monaco, Monte Carlo and the Cote D’Azur are but an hour train ride away, A three hour train ride east finds you in the famous Cinque Terra, or in the *Piedmonte*, where singers can explore the Italian fashion capital, Milan, visit Donizetti’s birthplace in nearby Bergamo, or the birthplace of the Stradivarius violin, Cremona.

**Travel info:** Singers will also be sent a complete land cost package; airfare will be at the discretion of the individual singer, to facilitate participation from wherever the singer is currently located. The PGC will make suggestions and recommendations, but singers will not need to be on the same flight. Travel from the airport to Ceriana will be facilitated by the PGC. There is adequate lodging and dining in Ceriana; lodging, breakfasts, and some meals will be arranged by the PGC. Singers will be on their own for other meals, as they explore the vicinity of Ceriana.

**Cost:**

This 14 day, 13 night package will cost \$1,875/pp.

**Included:** 14 days & 13 night lodging, 13 breakfasts, 7 dinners, Welcome baskets with water, snacks and fruit, transportation round trip Nice Airport – Ceriana (if needed), 2 week bus pass good for entire Italian Riviera, guided tour of Ceriana, guided excursion to San Remo Market & Municipal Museum, performance and rehearsal venues, **Sororis** t-shirt.

**Not Included:** Air Flight, All Insurance, laundry, meals not mentioned in itinerary, excursions not mentioned in itinerary, any travel for days 7 & 8.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Payment</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Due Date</u></b>
Payment 1	\$350	11/30/07
Payment 2	\$725	2/15/08
Payment 3	\$800	3/30/08
	\$ 1,875	



SORORIS APPLICATION & AUDITION

Please see the musical excerpt, following this page; it is an excerpt of a Benedictus by Palestrina. Starting points for each voice are indicated. Please choose which voice part best fits your voice, and use a tempo of 84-88 per quarter note. After learning your part, please send a recording of your voice, singing your part. Starting points are marked in each voice. Only your singing will be considered, not the technical aspects of the recording. Do make sure to keep background noise at a minimal level and the voice part clear and dominant in the recording. You may make a cassette tape, burn a CD, or send us an MP3 sound file.

Once accepted, the SORORIS participants will be sent scores, which will number 12 to 16 selections, along with a "part" CD and pronunciation guide which should facilitate the learning process. Each participant will be expected to send a "good practice" progress recording to the PGC no later than April 30, 2008. Not everything on this recording needs to be note perfect at this time, but keep in mind our requirement that all music must be learned before arriving in Ceriana! Your individual, independent work will combine with the work of 15 others as we consort in Ceriana to become SORORIS!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Voice part (S1, S2, A1, A2) \_\_\_\_\_
(S2 sing middle line, A1 sing either middle or bottom line of excerpt)

Current contact information:
Current Address (scores will be mailed here): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone (cell okay): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: if you are getting this application from the hard copy mailed to your parent(s), we do not have a current email for you.

Current musical activities \_\_\_\_\_

Why I should be a SORORIS singer in 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (SORORIS singer) agree to learn all SORORIS music thoroughly, and to arrive in Nice, France or San Remo, Italy at the agreed upon time.

\_\_\_\_\_ (singer) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) agree to pay \$ 300 deposit to the PGC by 11/30/07, the remaining payments as scheduled, with the balance paid in full by 3/30/08. I agree to make payment arrangements in advance with the PGC, if I cannot meet these deadlines.

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Please return to the PGC no later than October 28, 2007. Copies can be emailed to: cwesolek@peninsulagirlschorus.org or mailed to: 1443 Howard Avenue Burlingame, CA 94010. Thank you!