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PLEASANTON -- The Pot O' Gold Chorus, the Tri-Valley's championship men's barbershop chorus, joins local music teachers and students in celebrating "Our American Musical Heritage" Saturday, November 3, 2001. The Barbershop Harmony Society's 1999-2001 Far Western District Chorus Champions, as "Partners in Harmony" with vocal music educators, will share the stage with hundreds of Pleasanton school children in a festival concert.

The Partners in Harmony program, a collaboration between the Pot O' Gold Chorus and the vocal music teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School District, began four years ago as part of the Pot O' Gold Chorus' youth outreach program. The first Partners in Harmony concerts in 1997 brought the Chorus together with 335 local children. The second festival, in 1999, involved more than 500 students. This year's concert will combine young singers from nine elementary, three middle, and two high schools with the talents of the internationally renowned Pot O' Gold Chorus.

The theme of American music, selected for this concert more than one year ago,

seems especially timely today. The Pot O' Gold Chorus and Pleasanton's student singers will perform selections spanning the breadth of the United States' rich musical and cultural legacy.

The Partners in Harmony concert, "Our American Musical Heritage," will be presented at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, in the gymnasium of Foothill High School, located at 4375 Foothill Road in Pleasanton. The program is supported in part by a generous grant from Pleasanton Parks and Community Services.

The Pot O' Gold Chorus, the 1999-2001 Far Western District Chorus Champion, is the performing chorus of the Bay Area Metro Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, formally known as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA). Based in Pleasanton, the Chorus is comprised of men from throughout northern California. The Pot O' Gold Chorus' Musical Director, Gary Bolles, is a nationally recognized vocal music teacher and certified Society competition judge. Men who enjoy singing are invited to attend a rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at 7:29 p.m. at Pleasanton Community Church, 4455 Stoneridge Drive. Additional information is available online at www.bayareametro.org or by calling the Bay Area Metro Hotline at 925-443-SING (7464).

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