

## PINE FORGE ACADEMY CHOIR

The Pine Forge Academy Choir consists of over 50 members representing talented, experienced, and dedicated young men and women ranging from ages 13 through 18, Who come from all over the United States and various other countries of the world. Each member brings to this organization a unique personality and diverse background. The Choir is noted for its full, rich and powerful harmonious quality. They proclaim God's goodness through spirituals, anthems, gospel, and classical repertoire.

Within the Pine Forge Academy Choir is the Pine Forge Academy Concert Choir. The Concert Choir has toured extensively throughout the continental United States, Canada, Trinidad and Barbados. Some of the performance highlights include: The 104<sup>th</sup> Congressional Prayer Breakfast for President William Jefferson Clinton, the Philadelphia "Year of the Child" Celebration, the First National Black Boarding School Weekend Celebration in Los Angeles, California, and the inauguration of the Mayor of Philadelphia, John G. Street, where the choir received a standing ovation. The Pine Forge Academy Choir has also won the Quaker Oats Voices of Tomorrow Gospel competition, under its former director, Dr. Lloyd Mallory, Jr., and the Zerns' Farmers Market Holiday Choir Competition under the former directress, Mrs. Toni Caldwell-Hall. In 2007, under the former director Mr. Jason Max Ferdinand, the choir produced a live recording CD at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC entitled Rock in a Weary Land. In 2009, under the direction of Mr. Neil Thomas, the choir performed at the Congressional Black Caucus Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC and the Black McDonald's Operators Association meeting in Ohio. In the summer of 2010, the choir was invited to sing for the Divine Hour of the 59<sup>th</sup> General Conference Session of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Throughout the history of Pine Forge Academy, the choir has flourished under the leadership of several directors. Currently the choir is under the exceptional direction of Mr. Neil Thomas. The Pine Forge Academy Choir and its director are determined by God's grace to meet the challenges and opportunities with the stamp of His name on every performance. The Choir seeks to glorify God and uplift mankind through its unique and melodious endowment of music. Indeed, this dynamic entity, which richly ennobles the vibrant passages of sound, may well be compared to that of a rare musical gem.