

# San Marcos High School Performing Arts Affiliates

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Dear,

San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers have been invited to the prestigious Carnegie Hall National High School Festival in New York City in March 2008. From a pool of 71 high schools from around the country, four were invited for this educational festival. The Madrigal Singers will be part of 211 singers to perform the German Requiem by Brahms under the direction of Dr. Craig Jessop, director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's onstage at Carnegie Hall. Also, they will have the opportunity to perform as a solo group onstage before the Requiem.

Last Spring, this talented group tied for first place at the Heritage Festival in San Francisco, and received superior critiques from non competitive festivals at CSU Stanislaus and SCVA choral festivals. In 2006 they were awarded first place at the National Invitational Festival of Gold in New York City, competing against first place choirs from around the country.

This invitation to Carnegie Hall represents the choral tradition of excellence at San Marcos High. It is a significant honor for San Marcos, and an extraordinary opportunity for Santa Barbarans to showcase some of our finest choral students on a national stage. As a member of Madrigals Singers, I have the opportunity to attend this prestigious Festival and represent San Marcos High School.

Our goal is to take 27 students to New York City. To make our dream come true, we must raise \$55,000. We have planned several fundraising events including car washes, product sales and dinner shows, *but we need your help to achieve our goal.*

I am asking you to show your support for San Marcos High School Madrigal Singers by making a tax deductible donation to *SMHS Performing Arts Affiliates*. The San Marcos High School Performing Arts Affiliates is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Thank you for understanding the value of an active music program for our teenagers by your support of the SMHS Vocal Music program.

Sincerely,

Student Name  
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**Yes, I support the SMHS Madrigal Singers! Here is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the trip to Carnegie Hall National High School Festival.**

*Please make checks payable to SMHS Performing Arts Affiliates and mail to SMHS PAA, 4750 Hollister Ave. Santa Barbara, CA 93110. We have included a return envelope for your convenience.*

*Donor Name* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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