

U.S. - China Cultural & Educational Foundation 美中文化 教育 基金 会

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Dear Mr. Holder:

As Vice-Chairman of the U.S. - China Cultural and Educational Foundation, it is my honor to invite the Lake Braddock Secondary School Marching Band to The People's Republic of China in the Spring of 2010 for a (9-10) day performance tour. Since being founded in 1996, the Foundation has successfully developed numerous Sino-American cultural and educational exchange programs for high schools and universities including: The University of Kansas, The University of California-Santa Barbara, The University of Georgia, Mississippi State University, Belmont University, Savannah Arts Academy, and Kenmore High School from Kenmore, Washington. The people of China will be enriched by performances of your fine ensemble and we hope that you will accept our proposal as outlined in the following paragraph.

The total cost for the trip is \$2,500.00 per member plus PASSPORT and VISA fees. The Foundation with assistance from Chinese cultural entities will sponsor each member at a rate of \$500.00. Performers will pay only \$2,000.00 for the trip of a lifetime. This payment covers the following: domestic and international airfare, accommodations in three star Chinese hotels (dual occupancy), local transportation, and meals. In addition, the Foundation will cover all costs associated with visits to the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City. Finally, the Foundation will assume financial responsibility for all pre-concert promotions and will secure appropriate performance venues.

The tour will feature 4 to 6 concerts. Current plans are to schedule performances at Beijing University and the Beijing Youth Arts Center. The Foundation is also working to add concerts in Tianjing and/or Jinan.

Cultural exchange is our focus and primary mission. We continually strive to build bridges of understanding between The United States of America and The People's Republic of China and hope that Foundation activities resulting in performances from wonderful musical ensembles like the Lake Braddock Secondary School Marching Band will bring the East and West closer together.

My kindest regards!

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