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## Campolindo Orchestra Going to China

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The Campolindo High School Orchestra has been afforded a tremendous musical and educational experience with an invite from the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the International Fine Arts Institute to perform in Beijing, China during Spring Break 2011.

The Orchestra will perform at three different venues in Beijing, with an audience of up to 1800 people. Music Director Harvey Benstein is going to prepare a selected western program with his students.

"I'm sure any parent whose student went on the St. Petersburg, Russia trip with our Symphonic Band in 2007 will agree what a great opportunity this is for our young musicians. This promises to be another musical and cultural experience of a lifetime," says Benstein.

Fund raising activities will be established by student committees and the Campolindo Music Boosters organization. Students are already exploring options like Rent-A-Student and playing at the Farmers Market among other places. The Music Boosters are approaching foundations and companies with ties to China who may be willing to sponsor a student or to help cover some of the other costs associated with the trip. They are also looking for support from the community.

"The challenge here is also the logistics of the instruments. Students who play cello or bass can't possibly take their instrument on an airplane, so we need to rent these large instruments in Beijing and get them on-site," says Sue Carlson, who heads the Music Boosters' fundraising committee for this trip.

For more information on the Campolindo Orchestra and their China trip, visit the website [www.campomusic.org](http://www.campomusic.org).

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