

Message from the Mira Costa HS Music Department

May 5th, 2010

Dear present and prospective students of the Mira Costa Symphony, Wind Ensemble, and Vocal Ensemble:

It is a great honor to be invited to perform at Carnegie Hall, especially with the prospects of being the first high school in the history of the hall to present a solo program representing all three major music disciplines. Regretfully, we must announce that our original invitations can no longer be fulfilled due to a recently publicized renovation project, approved by the Carnegie Hall Board of Trustees, that will significantly impact and limit the scheduling of the hall for the next three years.

The high school music directors, along with a committee of parents representing the Mira Costa Choir, Band, and Orchestra Boosters, have been collecting and examining information from New York based concert management companies, as well as directly with Carnegie Hall. Despite the diligent efforts of this committee, there remained no viable option for further considering a residency at Carnegie Hall for the Spring of 2011.

Despite the initial disappointment of this news, teachers and parents of the joint Boosters committee have been inspired by the possibility of an alternative performance opportunity, either through a local, professional-class venue or an intra-state trip. As was always the intention, we plan to pursue an experience that is exciting, memorable, and foremost, musically educational. You, the students, will help determine the potential for such an endeavor through your continued commitment, hard work, and enthusiasm.

Thank you all for your understanding of this unanticipated turn of events.