

August 2015

Dear Samohi Choir Parent,

Congratulations! Your student is taking part in an award-winning choral music program. Samohi choirs are among the most accomplished in the country, and have performed in cities around the world. We are happy that you are part of our choral music "family."

Though the year has just started, we know you have already filled out numerous forms and are considering the ways in which you can sustain activities and networks in which your student is directly or indirectly involved. **Samohi Vocal Music is also asking for your support.**

Due to serious cuts to arts programs over the past decade, high-quality programs like ours are dependent on the generosity of parents and community members.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District pays the salary for our Vocal Music Director, Mr. Jeffe Huls and our accompanist. **But you may be surprised to know that nearly all other expenses- sheet music, technology and computers for SmartMusic, SmartMusic scholarships, practice room pianos, festival entry fees and transportation, vocal coaches, supplies, tour chaperone travel, tour scholarships and countless other choral expenses must be covered by the fundraising efforts of our Steering Committee.**

Just like the other Samohi instrumental music or athletic programs, we depend upon parents to achieve our goals for the year. Every choir student benefits from your generosity. To that end, I am writing to you today.

**Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Samohi Vocal Music online or with a check. Donations are tax deductible; SMAPA/SAMOHI Vocal Music is a 501 (c) (3). Our federal tax ID # is 95-2563339. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and well-utilized.**

The names of donors will be printed in the 2015-2016 Choral Concert Programs at all of the year's concerts (to encourage others to follow your example) under the following tiers:

**Philanthropist \$1000+**

**Super Star \$500-\$999**

**Supporter \$250- \$499**

**Patron \$100-\$249**

**Benefactor \$50-\$99**

**Friend Under \$49**

Your investment in your student and all Samohi choral music students is significant and appreciated!

With gratitude,

Patti Braun, Choral Steering Committee President

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I/We would like to make a tax-deductible, much appreciated donation to SMAPA Vocal Music of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 2015-2016.

Method *Check one.* \_\_\_ Check (Make check payable to SMAPA Vocal Music and send in to classroom mailbox.)

\_\_\_ Paypal (Access button on [www.samohichoir.org](http://www.samohichoir.org); fill out form below and send in to classroom mailbox.)

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your name(s) listed in the choral concert programs? \_\_\_\_\_

examples: *The Wieck-Schumann Family* or *Placido & Marta Domingo* or *The Family of Marian Anderson* or *Anonymous*

