



SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL

Choral Music Program
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Dear Choir Families:

Did you know:

That in the last four years alone our students have distinguished themselves with the following honors:

- 2011 Heritage Choral Competition Grand Champions
- 2010 Golden State Choral Champions
- 2008 Heritage Choral Competition Grand Champions
- Performed in Concert tours in England in 2011, Eastern Europe in 2009 and Italy in 2007
- Our students are Regional, State and National Honor choir participants; Samohi sends a high percentage of students to these prestigious auditioned choirs
- Samohi is a Grammy signature School which recognizes excellence in public high school music education
- Big Voice - Our advanced choirs are being featured in a nationally released documentary with the working title, "Big Voice"
- Graduated Samohi choral students attend some of the top music conservatories in the country

The Choral Music Program at Santa Monica High School has been hard hit by severe state-wide budget cuts. We depend solely on private donations to pay for expenses incurred by the choral music program. The district pays only the salaries of our Choir Director, Jeffe Huls and our accompanist, Ina Ganelis.

ALL OTHER EXPENSES – Sheet music, printing, festival fees, choir retreats, vocal workshops and coaches, supplies, travel expenses and travel scholarships are paid for by our fundraising efforts. The success of our award winning choral program is due to the support of our generous families and choral community. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to support this incredible program.

I/We would like to make a tax-deductible, much appreciated donation of \$_____.

- Philanthropist: \$1,000+ • Super Star: \$500-999 • Benefactor: \$250-\$499
- Patron: \$100-\$249 • Sponsor: \$50-\$99 • Supporter: Under \$50

Please make Checks payable to SMAPA/Samohi Vocal Music and send your donation directly to Mr. Huls in the envelope provided.

Thank You,
Samohi Vocal Music Steering Committee