

## Fundraising: Needs, Intent and Opportunities

It is always our intent to keep the cost of our program as low as possible, while offering the best possible educational opportunity. To that end we offer regular opportunities for all students to earn funds they may need to pay band expenses. Additionally, we are trying to do everything possible to keep the cost of the China trip from rising. A quick explanation of our efforts may be helpful.

First, the cost of the trip is being underwritten to a very large degree by the US-Chinese Cultural and Educational Foundation. Otherwise, it would simply not be possible. Though the cost of the trip is already far below market value, it is our hope to raise the money needed to fund things not included in the Foundation pricing. It is necessary for every traveler to acquire a travel visa-currently \$110.00. We must purchase sets of matching shirts to be worn for several events. We want to pay for Hutong Rickshaw tour-\$20- and the Chinese Acrobat show-\$25, as we feel strongly that it makes no sense to go all this way and miss these important insights into the Chinese Culture. There may also be some necessary shipping costs for large equipment. In total we set out to raise app. \$200.00 per traveler to try to avoid adding per person costs to the total trip. In order to accomplish the boosters attempted to create a series of activities different from things we normally do that would not only raise funds, but also offer participants the opportunity to participate in enjoyable activities. *If we are to accomplish our goal of providing visas and such without additional cost it is imperative that these fundraisers be well supported.*

The first such activity is the Dinner/Dance scheduled for Sat. Nov. 7- A nice meal, great dinner music and a DJ after dinner for dancing. The silent auction that is associated with this event is offering some great items for your bids. There are many items-vacation sites, golf, meals, gifts, etc-that you would already purchase elsewhere that can possibly be had at less than market price. In addition to the auction items we are also raffling two large items-a vacation home week in Mexico and a large screen home entertainment system. *Please come to dinner, bid on what interests you, buy raffle tickets—but also please invite non-band people to participate in these activities. They will enjoy themselves and it is money coming from new sources.*

We are also hosting a special concert at Schlishinger Hall Sat. Jan. 9, 2010 featuring many of our graduates who are currently playing professionally or in advance performance schools. These people are coming in from across the country to volunteer their time to present this program. It will be a truly once in a lifetime opportunity to experience this many wonderful performers--all from our program--at the same event.

All funds raised from these events will be used to defer the cost of the visas, and other items listed above. In addition to these activities, families are encouraged to take advantage of our regular fund raising program: Scrip sales for many local merchants, Entertainment Book Sales, Citrus Sales, and for this year White House Ornaments, that can provide funds for individual student accounts.

Please support all the activities you possibly can and advertise them to as many other people as possible. Please refer to the band web site, your printed roster or contact the following people for information concerning these activities. **Bobbi Hess:** [Dbhess@cox.net](mailto:Dbhess@cox.net)    **David Gai:** [President@lband.org](mailto:President@lband.org)

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