

## **News Release**

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### *High School Music Teacher Strives to Give Students an Experience of a Lifetime*

Mike Kambeitz, music educator at Independence High School, is on a mission to raise \$239,700 to send 100 musicians and 50 color guard high school students to participate in the Opening Ceremonies of the 22nd Annual World University Games in Beijing, China.

These students would be representing North America, and they would perform with delegations of bands from Tokyo, Singapore, Australia and members throughout China. The Opening Ceremonies of the World University Games is a huge production similar to the opening of the Olympic Games. Second in size to the Summer Olympics, the University Games has to date accredited 7,000 athletes from 179 countries worldwide. The Opening Ceremonies will be held on August 22, 2001, in Beijing's "National Stadium." The students will be performing before a huge crowd and an international television audience.

Mr. Kambeitz, a music teacher in the East Side Union High School District with over 38 years experience in instrumental music, will be selecting the students. Interested high school students should call Mr. Kambeitz at 408.928.9654 to audition for the American delegation marching band and color guard.

Financial contributions are being sought. The trip will cost approximately \$1,598 per student. Anyone interesting in making a donation can send a check to the IHS Music Department, Attn: Mike Kambeitz, Independence High School, 1776 Educational Park Drive, San Jose, 95133. The checks should be made out to IHS - Music Department. Businesses or individuals interested in helping to raise funds can contact Mr. Kambeitz at 408.928.9654.

The American producer in charge of the band portion of the Opening Ceremonies, Bill Lutt of World Projects, International, commented, "We have confidence that the high schools in San Jose, California will provide top quality musicians and color guard members to represent the United States well. This trip will be the experience of a lifetime for the students."

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