

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

This September the President of China, Xi Jinping, will be visiting the White House. As you plan the events that will accompany this state visit, we urge you to include a performance by Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra (NYO) USA.

Every summer, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute brings together some of the brightest young players from all across the country to form the NYO-USA. The current orchestra features gifted performers ranging in age from 16 to 19, hailing from 37 different states. They first undergo a demanding two-week training residency with leading professional orchestra musicians and then they perform on the famed stage of Carnegie Hall.

Now in its third year, the NYO just embarked on a historic first visit to Asia, where they will perform a series of seven concerts in some of the finest concert halls across China. Their concert program will include the premiere of a new work from award-winning Chinese composer Tan Dun.

We believe this talented group of young musicians, representing all regions of our country, would be an ideal accompaniment to your efforts to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the U.S. and China. The leadership of Carnegie Hall and the Weill Music Institute are enthusiastically supportive of this proposal and join us in thanking you for giving this wonderful group your serious consideration.

Warmest regards,


Carolyn B. Maloney
Member of Congress


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