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Homestead Chamber Orchestra to Perform at Carnegie Hall

*Students will play a joint concert with Shorewood High School
at the world-famous venue February 18*

The Homestead High School chamber orchestra will be joined by students from Shorewood High School for a performance at New York City's Carnegie Hall February 18.

This will be the second time the two schools will perform at the venue, known for being one of the most iconic theater spaces in the world. The orchestra directors at Homestead and Shorewood were notified last winter that their orchestras had been selected for the performance.

"We are incredibly excited to play at what is the ultimate performance venue in the country. It is a tremendous honor to be selected," said John Emanuelson, Homestead's orchestra director. "This will be an experience our students will remember for the rest of their lives. We are thrilled that we are able to provide this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our hardworking and talented orchestra students."

The Homestead and Shorewood orchestras were selected as part of a competitive audition process through Mid America Productions, an organization that provides opportunities for music ensembles to perform across the country. It approves only a small number of high school orchestras for the Carnegie Hall event each year. In 2014, the last time the schools participated, students performed for an audience of nearly 2,000 people.

In addition to the performance, students will tour New York City over the weekend and take in a showing of "The Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway. They will also visit Lincoln Center, the Julliard School and Rockefeller Center, among other destinations.

The orchestras will also perform at a send-off ceremony Tuesday, February 13 at the Schlitz Audubon Center in Bayside. That performance will take place at 7:30 p.m., with a reception to follow.

The Carnegie Hall performance will be Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m. in the venue's Isaac Stern Auditorium.