

Peppers and music go together at Del Norte High School

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When you think of Red Hot Chili Peppers and music, chances are the supergroup which broke through generations of fans with their multiple hit albums and singles come to mind - -but the Del Norte High School Music Boosters club is hoping instead that you think of them.

The organizers, Daniel Sedgewick and Collin Kirkwood promise “The music department will perform a Christmas carol and eat a Spicy pepper while singing/playing.”

It’s a fundraiser designed so that the Del Norte High music program can take their show on the road. The jazz bands are hoping to attend a festival most likely in Reno, the concert band hopes to play at a festival at Sonoma State University in the Bay area and the choirs want to go to Disneyland to perform.

Extra curricular activities such as these require some outside financial assistance so the booster club started a GoFundMe on November 3, entitled the “Chili Pepper Fundraiser.” They hope to raise \$10,000 when it’s finished. So far they’re up to \$350.

“If you donate to this weird and fun project, you will receive a live stream link to watch the event live!!!,” according to organizer Sedgewick.

And he’s offered to sweeten the pot, according to the GoFundMe page.

“Higher donors will have the option of coming in person too! Also, we will be producing a video because we have to remember this forever! Your name or business will be in the credits as a thank you for your support,” the page promises.

As students are able to travel again for performances now that Covid 19 restrictions have eased, this may be the first opportunity for many high school students to perform before a live audience and to travel for music.

The fundraiser is being supported by the Sedgewicks, Daniel and Lisa and also Nick and Lisa Rail who donated \$250. The Rail’s are behind the goal of a performing arts center at Del Norte High School. When completed, it would seat 1,000 people and also serve as an emergency center.

Nick and Lisa Rail have already donated \$1 million and expect to raise the additional \$41 million to build as long time supporters of the school and the arts.

The fundraiser for students to play outside Del Norte County is officially underway and supporters hope you’ll contribute by making their message known and they’re willing to sacrifice, according to the GoFundMe:

“Last - If we hit our goal of \$10,000, Mr. Kirkwood and I (Dan Sedgwick) will be eating a ghost chili!!!! And performing alongside the students. I feel that a few people will donate just to watch us die a little for this project!”

If you’d like to donate, here’s the GoFundMe page: <https://gf.me/v/c/rdjg/chili-pepper-fundrasier>