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### **Press Release**

The California Young Performing Ambassadors Galena Street East has just been selected to be a representative of the State of California in a major 2008 international music festival in the People's Republic of China. Ms. Jeri Clinger was informed of this selection based upon recommendations of state music officials, past achievements and current superior ratings.

The California Young Performing Ambassadors Galena Street East will perform in Beijing, the modern capital, Tianjin and Qinhuangdao, all venue sites for the 2008 Summer Olympics, from June 16 - 27, 2008 in the Pre-Olympic Music Festival, a festival recognized by the governments of Beijing, Tianjin and Qinhuangdao.

A complete program of performances, sightseeing, cultural exchanges, orientation meetings and other cultural activities will be part of the experience for California Young Performing Ambassadors Galena Street East. The performing group will perform for enthusiastic Chinese audiences, and will also have opportunities to see the performances of Chinese musical groups. Sightseeing in China, visiting the Forbidden City, Summer Palace and the Great Wall will enrich participants' understanding and appreciation of the dynamic cultural present and past of China.

No other place on earth possesses such an intensity of beauty and strangeness, nor has a longer, richer historical legacy, and few other nations are likely to be as important in the 21st century.

The interest by the Chinese in Western culture is such that an American orchestra, choir or band can captivate a large and enthusiastic audience no matter where it performs. This festival is allied with the most prestigious music conservatories in Beijing, Xi'an and other major cities to provide unforgettable musical and cultural interaction between the musicians of both countries.

The Pre-Olympic Music Festival is organized by Music Celebrations International of Tempe, Arizona, a professional festival/event organizer with years of both national and international music festival expertise.

Galena Street East California's Young Performing Ambassadors, directed by Richard and Jeri Clinger-the originators, directors and driving forces of Galena's talented young artists; and the impressive, Elle-Award Winning choreographer, Ron Cisneros are together celebrating over 35 years of great music, dance and theater. In 2006, the Clingers received a "Best of Sacramento Directors of Young Performers" from Sacramento Magazine. Galena was selected to perform as featured performers at Governor Schwarzenegger's 2007 Inauguration Ceremony. Galena Street East performers have become a favorite at Disneyland, cruise ships and as young performing ambassadors throughout the world. They have

represented the City of Sacramento, the great State of California and the nation in such places as Europe, Asia, Australia and the Czech Republic. They just returned from a triumphant performing tour to Washington, D.C., New York and on a cruise ship to the Bahamas and West Indies.

"We are extremely honored and excited to represent our City of Sacramento and the State of California" stated Jeri and Richard Clinger, "and hope in some small way we can represent the talent and goodness of the youth in our City".