



"In band I discovered that I have a passion for music and I want to pursue that passion the rest of my life. In some ways it saved my life, it gave me goals and something to look forward to every day."
 Shannon, 18

"Band is a place where you can find people who share your interest in music. It has provided me with a feeling of community in which everyone shares the purpose of making great music."
 Nick, 17



Rhapsody on the Point 2010

It's fall at Point Loma High School, when the marching band marches with military precision in parades and field shows in their crisp uniforms; the drum major twirls her baton; the colorguard spin their dazzling flags. And football games wouldn't be the same without the pep band playing the fight song.



In the winter and spring, students prepare to perform in band and orchestra festivals, and some participate in Honor Band and Honor Orchestra.

Many of the students have been playing since elementary school—and have been able to continue due to the Point Loma Cluster's amazing dedication to music education. All of this progress and collaboration is being threatened by budget cuts—cuts that would end elementary music education—the foundation for the cluster's music program—and lead to staff reductions.

Past budget cuts have already changed how music education is funded. At PLHS, the San Diego Unified School District provides funding only for the Director's salary, while the program must cover expenses for music, instruments, instruction, uniforms, transportation, and competition fees at an annual cost of \$70,000 – and the program is growing!

Show your support for music education!

See firsthand the result of the Point Loma Cluster's dedication to music education by attending the fourth annual



on May 20 at **Humphrey's by the Bay**. We hope to raise \$20,000 to support basic program needs and supply the highly anticipated Music Center opening next year. The evening begins at 6:30 with hors d' oeuvres and a silent auction, with the concert beginning at 7:30.

For tickets, go to www.rhapsodyonthept.com (\$45 General Admission; \$80 for two; cabaret tables from \$250 - \$1000). Donations also accepted — but we want you to be there!