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## Quick Facts

- The Wind Symphony will perform a once-in-a-lifetime concert at Carnegie Hall on March 28.
- To help fund the trip, visit <http://www.winthrop.edu/give> to make your gift online.



*Winthrop Wind Symphony*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Winthrop University senior music education major **Lori Lynne Hurst** never dreamed she'd perform at **Carnegie Hall**. But sometimes, with enough hard work, focus and determination, even the wildest dreams come true.

"I couldn't be more excited to perform at such a prestigious venue where so many other great musicians have played before me," said Hurst. She and fellow Winthrop **Wind Symphony** members will **travel to New York City** in March 2017 for a **once-in-a-lifetime performance at Carnegie Hall** on March 28. To help fund the trip,

the **Department of Music** has reached out to the Winthrop community. An **anonymous donor** and longtime Winthrop supporter has agreed to **match all gifts dollar for dollar—up to \$25,000**—made in support of the symphony's trip to New York.

**President Dan Mahony** said that the **Wind Symphony's Carnegie Hall appearance** presents an important opportunity to support the ambition and talent of Winthrop's students.

"The upcoming Carnegie Hall performance marks a tremendous achievement for the Wind Symphony and for the university. I encourage the Winthrop community to support this extraordinary opportunity to showcase our students' talent and take Winthrop to a national stage," said **Mahony**. He has called for an increased focus on fundraising as a key priority for Winthrop in the recently unveiled **strategic plan**.

The **Wind Symphony** will travel by bus to New York City, and on the way students will perform at two high schools – one in Durham, North Carolina, and the second near Washington, D.C. These stops will bring attention to the **Carnegie Hall concert** and assist the **Department of Music** in recruiting the finest high school musicians to study at Winthrop. The **Carnegie Hall performance** will showcase the "**high-level artistry**" of the Wind Symphony, said Director of Bands **Lorrie Crochet**.

"Carnegie Hall is one of the greatest performing halls in the world, and groups cannot simply 'walk off the street' to perform," said **Crochet**. "I am quite proud of the music-making and commitment the students have shown this fall in our preparations for the spring trip."

**Specific gift opportunities** include the following levels:

- Student Scholarship Sponsor – \$1,000
- Music Faculty Sponsor – \$1,500
- Travel Sponsor – \$2,500
- High School Recruiting and Concert Sponsor – \$3,500
- Hospitality Sponsor – \$6,000
- Encore Sponsor – \$10,000

Gifts can be sent to the **Winthrop University Foundation**, 302 Tillman Hall, Rock Hill, SC 29733. Please make checks payable to **Winthrop University Foundation**, or give online at <http://www.winthrop.edu/give>, then search and designate your support to the Wind Symphony.

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