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CLHS students to perform with rock band Foreigner

Students at Canyon Lake High weren't even close to being born yet when the British-American rock band Foreigner's power ballad "I Want to Know What Love Is" topped the pop charts in 1984.

That fact, however, didn't hide the enthusiasm of the CLHS choir students when their choir director Jimmy Kritikos told them they would be performing the song with the band on Sept. 2 at a concert at the Whitewater Amphitheater on FM 306 in New Braunfels.

It's all part of the cable television network VH1's "Save the Music" promotion, which is geared toward raising awareness of the positive impact music has in public schools.

The CLHS choir department will earn a \$1,000 donation from "Save the Music," which Kritikos said would be used to set up a scholarship program for seniors and to buy equipment.

"I was contacted by the band's manager, and he said they were looking for a local choir to sing with Foreigner," Kritikos said. "I thought it would be such a cool opportunity for our kids to sing with a big rock band."

Senior Donovan Damon said he's really looking forward to the unique experience.

"I thought it was awesome when we were told about it," Damon said. "To be on stage with a band of that magnitude will be something else."

CLHS choir president Lorin Craft said even though the band had its most famous years more than two decades ago, she still loves their songs.

"'Jukebox Hero' and 'I Want to Know What Love Is' were already two of my favorite songs," Craft said. "I was shocked at first to hear we were actually going to perform with them. It will be a bit nerve racking, being on stage and

playing a former number one hit in front of so many people, but I think we can handle it. I know we can't mess up."

Damon said he was already thinking about a career in music and thinks an opportunity like this might inspire him and his classmates even more.

"In general, being in this class with so many people that love music has been an inspiration," Damon said. "I think this experience will do nothing but further my career in music."

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IN PHOTO: Members of the Canyon Lake High choir are excited about being selected to perform with popular rock band Foreigner at Whitewater Amphitheater. They will sing former #1 hit "I Want to Know What Love Is" as part of network VH1's "Save the Music" promotion, which is geared toward raising awareness of the positive impact music has in public schools.