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## Tower Choir tours across United States

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It will be the first time Bearcats have been welcomed to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Six students were selected by Tower Choir director Stephen Town to perform on Carnegie Hall mainstage in May.

A member of Mid-America Productions contacted Town about interests in performing at Carnegie Hall.

Along with the performance at Carnegie Hall, the Tower Choir will be performing in 10 locations on March 15 through March 23. There will be 47 choir students participating in the tour.

The tour begins at the Willa Duchesne/Oak Hill School in St. Louis, ending at North United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

The six choir students selected to perform in Carnegie Hall are Samantha Chappelow, Tierney Eaton, Sarah Haverstick, Danielle Ladue, Samantha Sweet and Katie Valuck.

"It is a big deal because Carnegie Hall is like the Super Bowl in the music world," Chappelow said.

Carnegie Hall is located in New York. It is one of the most prestigious performance halls in the U. S.

According to Town, preparing for performance at

Carnegie Hall will bring great opportunities to the students.

"This is what we should be trying to do. It offers an opportunity for growth," Town said.

Every four years Tower Choir will tour, Town said. These tours range from all parts of the country. The tour will cost about \$10,000, with students paying for some meals.

This year's Tower Choir has done a "bang up job," and this term's choir is doing very well, Town said.

"Last semester was the best Tower Choir ever," Town said.

Town will direct the choir while Adam Ewing, pianist, will accompany. Most places in which the choir will perform are high schools or churches, but the biggest accomplishment, besides the six students performing in Carnegie Hall, will be for the choir to perform in the invitation only Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Town said. The choir will also stop at the Indiana University School of Music in Bloomington, Ind.

"Choir helps students build character because you have a group of people who work together," Town said. "They have to respect themselves and the music. It's 45 students blending and balancing voices."