

# Panama: Other Students To Perform

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In addition to the Panama students' performances, other high school choirs and Howie Feldman and the steel drum band from the Randolph Children's Home will perform.

Before school was dismissed last Friday, Swanson was scrambling to collect permission slips from students for the performance. In addition to the encore, the choir will do a 20-minute performance early in the show. The final lineup of singers will include fifth to twelfth graders. Swanson said this latest performance of the song, co-written by Swanson and fellow musician Jeffrey White, is the capping event to a string of good fortune.

Of the song's production and release, he said, "Jeff and I both feel

and believe and have been telling people that it's by the grace of God. It's something that he and I alone couldn't have done."

When the student group performs the song, the Maniacs will back up Swanson on keyboards and vocals while the choir provides the main vocals.

"They'll invite us up on stage with them," Swanson said. "They'll be playing while the rest of us join in."

The performances are a bonus for the veteran keyboardist — both a late Christmas present to students and an early birthday gift for Swanson.

"This is my first release of anything, which I've been dreaming of doing since I was a teen-ager," Swanson said. "And I'm going to be 40 (Dec. 28)."