

Special Orchestra - We're Going to Ireland

New Mexico Special Orchestra poised to share its methods and music with the world at the 2003 Global Special Olympics in Dublin

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2002 was fabulous! Performing the national anthem at the NM Special

Olympics opening ceremonies, the Civitan show, the Adelante Awards, and our Halloween benefit bash to name a few high points. But right now we are too ex-

cited to look back much! Special Orchestra, Inc. (NM non-profit and sponsor of the New Mexico Special Orchestra) has been given a coveted space at the Global Special Olympic Village at the Royal Dublin Society, June 21st-29th. Director Gair Linhart and founding member Bryan Castleberry will be sharing music and techniques with an expected 7,000 special athletes, 500,000 spectators, and 1,500 news media. In addition to live performances involving the many visitors, our guys plan to take at least 500 copies of the soon-to-be published *Special Orchestra Method and Songbook* with play-along CD, featuring photos and recordings of the NM Special Orchestra. While the World Olympics are providing our space at no charge, we have had to go into the red (for the first time in our four years of existence) to book airline tickets and accommodations for three travelers. The method book/CD is expensive, as well as getting all the instruments and equipment over there. So, we'll be trying hard to raise funds in coming weeks (financial and instrument donations are tax deductible). Parties who are interested in joining us in the green land can contact us for travel and accommodation info, or see www.2003specialolympics.com. By the way, our web-site (www.specialorchestra.org) is looking pretty nice too, with new photos and upgrades by Katje Erickson and Delta Third Design, Belen. *Donations of time and services are precious to us also!* (Please see page 12 for donation form)

