

**LA CAÑADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITY**

TO: Superintendent
FROM: Jeff Brookey
DATE: May 16, 2016

Activity Name and Destination: LCHS Chamber Singers/Concert Choir Performance Tour to ITALY

Address: Major city destinations: Venice, Florence, Rome, Vatican City

Date(s) of Activity: March 23 - March 31, 2017

School(s): LCHS

Number of Students Attending and Grade Level or Group: Estimated 9th: 10, 10th: 20, 11th: 40, 12th: 50; 120 total

Supervising Certificated Employee(s): Dr. Jeff Brookey, Ian McFeat, and possibly Jim Carnal

How many administrators attending? 1, possibly 2 How many teachers attending? 1

Adult to Student Ratio: 1:8 Employee to Student Ratio: 1:40

How many substitutes? 1 How many days? 2 Charge Substitute to: DO

Rationale for activity:

- A) Explain the educational value and relate to the instructional program or sponsoring organization and Policy 1100.

The opportunity for students to sing and tour in Italy will provide musical memories that will last a lifetime. The educational value of this trip is enormous. The students will be exposed to local culture, visit some of the Italy's most beloved historical landmarks, and perform in incredible venues. Please see attached pamphlet for more details.

- B) Explain impact on instructional time and justification for any time lost.

The students will be missing two days. Teachers will be given advanced notice of this absence and students will be responsible in making up any missed work.

- C) Complete Itinerary: Please be specific and include detailed activity time periods for each day. (Attach additional page(s) if necessary.)

Please see attached proposed itinerary for specific daily schedule.

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COMPLETE COST BREAKDOWN

Complete Cost Breakdown Per Student	Amount	Group Cost	Amount
Registration:	\$	Registration	\$
Housing:	\$ 800.00	Housing	\$ 96000.00
Transportation Method:	\$ 1900.00	Transportation	\$ 228000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$ 600	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 72000.00
Meals:	\$ 400.00	Meals	\$ 48000.00
Total Student Cost	\$ 3,700.00	Total Group Cost	\$ 444,000.00

Source of Funds:

Self-funded, fund raising activities, and scholarships provided to those in need.

How is financial assistance provided to students in need:

CPA (Choral Parents Association) scholarship funds available upon request.

If this activity is not planned for all your students, what learning activities will be planned for the students or classes that remain in session? Please attach lesson plans.

A substitute teacher will be provided an appropriate lesson plan. Please see attached.

Approved: Principal

Approved: Superintendent or Designee

Date

Date

An aerial, black and white photograph of a cityscape in Italy, featuring several large, ribbed domes of churches and cathedrals. The domes are the central focus, with their intricate patterns clearly visible. In the background, a tall, slender bell tower rises above the city's skyline. The foreground shows the rooftops and architectural details of the surrounding buildings, creating a sense of depth and historical context.

CANTIAMO

SING IN ITALY:
Venice, Florence,
Tuscany, Rome &
Vatican City

2017 SPRING
INCANTATO
CONCERT TOUR
for The La Cañada
Choral Artists
directed by
Dr. Jeff Broekey

2017

March 23
to March 31

CANTIAMO:

SING IN ITALY & VATICAN CITY

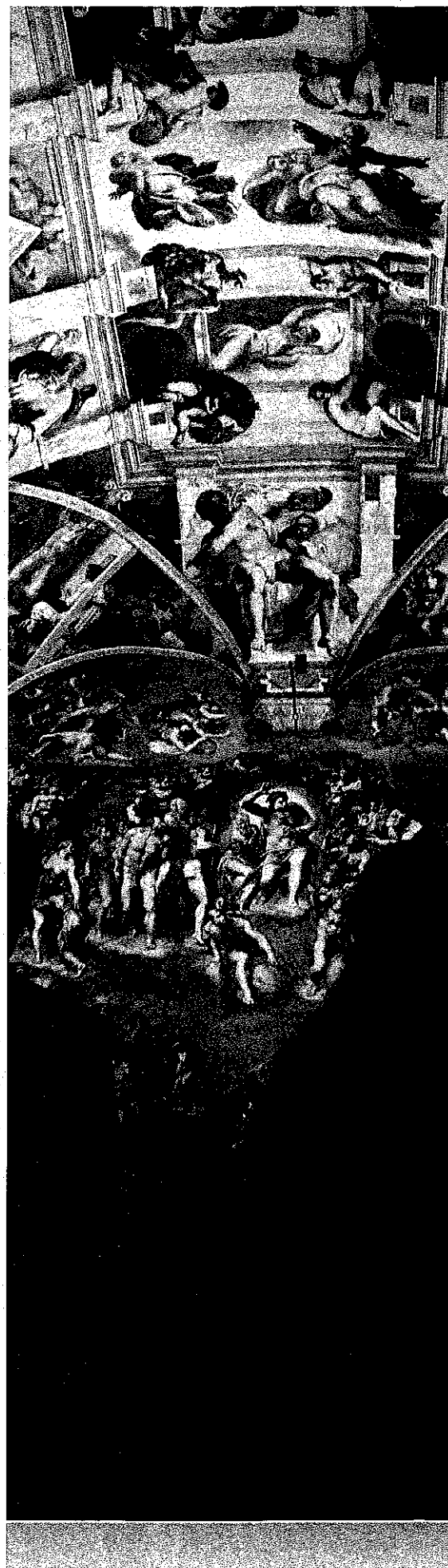
VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME & VATICAN CITY are the cornerstones of the 2017 "CANTIAMO" INCANTATO CONCERT TOURS experience for the LA CAÑADA HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL ARTISTS directed by Dr. Jeff Brookey.

PRIME VENUES & AMAZING ACOUSTICS

Two likely venues for the LCHS singers are St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and St. Peter's Cathedral in Vatican City, as the featured guest choir for High Mass at the stunning altars, and in addition, the Choral Artists will present formal concert in beautiful churches, possibly even in a theatre and/or castle. Once the actual touring choir is established and the repertoire set, the venues can be confirmed. INCANTATO is first and foremost a performance tour company and designs the itinerary around the musical opportunities which are carefully selected and matched to each touring ensemble. In addition to concerts, the singers will have the opportunity to present recitals, school visits and exchanges with fellow local singers are another possibility.

On the following pages of this introductory brochure, we share a first itinerary which provides an overview of where the LCHS tour is scheduled to be at the present stage of planning. We also introduce you to INSIDE EUROPE's unique approach to international group travel for affinity groups such as choirs and the many aspects that set this experience apart.

We hand-craft each and every journey anew for the actual travelers. Our team is the best traveled in the industry and we only take our discerning clients to destinations that we have personally experienced. Instead of outsourcing services to second and third parties, our experts in the art of boutique touring handle all aspects of the tour from start to finish. As true Europe Insiders, we invest into continuing education and continue to built on established relationships with key people at venues, in cities, regions, the respective national tourism boards and even the U.S. Embassy's local offices abroad.





FIRST ITINERARY

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Overnight flight from LAX to Venice, Italy.

Friday, March 24

Benvenuti - Welcome to Italy:

Transfer to the hotel, check-in, welcome dinner.

Saturday, March 25

Experience Venice with expert local guides, performance(s), dinner on the island, night boat cruise.

Sunday, March 26

To Tuscany for Florence sightseeing with expert guides, optional Academia visit (additional cost) & concert.

Monday, March 27

Tuscany sightseeing, likely visit to nearby Siena - opportunity for a school visit/exchange.

Tuesday, March 28

Via Assisi (visit/recital) to Rome with a Italian speciality dinner en-route.

Wednesday, March 29

Papal Audience and Rome sightseeing (Colosseum, Roman Forum entrance included) followed by an evening concert and Roman pizza dinner.

Thursday, March 30

Visit of "Baroque Rome" - Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, afternoon Mass at St. Peter's, likely Private Vatican Museum Visit.

Friday, March 31

Return flight to Los Angeles from Rome. Same day arrival.

Optional post-tour extension is being offered with return on Sunday, April 2.

TOUR SUMMARY

INCLUSIONS

for Air-Land tour package only:

- Economy class round-trip group flights from LAX to Venice, return from Rome (FCO) to LAX
- Transfer to/from the airport to the hotel in Europe

for all tour packages:

- Accommodation per person in a shared double/twin room, in pre-inspected 3 star superior and 4 star hotels with all modern conveniences and en-suite bathroom, semi-central location, for 7 nights with buffet breakfast, and city taxes as of 5/2016
- Multi-lingual Tour Director and motor coach transportation from arrival to departure, boat transfer in Venice, local expert guides in Venice, Florence and Rome
- Up to four formal performances in prime/signature venues with professional concert management and marketing
- One substantial group meal per day - either lunch or dinner - with water and bread included
- Entrance fees to attractions included in the final itinerary (museums, castles...)
- Private after-hours Vatican Museum/Sistine Chapel visit

EXCLUSIONS

for Air-Land tour package:

- Increase in airline surcharges, taxes

EXCLUSIONS

for Land-Only tour package:

- Flights to/from Italy, transfers to and from the European hotels

EXCLUSIONS for all tour packages:

- And/or city taxes increase after 5/16
- Meals and services (drinks, portage etc.) not included
- Travel Insurance (mandatory), cost varies with coverage selected
- Tips to Tour Manager and driver, we suggest \$80/person

PRICING (varies by number of participants as certain costs are shared by the travelers. Pricing also varies with the exchange rate, details provided as part of the line registration)

50 travelers/100 travelers/140 travelers:

Air-Land package: \$3,789/\$3,814/\$3,655
Land-only package: \$2,524/\$2,549/\$2,390

REGISTRATION LINK:

register.incantatours.com/lchs-2017

PW: lchs



ONE OF A KIND EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES

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iNCANTATO CONCERTTOURS, a signature brand of iNSIDE EUROPE, is first and foremost known for performance expertise. We are proud of our excellent partnerships with prime venues to offer one-of-a-kind musical experiences. First we confirm the concerts, then everything else falls into its proper place. This approach to international performance touring is unique and has made iNCANTATO the leading boutique concert tour company in North America.

PRIME CONCERTS - CHARMING PLACES - GREAT FOOD - AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

A tour is a taste in many ways, an introduction to places that may become your favorites, too!

We believe a journey abroad should be an experience for all senses. Hearing and seeing the LCHS Choral Artists sing in beautiful, prime venues throughout Italy and at the Vatican, is the focal point of the experience.

Another aspect that sets Incantato Concert Tours apart, are educational yet entertaining visits/ tours with expert local guides, plus the places where our travelers stay and the meals that we include – and that we leave time for making meaningful connections with locals through the universal language of music.

SIGHTSEEING + SIGHTSLEEPING

With iNCANTATO/iNSIDE EUROPE, your home away from home is part of the destination.

Safety and cleanliness standards are held very high. Hotels for LCHS will be semi-centrally located and offer all modern amenities.

We pre-inspect all accommodations and prefer to work with properties that are representative of the city/region visited.

EPIC(urious) EATS

We are foodies and will make sure to take you to our favorite places for those unforgettable local meals offering regional specialties in welcoming places. And yes, we offer gluten-free meals and can accommodate dietary restrictions.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

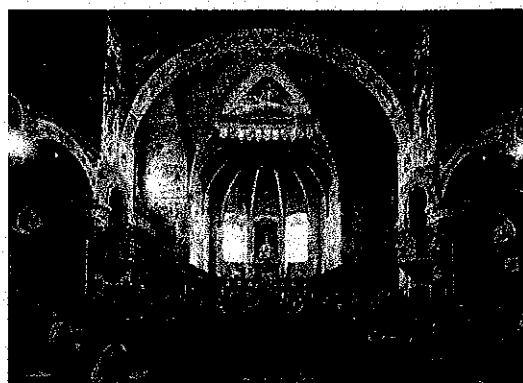
iNSIDE/iNCANTATO, unlike other companies, take you not just to the major sights, but also encourages you to be a traveler/explorer. We combine the big cities with lesser-known yet equally if not sometimes more magical places. Exchanges are one of our specialties, and we already have several schools/choirs interested in welcoming LCHS Choral Artists. Our professional concert management set-up and marketing ensure publicity and official recognition.



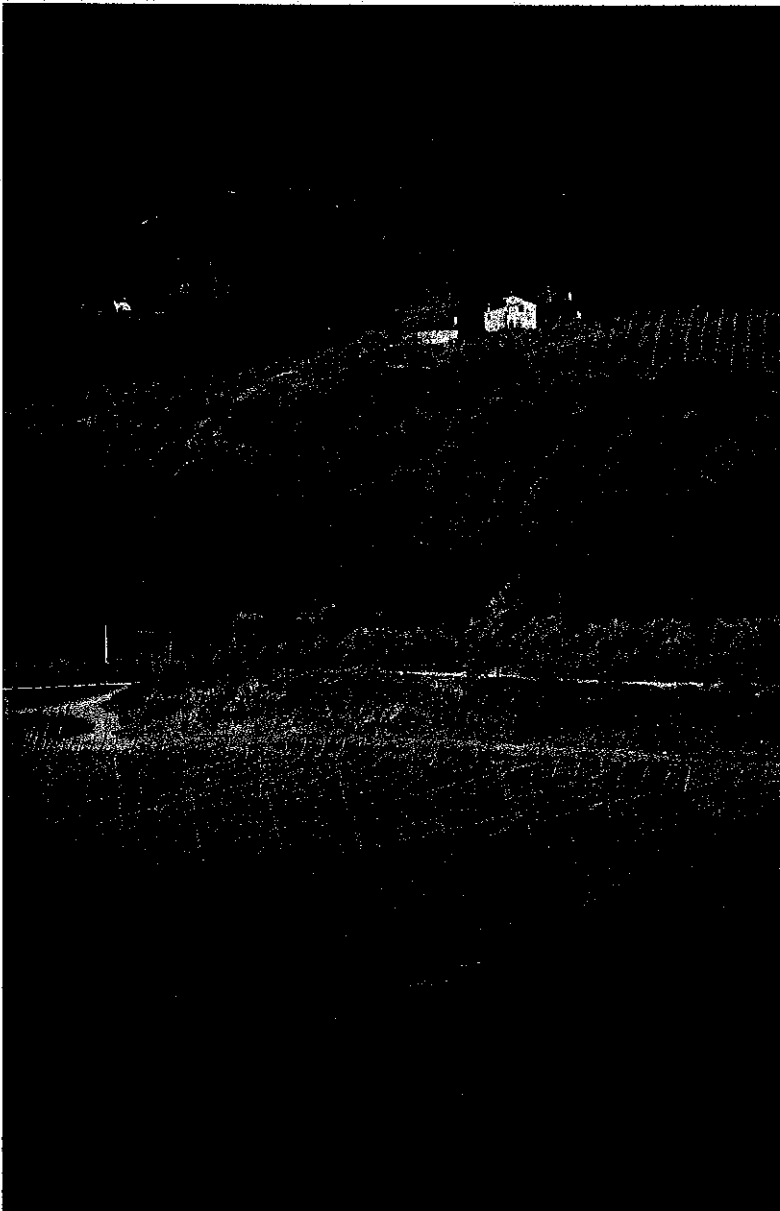
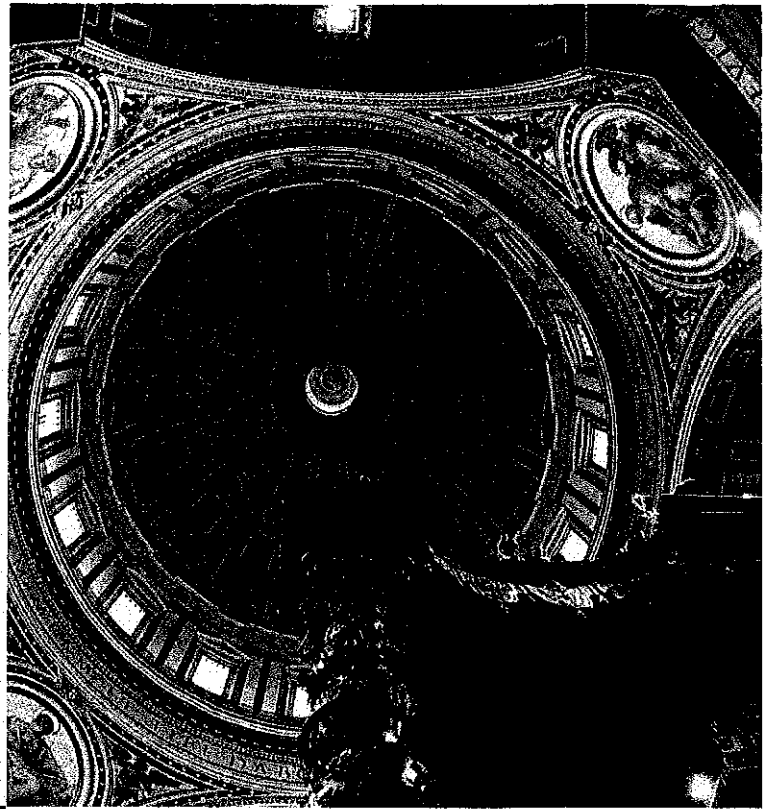
WHEN IN ITALY...

.... the La Cañada High School Choral Artists will make memories to last a lifetime.

May we cordially invite you to check out the social media channels for INSIDE EUROPE and INCANTATO CONCERT TOURS as that is where we share additional information and travel tips. On our Facebook pages, you will find travel tips, but also additional photos specific to this experience in a dedicated album just for LCHS named "Cantiamo 2017". Here you will find pictures of the destinations either from our official partners, but also taken by our team members and past travelers. As the planning continues, we will share photos of venues, hotel and even restaurants, too. Last, but not least, once the travelers are abroad, we update you with more photos and videos as part of our complimentary live coverage via our on-tour team.



OUR TRAVELERS SPEAK



"Dear Incantato, I've had the pleasure of being on five of your tours. Just when I think you can't possibly top the previous tour, you do. You definitely deliver on your "boutique" commitment. The performance venues for the choir were everything history books have written about. Equally important to me is that my guests also have an experience of a lifetime. Not only do you deliver on your commitment to making their experience extra special, you take extra care in understanding their individual needs!"

– **Richard Burchard, Composer and Educator**
(Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY)

"Thank you, Incantato team for the wonderful, thoughtful, detail-oriented tour we just completed with you. I've heard nothing but rave reviews from everyone. It really was everything you promised... and then some! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL."

– **Bruce Koliha, Belcanto of Monte Vista HS,**
Danville, California



GROUPIES
coming
ALONG?

A special
parallel
shadow tour
is being
offered, too!

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TOURS is a
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SUBSTITUTE PLANS FOR MARCH 23-24, 2017

Dr. JEFF BROOKEY, LCHS INSTRUCTOR OF CHORAL MUSIC

Dear instructor, thank you for watching my classes today. Following is the schedule:

FOR ALL CLASSES:

Students may work independently, or in a group, on preparation for

- (1) Pop concert auditions
- (2) Sight-reading, and/or
- (3) Outside homework.

Mrs. Atias, the staff accompanist, will be available to help as needed.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Brookey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Brookey

