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MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR, SANTA ROSA, CA
TRIP TO NEW YORK – COA NATIONALS FOR TOP CHOIRS FESTIVAL
April 15 - 20, 2020
TRIP #20-01050

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

- 7:00 AM: Depart MHS
8:30 AM: Arrive at the San Francisco International Airport and check-in

11:40 AM: Depart on JETBLUE FLIGHT #416 to New York (36 seats confirmed)

8:20 PM: **EASTERN TIME-** Arrive at the John F. Kennedy International Airport and meet your TOUR MANAGER in the baggage claim area.

9:00 PM: Board your LOCAL MOTORCOACH provided by STARR TRANSIT COMPANY (609-587-0626 / 609-203-3805) and depart for the hotel.

Dinner on your own enroute

11:00 PM: Arrive at the HAMPTON INN TEANECK, One Glenwood Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666 (201-883-9777) and check-in

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Thursday, April 16, 2020

- 5:45 AM: DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST at the hotel

6:30 AM: Depart by coach for the festival site

8:00 AM: Arrive at Queens College Aaron Copland School of Music and participate in the CHOIRS OF AMERICA NATIONALS FOR TOP CHOIRS FESTIVAL CONFIRMED (subject to 2020 schedule)

Observational Opportunity in LeFrak Concert Hall Balcony

Xchange - A Meeting Of Voices

Broadway 101 Workshop

BOXED LUNCH PROVIDED by PANERA BREAD or similar

Montgomery High School Choir warms up

Montgomery High School Choir performs for adjudication in LeFrak Concert Hall

Meet for a one hour clinic

4:00 PM: Depart by coach for Manhattan

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5:30 PM: Arrive at **Times Square** – The heart of the Theater District; where New Yorkers celebrate New Year's Eve. View the skyscrapers and glittering marquees.

Dinner on your own

GROUP ONE- 21 People plus 1 Tour Manager

6:30 PM: Meet at the **Minskoff Theatre**, 200 West 45th Street - New York, NY 10036
(212-307-2171)

7:00 PM: Enjoy a BROADWAY SHOW of the LION KING (*Running time 2 hours and 30 minutes*)

9:30 PM: After the show, walk to the Gershwin Theatre to meet the rest of the group

GROUP TWO- 15 People

6:30 PM: Meet at the **Gershwin Theatre**, 222 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10019
(212-307-2171)

7:00 PM: Enjoy a BROADWAY SHOW of the WICKED (*Running time 2 hours and 45 minutes*)

9:45 PM: After the show, meet up with Group One

10:00 PM: Depart coach for the hotel (*please note bus company will send a new driver as there is not enough hours off before the next morning*)

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Friday, April 17, 2020

5:45 AM: DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST at the hotel

6:30 AM: Depart by coach for the festival site

7:45 AM: Arrive at TBD Manhattan Site and participate in CHOIRS OF AMERICA NATIONALS
(subject to 2020 schedule)

Massed Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM: Depart by coach for Central Park

10:30 AM: Arrive at **Central Park** – Explore some of the wooded and landscaped grounds.

Lunch on your own perhaps at a food cart or TurnStyle – A premium selection of restaurants and local food vendors at the Columbus Circle Subway Station.

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- 2:15 PM: Depart by coach for Grand Central
- 2:45 PM: Arrive for dinner on your own at **Grand Central Terminal**
- 4:15 PM: Meet your motorcoach to depart for Carnegie Hall. Change enroute as there are no changing facilities available at Carnegie Hall
- 5:00 PM: Arrive **Backstage at Stern Auditorium | Carnegie Hall –Rehearsal (Singers, Directors, And Accompanists Only)**

Please have everyone involved in the performance arrive at the All-Choir Rehearsal fed and dressed in concert attire. This will also be a Closed Rehearsal and open only to Singers, your Accompanist (if you have a Spotlight Performance), and the Director. Please do not bring any personal belongings backstage (including, but not limited to, purses, cameras, coats, etc.) Your Chaperones should not attend the Rehearsal and will not be allowed backstage per Carnegie Hall policy. We will distribute admission tickets to your Chaperones on Thursday at Queens College.

Rehearse Concert Logistics, Sound Check, & Rehearsal

Enter Carnegie Hall – Front Doors (Chaperones Only)

- 8:00 PM: **Harmonic Convergence Concert at Carnegie Hall**
- 10:45 PM: After the event, depart by coach for the hotel

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Saturday, April 18, 2020

- 8:15 AM: **DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** at the hotel
- 9:15 AM: Depart by coach for Manhattan
- 10:30 AM: Arrive at the **Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine**
- 10:45 AM: **PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY**
- 11:15 AM: Depart by coach for Rockefeller Center
- 12:00 PM: Arrive for lunch on your own at **Rockefeller Center** – Home to NBC Studios, a seasonal ice skating rink, the beautiful Channel Gardens and a vast complex of eateries and stores.

Explore **Fifth Avenue** – Home to some of the best known stores and buildings in the world including Tiffany's, Saks Fifth Avenue, the Lego Store, the NBC studio store, the Plaza Hotel and more.

Also view **St. Patrick's Cathedral** – One of the largest churches in the U.S. Twin spires

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300-feet-high grace the 13th Century Gothic-style structure. *(\$5 pp donation is suggested at your own expense if you wish to enter the cathedral)*

- 4:00 PM: Walk to Times Square
- 4:30 PM: Arrive at Times Square for a return visit
- Dinner on your own
- 6:00 PM: Depart by coach for the evening event
- 6:30 PM: Arrive at the **Appel Room, Jazz at Lincoln Center**, Broadway at 60th Street, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10019 (212) 258-9800
- 7:00 PM: Enjoy a PERFORMANCE of Mary Stallings and Freddy Cole
- 9:00 PM: After the performance, depart by coach for the hotel

PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Sunday, April 19, 2020

- 7:45 AM: DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST at the hotel
- 8:45 AM: Depart by coach for Manhattan. Please note you may need to drop off nearby and arrive on foot, depending on drop off availability
- Motorcoach will go off duty until pick up from Empire State Building. All transfers on your own**
- 9:45 AM: Arrive via **West St. and Vesey St.** at the 9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM (212-266-5200) -
This memorial museum tells the individual stories of the 2,977 people killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93, as well as the six people who perished in the February 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The historical exhibition presents the story of those attacks and particularly, the events as they unfolded on and after 9/11. *(10:00am entry time)*
- Lunch on your own at the museum
- Also visit the **9/11 Memorial**- Experience a moving tribute of remembrance and honor to the victims of 9/11 in this beautiful open air plaza.
- 12:30 PM: After your visit, free afternoon on your own. All transfers and dinner on your own.
- 8:30 PM: Meet at the EMPIRE STATE BUILDING – Millions of visitors have been thrilled by the awe-inspiring vision of the city beneath them. Take the elevator to the 86th floor. *(subject to 2020 blackout dates, you may need to wait in the general admission line)*
- 10:30 PM: Depart by coach for the hotel

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PRIVATE NIGHT TIME HOTEL SECURITY

Monday, April 20, 2020

- 8:30 AM: DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST at the hotel
- Check-out
- 12:00 PM: Depart by coach for the airport
- 1:30 PM: Arrive at John F. Kennedy International Airport and check-in
- Lunch on your own
- 3:24 PM: Depart on JETBLUE AIRLINES FLIGHT #915 (36 seats confirmed)
- 7:15 PM: PACIFIC TIME- Arrive at San Francisco International Airport

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR TO LEAVE A MESSAGE, PLEASE CALL 1-800-654-4560. PLEASE LEAVE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION INCLUDING NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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THE TOUR INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION:

- Round trip airfare (\$540 allotment)
- Local transportation per itinerary

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- Five nights in the New Jersey area

MEALS:

- Five breakfasts
- One boxed lunch

ATTRACTIONS/SITES/ACTIVITIES:

- Participation in COA Nationals for Top Choirs Festival including mass Carnegie Hall performance
- Times Square
- Empire State Building
- Central Park
- Broadway Show (\$120 allotment)

- *Trip inclusions are based on prices as of 8/6/19 and subject to availability and rates at the time of finalizing the Travel Agreement.*
- *Lifeguards may not be available at every swimming opportunity. ETI recommends no swimming without a lifeguard present.*
- *Educational Tours, Inc. is a member of the Student Youth Travel Association and American Bus Association.*

ATTRACTIONS/SITES/ACTIVITIES cont.:

- Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
- Evening Show (\$120 allotment)
- 9/11 Museum & Memorial
- Empire State Building

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS:

- Group Travel Video for students and group leader(s)
- All trip planning and arrangements
- Private nighttime hotel security
- \$4,000,000 Liability Insurance
- All gratuities and fuel surcharges
- Tour manager provided at your destination throughout the tour
- 800-654-4560 Emergency Phone service, answered 24-hours

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Information regarding Travel Protection is available from your Group Leader.