

Music Program

Toronto - Niagara Falls

3 days - Memorial Day Weekend 2018

Friday May 25 - Monday May 28



Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Deepen their understanding and appreciation of music by engaging in a range of musical experiences in another country
2. Experience traveling in another country using music as the focus

Trip Highlights:

- ★ Attend a concert of one of the world's premier orchestras, who happen to be performing a piece that the band program performed earlier in the year.
- ★ Visit and perform with a local high school to make music and converse with other teenagers, while also gaining an understanding of the differences in Canadian public education
- ★ Perform in several possible venues, which lets them experience performing in a vastly different space, and contribute music to the society/culture they are visiting

Why Toronto?

- Toronto is a city of history and art - a hub for music, tv, and other forms of entertainment
- Provide students the chance to observe the similarities and differences between our two countries and school systems
- Provide students the opportunity to perform in a different country/culture, and see a professional performance or music they have studied
- Toronto has been deemed the most culturally diverse city on the planet, each neighborhood having its own history and identity, and offering students cultural experiences they will not get in Vermont.
- A close option for international travel, students are able to experience a different culture without as much travel time and money
- Why Niagara Falls? So students can witness one of the great natural wonders of the world on the way to Toronto

CHS Music Trip Leaders

Evan Peltier - Instrumental Teacher

Melissa Towle - Choral Teacher

Both have done the following trips together:

- NYC 2012 (2 days) approx. 70 students
- NYC 2014 (3 days) approx. 120 students
- NYC 2016 (3 days) approx. 130 students

Extra Trip Leader:

If the trip is approved, there will be a backup faculty member who will serve as a trip leader in the rare event one of us is unable to go due to an unexpected emergency



Our Travel Company: Goodspeed & Bach

Local Travel Company focusing on student travel, especially music students

Provides the following:

- Booking, travel, communication, and scheduling of all aspects of the tour
- One tour guide/manager that travels with the group at all times
- 21 years of experience
- Fully accredited and insured

Trips with Area High Schools

1. South Burlington HS - Italy 2008, Greece 2010, Ireland 2011, Spain 2012, Italy and Austria 2014, NYC 2018
2. Mount Mansfield UHS - Disney World 2009, New Orleans 2011, Bahamas 2013, Hawaii 2015, California 2017, NYC 2018
3. St. Johnsbury Academy - Austria 2018
4. Middlebury and Vergennes HS - NYC 2012-2018



Friday Night - Overnight bus ride to Niagara Falls, leave 10pm, arrive Sat Morning

Saturday

Morning:

- Niagara Falls Maid of the Mist boat tour
- **Public Performance**

Afternoon:

- Travel to Toronto, check into Hotel
- St. Lawrence Market
 - located in Toronto's historic Old Town, constructed in the 17th century, the St. Lawrence Market has served as the city's social center, as well as its City Hall. Today, the market sells goodies galore, from gourmet cured meats on one end to handcrafted jewelry in the other. Dubbed "Best Food Market in the World" by National Geographic Magazine.

Evening:

- **Attend concert of Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**

Itinerary: Day 1

Sunday:

Day:

- Guided bus tour of Toronto, covering many different neighborhoods and their cultures
- **Choral performance in local church**
- Royal Ontario Museum
 - Perched on the northern edge of the University of Toronto campus, the Royal Ontario Museum (also referred to as the "ROM") is a must-visit for history buffs. Since its establishment in 1912, the ROM has accumulated more than six million artifacts, making it Canada's largest museum of world cultures and natural history.

Evening:

- Visit the top of the CN Tower and enjoy dinner at Restaurant 360.
A standout among Toronto's dazzling skyline, the 1,815-foot CN Tower is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The tower's height provides enviable vistas of the city below.

Itinerary: Day 2

Itinerary: Day 3

Monday:

Morning:

- Exchange rehearsal at local Toronto High School
 - Our students will perform, they will perform, then all will perform together on combined piece
 - Q and A about school life from both countries

Afternoon:

- Leave for CHS, arrive back around 10pm

Participants

This trip is open to ALL juniors and seniors enrolled in our ensemble classes (concert band, wind ensemble, jazz band, chorus, concert choir, chamber singers, chorale)

- Why only Juniors and Seniors? The trip is a way to celebrate their commitment to our program. It ensures that a certain level of maturity and travel readiness on the trip.
- Students will be expected to perform in an ensemble during the trip
- Number of possible participants - 63 students

Trip Details

- Maximum of 45 students on a bus
- If there is more interest than 45, we will take two buses
- Bus will be a Premier Coach Bus
- We will have a minimum of 5:1 chaperone ratio. *Chaperones will be vetted through an application process covering experience with students, professional skills transferrable to a trip situation, as well as past experiences on previous Colchester trips*

Cost of Trip

\$595 quad occupancy based on 46 paying travelers/\$629 triple occupancy based on 46 paying travelers

Inclusions:

- 2 nights in centrally located hotel in Toronto
- breakfast daily at the hotel (2)
- 4 days bus service and driver tips
- Maid of the Mist boat ride
- Dinner before symphony concert
- Dinner at the CN Tower Restaurant
- Ticket for Symphony Concert
- Entrance fee to Royal Ontario Museum
- Concert arrangement with local school

Extra Money Required For: one breakfast, one dinner, three lunches, shopping
money

Fundraising

We have 7 Years of experience with the following fundraisers

Students will have four ways to fundraise for this trip throughout the school year:

- Yankee Candle Fundraiser (October)
- Wreath Fundraiser (November)
- Concert Program Ads (November)
- Fudge Fundraiser (February)

- ★ All profits a student makes will go to their individual trip cost.
- ★ Music students regularly fundraise for a variety of music trips every year.
- ★ Students have access to their fundraised money from previous years.

Next Steps If Approved

November	<p>Unveil trip itinerary and pricing information to students and families</p> <p>Start application process for chaperones</p>
December	<p>Collect first deposit (\$100) from initial juniors and seniors</p> <p>Determine amount of chaperones needed based on student number</p> <p>Specify details in itinerary (select and confirm Toronto high school, order exact ticket amounts for trip-goers, select music to perform based on students going and their voice/instrument types, confirm performance venues in Niagara Falls and/or Toronto)</p> <p>Work out room and board groupings for students</p>
January-May	<p>Students are booked for AT several times to rehearse for performances and exchange rehearsals</p> <p>Pre-trip meeting for students, chaperones and parents to discuss expectations, policies, itinerary, etc.</p>

Questions?