

# Lake Zurich High School Bands

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Dear Parents,

Attached to this letter is a packet with details regarding our Paris trip, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016-January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Planning for this trip is already well underway and we'd like to highlight some of the major items covered in this attachment.

- 1) Cost of the trip should be \$3320, (included in that are nearly \$450 of fuel surcharge per ticket). The only thing that could affect the cost is the conversion rate. As long as the rate doesn't change severely, this is the cost.

Payment plan is as follows:

- a) NOW: \$200 per traveler due (this is refundable until March)
  - b) March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016: \$600 due
  - c) September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016: \$800 due
  - d) October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016: \$800 due
  - e) November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016: Remaining balance due (\$920)
- 2) **PLEASE NOTE:** The cost of the trip will not be firmly set until November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The final cost depends on the strength or weakness of the US dollar against the Euro and fuel costs.

I hope that you will consider sending your child on this trip with us. Traveling overseas is a big commitment, but it will be a life changing event for your son or daughter. I hope you will see it as an investment in their future, their education, and their understanding of the world.

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\_\_\_ We will be joining you on your trip to Paris! Sign us up!

\_\_\_ We need to think about this and will let you know by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_ I'm interested in chaperoning the trip.

\_\_\_ We cannot travel with you but will let you know if our situation changes.

Please secure your spot on the trip with a \$200 per person deposit. You can leave the check with us tonight or next week...

Traveler(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MANDATORY LAND PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE INCLUSIONS:**

- Participation in La Grande Parade de Paris – Champs Elysées on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. The Parade is under the auspices of the Mairie de Paris and is personally supported by The Maire of Paris, Anne Hidalgo. Vast crowds of spectators are expected along the magnificent route of the parade, the Champs Elysees – one of the world's most famous and photographed thoroughfares which runs from the Arc de Triomphe at Etoile to Place de La Concorde and the Tuilerie Gardens.
- Performance in a specially organised Gala concert. Concerts will be presented in a selection of prestigious Paris venues including the American Cathedral in Paris on the Avenue George V, The Church of St. Clotilde and the Mairie of the 12eme. arrondissement. Rehearsal is provided in the venue, as is full professional stage management, production services and promotion. Tickets for the concert are provided for supporters of the performance group.

## **MANDATORY LAND PROGRAMME HOSPITALITY INCLUSIONS:**

- An allowance by weight and volume dependent on numbers of passengers in the group for heavier and large sized musical instruments and other equipment to be presented to our freight forwarding company for despatch to and return from Paris.
- 6 nights accommodation in one of our specially selected standard first class Paris hotels. Our featured hotels are the four star Novotel Paris Est, the four star Mercure Porte de Versailles and the four star Mercure La Defense. Accommodation for students will normally be in triple, twin or double bedded rooms whilst, for adults, twin or double bedded rooms will be guaranteed. Interconnecting rooms available for families. All rooms have en suite bathroom facilities.
- A substantial buffet breakfast consisting of a vast array of hot and cold items will be served each day in Paris - 6 meals.
- Three dinners served in your Paris hotel. These will be three course meals which we will design with you to reflect the tastes of your group whilst, at the same time, offering the opportunity to enjoy a taste of world renowned French cuisine. 3 (three) dinners.
- Two vouchers from a scheme that will allow you to select any one of many hundreds of Paris restaurants in which to dine on two evenings. We will, of course, provide assistance in selecting those restaurants that best suit your tastes and requirements. 2 (two) vouchers
- One special Dinner served in a typical Parisian restaurant. Three carefully selected courses will be served that will give a real taste of French Cuisine. Soft drinks will be included. Round trip motor coach transfers from the hotel to the restaurant are included. 1 (one) dinner
- One 'sack lunch' to be served to all performers on Parade Day. The lunch will consist of a high quality sandwich, a piece of patisserie, potato chips, fresh fruit and a bottle of water.
- Round trip transfers from a Paris airport to your hotel by coach, including specialist 'meet and greet' service on arrival and check - in assistance service on departure.
- Transportation by private luxury motor coach will be provided to and from all performance venues.
- Two half day tours of Paris. Each tour will have a duration of three hours plus and will be conducted on privately chartered luxury motor coaches and with fully qualified English speaking guides. Our guides are specially selected to be able to 'relate' to the specific groups they are guiding. The two tours will cover all of the important Paris sights and landmarks, from the Cathedral of Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur to the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. You will drive along the Grands Boulevards and see the Paris Opera and La



Madeleine, along the Champs Elysees and see the Palace of the Louvre, and the Tuileries Gardens. You will see the areas of Paris Bastille and Paris La Defense and much much more in the two fully comprehensive tours that will thoroughly orientate you to Paris, explain the rich and complex history of the city, and also allow you to take photographs of all of Paris' most important sights.

- A visit to the Eiffel Tower. Admission to the second level and to all of the attractions on the first level. You will receive a very special and exclusive track on your personal MP3 Player that will guide you on the Eiffel Tower. This is a feature unique to Youth Music of the World.
- A one-hour cruise with commentary on the River Seine on a Bateau Parisien or similar.
- A full day tour to Chantilly. The town of Chantilly boasts a magnificent Chateau rivaling in its sheer beauty all of the Chateaux of the Loire Valley. Chantilly is also the most famous centre in France of horse racing and all equestrian pursuits. You will enjoy a visit to the Chateaux and to the Musée du Cheval Vivant, as well as have time to enjoy the delightful shops and cafés of the town of the day of festivities surrounding La Grande Parade de Chantilly. Private chartered luxury motor coach transportation included as well as English speaking guides for the Chateau tour and an Audio guide for the Museum tour.
- A half day tour to Versailles with a visit to the incredible Palace built by Louis XIV – the Sun King. You will either be guided on arrival in Versailles by specialist English Speaking Palace guide or will be given the English language version of the Audio tour. The tour will be conducted on specially chartered motor coaches and will have a duration of 4 hours.
- A personal (to keep) MP3 player for each participant loaded with two of our specially commissioned audio guided, historical, and cultural walking tours of Paris (plus the special Eiffel Tower tour – see above). Our Audio Tours are specially designed and created by the world leader in guided Audio Tours – Audio Traveler Ltd.
- MP3 WALK 'ILE DE LA CITE' - This walk will take you through the heart of the city, from its birth right through to the 21st Century. The walk will take you past the Louvre, home to Leonardo's Mona Lisa, the medieval Church of Sainte Chapelle, the gruesome Conciergerie prison and of course to the most famous Cathedral in Paris – Notre Dame. On the way you will also have the chance to stroll through the book and antique stores along The Quai Grands Augustins and even stop off at The Guillotine Cafe!
- MP3 WALK 'MONTMARTRE' - This walk takes you through the Bohemian and artistic quarter of Montmartre located at the top of the large hill in Paris' 18th arrondissement. You will have the chance to see Van Gogh's house, discover the studio where Renoir worked and the place where Picasso painted the first cubist painting and of course see the mighty church of Sacre Coeur with its magnificent views across Paris and perhaps even find time to have your portrait or caricature painted by the artists gathering in Place du Tertre. Ile de la Cité.
- A 'Carnet' of 10 Metro tickets which can each be used for a single (one way with connections) journey anywhere on the Paris Metro.
- Arrangements for a student orientated New Year's Eve party either at your hotel or another of the hotels we use on our programme . Banquet/meeting room provided with full entertainment (discotheque and appropriate lighting). Transfers provided if required.
- Services of a full time Tour Assistant, resident in your hotel and dedicated to your group, to help you throughout your time in Paris.
- Individual information packs containing an itinerary, maps, and other information relevant to the programme.

- Membership for one year of the 'Youth Music International Performers Club' (YMI Performers Club).
- A specially struck commemorative medal of the 'La Grande Parade de Paris – Champs Elysées 2016/17.. For performers only.
- A mounted 10 x 8 print of a commemorative group photograph to be taken on the morning of La Grande Parade with the backdrop of L'Arc de Triomphe. For performers only.
- A 'Youth Music of the World' / Performance Travel Limited specially created comprehensive insurance package.
- All tips and taxes to all service providers except your Tour Assistant.. A gratuity should be presented to your dedicated staff member at the end of the performance programme and this is not included.

• **OPTIONAL AIR ARRANGEMENTS**



- Round trip economy class air travel on a scheduled airline from your U.S.A. gateway shown above to a Rome airport. One main meal and one snack meal will be served along with complimentary soft drinks. Movies and audio entertainment on all long-haul transatlantic sectors. Flights may be multi-sectored. Some carriers require payment for headsets to hear audio channels.
- One checked piece of luggage per person per person with a maximum weight of 50 lbs, and total dimensions nor exceeding 62". A hand baggage allowance which will vary airline by airline but will minimally include one small piece of luggage and a purse or laptop case.



**DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE POLICY INCLUDED WITHIN THE  
PERFORMANCE TOUR PROGRAMME  
(MANDATORY LAND PROGRAMME AND FULL AIR INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME)  
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**SECTION 1. CANCELLATION: Up to \$4,000.00**

For La Grande Parade de Paris – Champs Élysées 2016/2017 cancellation cover shall apply with effect from September 1st 2016.

To reimburse you for your unused travel and accommodation expenses paid or contracted to be paid if your journey or vacation is necessarily and unavoidably cancelled due to any cause listed below provided no other party is liable for those expenses:

1. Accidental injury, illness or death, duly certified by competent authority, of:
  - (a) yourself or any person with whom you had arranged to travel;
  - (b) a close relative or fiancé or civil partner of any person described in (a) above;
2. Compulsory quarantine applying to yourself or to any person with whom you had arranged to travel;
3. Any damage to your home in the United States making it uninhabitable, or any Police request for your presence following a robbery of your home or place of business during the period of insurance;
4. Any official requirement for you to attend to emergency duty in U.S. military, medical or public service;
5. A Government regulation following an epidemic which prohibits you from travelling.
6. A warning from The US State Department not to travel to the destination booked on the dates booked.

NB Cancellation cover under Section 1 commences when this Insurance is validated, but in respect of persons aged over 71, only accidents or illnesses occurring within one month of the date of departure are covered.

**SECTION 2 . MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY EXPENSES: Up to \$ 10,000.00 per insured Person.**

To reimburse the Insured Person for:

1. The following expenses necessarily incurred within but not beyond 1 month of the expiry of the Period of Insurance as the result of the Insured Person becoming ill or sustaining personal injury during the Period of Insurance;
  - (a) usual, customary and reasonable expenses incurred (outside the United States and outside his or her normal country of residence or domicile) for medical, surgical and hospital charges (including emergency dental treatment for the relief of immediate pain only), ambulance, nursing home and nursing attendance charges;
  - (b) reasonable additional cost of repatriation to the United States;
  - (c) reasonable additional hotel expenses;
  - (d) reasonable additional costs of funeral expenses abroad or additional cost of returning his or her mortal remains to his or her former place of residence in the United States;

**SECTION 3. PERSONAL ACCIDENT: Up to \$25,000.00 per Insured Person**

To pay according to the Schedule of Compensation below if at any time during the Period of Insurance the Insured Person sustains bodily injury caused by accidental, external, violent and visible means which solely and independently of any other cause within 12 calendar months from the date of the accident results in his or her;

- (a) Death ..... \$ 25,000.00
- (b) Loss of one limb or loss of one eye .....\$ 12,500.00
- (c) Loss of two limbs / two eyes / one limb and one eye .....\$ 25,000.00
- (d) Permanent Total Disablement from engaging in his or her usual occupation ..... \$ 25,000.00

If no occupation is followed then any and every occupation applies. (Usual occupation is deemed to be full time remunerative occupation of which no less than 40 hours per week are engaged in such occupation.) If the Insured Person is over 71 years of age cover is limited to the Death benefit only.

**SECTION 4. BAGGAGE: Up to \$1,000.00 per Insured Person**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the accidental Loss of or Damage which occurs during the period of insurance, to his or her baggage including clothing and personal effects subject to:

- (a) a limit of \$ 1,000.00 any one article, pair, set, kit or collection of articles and
- (b) an overall limit of \$ 1,000.00 for valuables: jewellery, furs, articles containing gold, silver or precious metals, watches, photographic, optical, audio or electronic equipment or goods.

**SECTION 5. DELAYED BAGGAGE: Up to \$ 100.00 in all**

To indemnify the Insured Person for emergency purchases necessarily made if his or her baggage is temporarily lost in transit during the period of insurance for longer than 24 hours. Musical Instruments are not covered under this Section.

**SECTION 6. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Up to \$5,000.00**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the accidental loss of or damage to any one musical instrument which occurs during the period of insurance subject to a maximum amount of \$5,000.00 per Insured Person. This Section shall exclude scratching or denting of any musical instrument or damage to drum skins.

**SECTION 7. RENTAL OR REPLACEMENT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT - Up to \$1,000**

To indemnify the Insured Person for the cost of renting a temporary replacement musical instrument for the duration of the Insured Period should his or her own instrument be accidentally lost or damaged during the period of insurance subject to a maximum rental cost of \$1,000.

For the purpose of this insurance, Musical Instruments shall be deemed to be wind, stringed instruments and timpani only.

Written proof of the value of any Musical Instrument shall be required in the event of a claim.

**EXCLUSIONS**

**SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3**

The Underwriters shall not be liable for claims arising from:

- (a) the Insured Person engaging or taking part in mountaineering, pot holing, manual work, racing other than on foot, organised sports, flying (except whilst travelling as a passenger on a commercial or scheduled flight), wilful exposure to risk (other than in an attempt to save human life), suicide, intentional self injury, insanity, psychiatric disorders, fear of flying or the effects of alcohol or drugs.
- (b) pregnancy within two months of the estimated date of delivery;
- (c) Circumstances where at the time of taking out this insurance the person whose condition gives rise to a claim is receiving treatment or is on a hospital waiting list for consultations or for in patient treatment or has received a terminal prognosis.
- (d) any vacation or journey undertaken against the advice of a medical practitioner or for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment;
- (e) the cost of replenishing supplies of any medication the Insured Person was using at the commencement of any vacation/journey.
- (f) surgery or medical treatment which in the opinion of the medical practitioner treating the Insured Person can be reasonably delayed until the Insured Person's return to the United States.
- (g) Circumstances which could reasonably have been anticipated by the Insured Person at the date of the issue of this Evidence of Insurance.
- (h) Visa not issued by competent authority.

**SECTION 4**

The Underwriters shall not be liable for:

- (a) losses due to breakage of or damage to fragile articles;
- (b) loss of valuables or losses due to theft unless reported to the police within 48 hours of the discovery of the loss and to the hotel management if stolen in a hotel;
- (c) loss or damage caused by wear, tear, gradual deterioration, decay, moth, vermin, atmospheric or climatic conditions, electrical or mechanical breakdown or derangement of any kind;
- (d) loss of or damage to contact or corneal lenses, un-set precious stones, business goods, samples or merchandise, hired equipment or sporting equipment whilst in use;
- (e) losses from unattended baggage;
- (f) (i) theft from a vehicle not involving forcible entry evidenced by damage to the vehicle itself and or from a soft topped or open vehicle unless from a locked trunk.  
(ii) theft from any motor vehicle left unattended overnight.
- (g) Loss of cash, credit cards and travellers checks.

The Insured Person shall take all reasonable steps to avoid or minimise any loss or damage.

**SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 4**

The Underwriters shall not be liable for the first \$100 of each and every loss/claim for each Insured Person.

**EXCLUSIONS continued...../**

**SECTIONS 6 AND 7**

This insurance does not cover:

- (a) loss or damage caused by climatic or atmospheric conditions or extremes of temperature, unless such loss or damage would be recoverable under an ordinary fire insurance policy.
- (b) if musical instruments are insured hereunder, breakage of strings, reeds or drumheads from any cause.

**EXCLUSIONS APPLYING TO ALL SECTIONS**

The Underwriters shall not be liable for:

1. accident, illness, loss, damage, destruction, liability, expense or any consequential loss whatsoever arising there from directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to or arising from: war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power or confiscation or detention or nationalisation, or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or other competent authority;

For the purpose of this exclusion terrorist activity means an act, or acts, of any person, or groups of persons, committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes with the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear. Terrorist activity can include, but not be limited to, the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof. Furthermore the perpetrators of terrorist activity can either be acting alone, or on behalf of, or in connection with any organisation(s) or governments(s).

2. losses or claims arising out of the insured Person's own criminal act.

**CONDITIONS**

**SECTION 2**

(a) No arrangement for repatriation requiring in-flight medical attendance may be made without the prior agreement of the Underwriters.

(b) No arrangement for in-patient treatment may be made without the prior notification of the Underwriters except where there is a life threatening condition when notification must be made at the earliest opportunity.

(c) In the event of a claim, a medical adviser or advisers appointed by the Underwriters shall be allowed to examine the Insured Person as often as the Underwriters shall consider it necessary. (d) No medical expenses incurred in the United States will be payable under this Insurance.

**SECTION 3**

(a) condition (c) of Section 2 shall also apply to this Section.

(b) the liability of the Underwriters in respect of any one accident shall not exceed \$25,000.00 in all each Insured Person.

(c) "Permanent" means lasting 12 calendar months from the date of the accident and at the end of that period beyond hope of improvement.

(d) "Loss of Limb" means irrecoverable loss by physical separation of a hand at or above the wrist or foot at or above the ankle.



**CONDITIONS**

SECTION 4 AND 5

Reimbursement for temporary or permanent loss of or damage to baggage in transit is subject to:  
(a) immediate notification being made to the Carrier or Handling Agent and a property irregularity report being obtained;  
(b) any amount payable for temporary loss being deducted from the final claim settlement under Section 3 if the baggage proves to be permanently lost.

**CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ALL SECTIONS.**

The Insured Person shall act at all times as if uninsured and shall observe ordinary and proper care in the supervision of all property covered under this Insurance. If the Insured Person or anyone acting on his or her behalf makes any statement knowing it to be overstated, false or fraudulent in any respect then this Insurance shall be void and all claims hereunder forfeit in respect of the Insured Person. The Insured Person shall reimburse the Underwriters within one month of the expiry of the period of Insurance for any expenses not covered by this Insurance which are incurred by the Underwriters on his or her behalf. Underwriters shall not be liable for any amount for which any other party is liable or which, but for the existence of this Insurance would have been covered by any other insurance. The Geographical Limits of this Policy are World-wide.

Wherever the term \$ appears in this Policy it shall be deemed to mean **US\$**.

