

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

**TO:** Board of Education  
Scot Prebles, Superintendent  
Joseph Mueller, BBHHS Principal

**FROM:** Steven Cocchiola, Orchestra Director  
Emily Garlock, Vocal Music

**DATE:** April 28, 2014

**RE:** Overnight Travel to Chicago, IL – HS Orchestra & Choir, April 1-8, 2015



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Emily Garlock and I are respectfully submitting this proposal regarding a performance trip for the high school choir and orchestra program. All students in the Choir and Orchestra programs who are enrolled in the class will be eligible for this trip. The destination will be Chicago, Illinois. We would like to leave on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and return at BBHHS on Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 at night.

We will have a performance on Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) at a church in Chicago (still to be determined at this point, but at this moment it is Holy Name Cathedral). Because of the Friday performance, we are requesting that participating students be excused from school on Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 & 2 (as we have done in the past) allowing us to arrive on the day before the performance and to arrive home prior to Easter morning.

The objectives of this trip are:

1. Performance Opportunity: Each participating student will experience the wonderful opportunity of performing Mozart's "Requiem" in an exceptional performance venue.
2. The students will receive many cultural experiences, such as one Broadway Show, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; visit a few museums, and the aquarium (SEE ATTACHED ITINERARY)
3. Students will experience and learn about, first hand, one of the most important cities in the world.

The cost is under \$700 and includes 11 meals.

Please let us know if there is anything else needed from us, and we thank you very much for this opportunity.



# Brecksville-Broadview Hts. HS

of

Broadview Heights, OH

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

**Cathedral Performance**

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

**Broadway Show**

**Skydeck**

**April 1 - 4, 2015**

**Wednesday, April 01**

**Broadway Show**

### **DEPART THE SCHOOL**

Depart for the journey by motorcoach. Be sure to eat breakfast before you arrive at the school, or bring a sack breakfast to eat along the way. At least one rest stop will be made along the way. Get some rest for the busy days ahead.

### **TIME CHANGE**

Be sure to set your watch back one hour to Central Time.

### **ARRIVE CHICAGO**

Welcome to the city of superlatives—world class museums, America's tallest building, mouth-watering cuisine, colorful ethnic neighborhoods, dazzling shops, the Magnificent Mile, placid beaches and one of the most dramatic skylines in the nation!

### **NAVY PIER**

A Chicago landmark since 1916, this 50-acre world-class recreation center reopened in 1995. Its beautiful lakeside setting is a sight in itself! Restaurants, shops, a musical carousel, a giant Ferris wheel, an IMAX Theatre and a variety of entertainment make Navy Pier a fun place to be!

### **COMEDYSPORTZ**

Chicago is famous for its contributions to comedy, and there's no better place to enjoy it than at family-friendly, ComedySportz, home to fast, funny and smart improvisational comedy in the Lincoln Park neighborhood just north of Wrigley Field. Competitive comedy with an edge is the name of the game as Red and Blue teams battle away at one another, winning points if they make the audience crack up! Improvised, daily, the show is never the same!

### **BUBBA GUMP'S SHRIMP CO.**

Enjoy down home cookin' in this casual and fun restaurant inspired by the movie Forrest Gump.

### **BROADWAY SHOW**

Enjoy a great live theatre production this evening. Whether it's a musical, comedy or drama, the stars are glittering and the curtain's going up, so join in the excitement!

**Thursday, April 02**

**Chicago Symphony Orchestra**

### **BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**

Breakfast will be provided at your hotel.

### **FIELD MUSEUM**

Visit one of the world's four greatest natural history museums, alive with ideas, knowledge and discovery. Founded in 1893, the museum houses over 19 million artifacts and specimens drawn from the fields of anthropology, botany, geology and zoology.

### **LUNCH AT MUSEUM**

Eat lunch at the museum food court or cafe. Meal money will be provided.

### **MAGNIFICENT MILE**

It doesn't get any better than the Windy City's North Michigan Avenue when it comes to shopping. From Water Tower Place, to Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus, Crate & Barrel, H & M and Filene's Basement, the choices are many. If it's got a name or a logo, you can find it here!

### **WILLIS TOWER SKYDECK**

Hit a high note! Your ears will pop as you zoom up the Willis Tower (formerly Sears) to the high-tech observation Skydeck on the 103rd floor—1,353 feet above the street! A bird's-eye view gives you the lay of the land and the lake from the nation's tallest building! The newest feature is The Ledge - glass boxes extended out 4.3 feet from the building on the 103rd floor, affording the daring a 360 degree view of the city!

### **GIORDANO'S PIZZA**

Two brothers talk to mom, a great cook in a small Italian village. Mom gives them some of her best recipes. Presto! A Chicago legend is born, Giordano's, famous for stuffed pizza, mouth-watering pasta, and some of the most authentic Italian cooking this side of Torino! Get ready for a feast!

### **CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Rich in tradition, innovative in vision, the CSO, one of the truly great orchestras, is a musical force in Chicago and around the world. Founded in 1890 and first directed by Theodore Thomas, its 110 talented musicians offer over 200 performances and events a year. Famous for its outstanding directors (Thomas, Reiner, Solti, Barenboim) and renowned soloists, composers and conductors (Richard Strauss, Saint-Saens, Elgar, Rachmaninov), the Orchestra makes its home in downtown Chicago. Symphony Hall opened in 1904, and it was expanded in 1997 into today's Symphony Center.

### **RETURN TO HOTEL**

Board your coach for the return drive to your hotel.

**Friday, April 03**

**Performance**

**BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**

Breakfast will be provided at your hotel.

**MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY**

Visit the world's most popular museum where you can push buttons to play computer games and view the Apollo 8 Space Ship. As up-to-date as tomorrow, the light and sound displays will amaze you!

**ED DEBEVIC'S**

This popular 50's diner is known for its interesting atmosphere and outrageous service! Ed's menu features a variety of sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts.

**REHEARSAL**

The orchestra and choir will rehearse at Holy Name Cathedral in preparation for tonight's performance.

**HARD ROCK CAFE**

Pump up the octane with a meal at this high-energy, rockin' home of classic American food! One-of-a-kind rock and roll memorabilia, souvenirs, good music and delicious food make this a great experience.

**CATHEDRAL PERFORMANCE**

Holy Name Cathedral is both a parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It has grown from a parish in a small wooden church built under extreme hardship to today's flourishing, urban community. Built in 1875, the cathedral has been remodeled several times, most recently after a fire in 2009.

Pending acceptance, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights HS Orchestra and Choir will give a performance on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at the Cathedral.

**MILLENNIUM PARK**

Bring your camera for a group photo at the Bean! Millennium Park is one of the most significant public projects in the world and a blueprint for future urban parks. See the most technologically advanced outdoor concert venue anywhere (the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Music Pavilion), view the 1,000 faces of Chicago at Spanish artist Jaume Plensa's Crown Fountain with its cool 50-foot video towers, stroll the lovely, contemporary Lurie Garden and interact with one of the planet's largest sculptures - British sculptor Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate."

**RETURN TO HOTEL**

Board your coach for the return drive to your hotel.

**Saturday, April 04**

**Shedd Aquarium**

**BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**

Breakfast will be provided at your hotel.

**SHEDD AQUARIUM**

Strap a mask and flippers to your imagination and chart a course to Shedd, the World's Aquarium. Have you ever sailed the Pacific Northwest on a whale-watching cruise, been eye-to-eye with a shark, or followed a sea turtle as she soared through the Caribbean? At Shedd it's always possible.

**RAINFOREST CAFE**

Sit down to a great meal under a jungle canopy in a magnificent rainforest-like setting. The rumble of tropical thunderstorms, animated wildlife and a spectacular fiber-optic starscape make this a unique dining experience.

**DEPART FOR HOME**

Board your coach this afternoon for the trip home.

**TIME CHANGE**

Be sure to set your watch forward one hour to Eastern Time.

**BUFFET DINNER ENROUTE**

We will stop for a great all-you-can-eat dinner buffet enroute to home at Old Country Buffet or Golden Corral.

**ARRIVE BBHHS**

Arrive home at the end of an excellent performance tour to Chicago.