

Tour Itinerary

Carmel MS Orchestra of **Carmel Middle School** **Carmel, IN**

Chicago, IL

Carry this booklet with you. Times listed and the sequence of events may change due to weather or crowd conditions, so please be flexible. Only your Director or a Music Travel Consultants Escort (if applicable) will announce schedule changes. Times listed are local in each place.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

TRAVEL / CRUISE

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Rental Vehicle Reimbursement

A budget of \$500 has been included for reimbursement of expenses related to renting a vehicle for transport of larger instruments. To be arranged by Carmel MS and reimbursed (up to \$500) via MTC.

9:30am Load the Coach

*Note: Motorcoach company quoted in this proposal is The Free Enterprise System, a member of the International Motorcoach Group (IMG). Arrangements will be made based on rates and availability upon receiving a signed Letter of Intent.

10:00am Depart for Chicago

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*****Time Change*****

Chicago is 1 hour behind- set your clocks accordingly.

1:00pm Arrive at McCormick Place

1:30pm Equipment Room Check-in

Time to check-in to your homeroom at McCormick Place. Unload your instruments and music at your homeroom W175c.

3:00pm Hotel Check-in

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
2233 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 312.567.1234

5:00pm Dinner at Giordano's

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!

THURSDAY, DEC. 21

REHEARSAL / CSO

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7:00am Breakfast in the Area

Breakfast will be provided in the form of meal money. You may choose to eat in one of the hotel's restaurants or one of the several eateries in McCormick Place.

8:00am The Midwest Clinic

The Midwest Clinic is one of the largest instrumental music conferences in existence for band, orchestra, jazz band and vocal educators. Clinicians, performers, and industry personnel come from all over the world to experience this event. Workshops, performances, lectures and vendor exhibits combine for a busy and exciting time in the Windy City.

Exhibition Hall

Take the opportunity to walk the floors of the exhibition halls of the Midwest Clinic. You might rub elbows with a composer of a piece you've played, see someone from an honor band you've performed in, or speak with a member of one of the outstanding service bands or colleges represented.

Lunch at McCormick Place

Meal money will be provided for the lunch of your choosing at McCormick Place.

12:00pm Rehearsal

Rehearsal will take place from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in W194AB.

5:30pm 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.

7:30pm Arrive at Symphony Center

8:00pm 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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22

PERFORMANCE

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7:00am Breakfast at the Hotel

Breakfast will be provided in the form of meal money. You may choose to eat in one of the hotel's restaurants or one of the several eateries in McCormick Place.

8:30am Hotel Check-out

Check-out of your room by packing everything up and leaving your key card in your room. Then make your way down to the lobby and load your luggage onto your charter coach before heading over to the convention center.

9:00am The Midwest Clinic

11:00am Lunch at McCormick Place

Meal money will be provided for the lunch of your choosing at McCormick Place.

11:00am Warm-up and Photo

Prior to your performance this morning, you'll have the opportunity to warm up in your performance room. Your group Midwest photo will also be taken at this time

12:00pm Midwest Performance

The Carmel Middle School Chamber Orchestra will represent Carmel, IN today on an international level with their performance at the Midwest Clinic.

1:30pm Equipment Room Check-out

4:00pm Free time on 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!

6:00pm Arrive Navy Pier

7:00pm Dinner Cruise

Enjoy a celebratory dinner on the Odyssey - a beautifully appointed luxury pleasure boat!

9:30pm Return Home

*****Time Change*****

Set your clocks forward one hour to Eastern Time.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

2:00am Welcome Home!

Welcome back to Carmel Middle School after an incredible performance tour to the Midwest Clinic!