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## FORT NELSON SECONDARY SCHOOL MUSIC/DRAMA TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY, NY MAY 14 – 22, 2014

### Preliminary Itinerary – March 20, 2013

*Note: It is the responsibility of all participants to be in possession of the correct documentation to travel out of the country. Failure to do so will result in participants being denied entry/boarding and returned home at the expense of the individual. **Canadian Citizens require a valid passport** (the Canadian Government recommends that passports are valid at least 6 months beyond your return date). **Groups are advised to obtain notarized letters of consent for persons under 18 years of age.** Non-Canadians must check entry and transit requirements. Please notify the group leader at time of booking if you will be traveling with a passport from another country so we can check requirements and advise you accordingly.*

#### Day 1 – Wednesday May 14

**D**

- meet your **1 – 56 passenger motor coach** for a **1 way transfer** at Fort Nelson Secondary School for loading of instruments, luggage and boarding of passengers
- depart Fort Nelson, BC for **Edmonton, AB** (drive time is approximately 11 hours and 35 minutes)
- **remember to set your watches ahead 1 hour**

#### Day 2 – Thursday May 15

- arrive at **Edmonton International Airport** where you will check in at the Airline counter
- scheduled departure time of your **flight to Toronto, ON**
- **remember to set your watches ahead 2 hours**
- scheduled arrival at **Pearson International Airport**; clear US Customs and proceed to your connecting gate
- scheduled departure time of your **flight to LaGuardia Airport**
- scheduled arrival at the airport where you will pick up your luggage and instruments
- meet your **1 - 54-passenger motor coach** for loading of luggage, instruments and boarding of passengers for a **1 way transfer**
- **transfer** to your hotel
- arrive at the **Hotel** where you will check in for **6 nights accommodation**
- you will have some time to get settled into your rooms
- during your stay in New York you will have use of your **7 day unlimited Metro Card**
- meet in the lobby where you will walk to your dinner location
- **group dinner** at a nearby restaurant
- after dinner walk back to your hotel
- retire to your rooms for the evening

#### Day 3 – Friday May 16 (coaching for up to 8 hours provided today)

**B/D**

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- **band students** meet your **1 – 54 passenger motor coach** and transfer to your **clinic location**
- arrive where you will set up for your **1 hour band clinic** followed by a **1 hour jazz clinic**
- at the conclusion of your load instruments onto the coach

**Day 3 – continued...**

- transfer to **your Broadway workshop location** arriving 10 minutes before your workshop; meet up with the drama students who have made their way using their **metro card**
- **90 minute Broadway Workshop** begins
- after the workshop board coach and transfer to your hotel
- arrive at your hotel where you will unload your instruments

Upon arrival at the hotel your coaching service will end

- return your instruments to your rooms and meet in the lobby
- purchase lunch in the area
- meet your **guide** from **Beyond Times Square** for your **Metro 101 Tour**, on this tour you will learn everything you need to know about how to get around New York by subway. You will also see some of New York's neighbourhoods and landmarks
- make your way to your dinner location
- **group dinner**
- at the conclusion of dinner walk to the **Theatre**
- arrive where you will pick up your tickets and find your seats
- **Broadway performance** begins (TBA)
- at the conclusion of the performance use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel and retire to your rooms

**Day 4 – Saturday May 17(coaching for up to 12 hours provided today)**

**B/D**

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- meet your **1 – 54 passenger motor coach** and transfer to the **Rhythms International Festival location at Hasbrouck Heights Public School**
- arrive and set up for your warm up
- **Fort Nelson Secondary School Concert Band Warm up**
- **Fort Nelson Secondary School Concert Band performance and master class**
- **Fort Nelson Secondary School Jazz Band Warm up**
- **Fort Nelson Secondary School Jazz Band performance and master class**
- following your performance pack up your instruments, load the coach
- purchase lunch on your own
- transfer to the **Theatre**
- arrive where you will pick up your tickets and find your seats
- **Matinee Broadway performance** begins (TBA)
- at the conclusion of the performance board your coach and transfer to the hotel to quickly freshen up for dinner and unload instruments
- transfer to the evening event
- pre-banquet gathering
- **Rhythms International Semi-formal Awards Dinner and Dance**
- following the dance, retire to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel and retire for the evening

7:00pm

7:30pm

**Day 5 – Sunday May 18**

**B/D**

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- use your **Metro Card** to transfer to **your Broadway workshop location** arriving 10 minutes before your workshop
- **90 minute Broadway Workshop** begins
- workshop ends
- purchase lunch on your own
- arrive as a group at the **NBC Experience Store** (located in Rockefeller Center), where you will check in for your tour **(you MUST arrive at least 30 minutes prior to tour time)**
- **guided tour of NBC Studios ) the group will be split into 2 groups** - this hour-long tour takes in some of the world's most famous studios including the Today show, NBC Nightly News, Dateline NBC, NBC Sports, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and Saturday Night Live. Tours are conducted in a working facility, and visitors may catch a glimpse of a show in production or even run into a famous NBC personality. The tour guide might be a celebrity

### Day 5 – continued...

- in the making. Michael Eisner, Steve Allen, Kate Jackson, Regis Philbin, Ted Koppel, Marcy Carsey, Dave Garroway and Willard Scott all were NBC Pages in their early days.
- at the conclusion of your tour you will have time **on Fifth Avenue** is a definite must during your stay in the Big Apple. NY shopping is an entirely different experience than shopping in another city, especially along this historical road. Located in the center of Manhattan, the best Fifth Avenue shopping takes place between 39th and 60th Street at NYC flagship stores. Whether you are searching for the latest fashions, NY souvenirs, or useful housewares, New York outlets on Fifth Ave cater to every taste and budget
  - make your way to your dinner location
  - **group dinner**
  - at the conclusion of dinner transfer to the **Theatre**
  - arrive where you will pick up your tickets and find your seats
  - **Off Broadway performance** begins (TBA)
  - at the conclusion of the performance use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
  - arrive at the hotel for the evening

### Day 6 – Monday May 19

**B/D**

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- use your **Metro Card** to transfer to **Lower Manhattan**
- arrive at the **Staten Island Ferry** where you enjoy a morning crossing to view the **Statue of Liberty and NYC skyline** – the first business venture of Staten Islander Cornelius Vanderbilt, the ferry has operated since 1810 carrying commuters to and from the city and offering the visitors an unforgettable close up of the Harbor and Lower Manhattan’s incredible skyline. Once you arrive at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal, there are restrooms, fast food outlets (McDonalds) and coffee shops. You will not leave the terminal but will catch the next available ferry back to Manhattan
- arrive at **South Street Seaport** for sightseeing and to purchase lunch – this area is unique with its cobblestone streets, waterfront piers, historic ships, entertainment, shops, and restaurants
- make your way back to Midtown to the Empire State Building
- visit the **Empire State Building (ESB)** for a breathtaking view of the city at night, soaring more than ¼ mile into the atmosphere (open until midnight) – depending on what time you arrive in NYC you may want to visit the ESB at dusk to watch the sun go down and the city lights come on – on a clear day you can see for 130 km (80 miles) (visibility is posted in the lobby) (photo ID required)
- travel by **metro** to the restaurant
- **group dinner**
- as you leave your dinner, group leader to call Kevin @ Group Photos (877-476-8774) and he will meet you in Times Square at **Duffy Square**
- **group photo in Times Square** (group will receive one 16 x 20 poster and one 8 x 10 photo – anyone wishing to purchase their own 8 x 10 souvenir picture can do so for \$10 USD)
- use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel for the evening

### Day 7 – Wednesday May 21

**B/D**

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- use your **Metro Card** to transfer to the **Museum of Modern Art**
- arrive at the **Museum of Modern Art** – the group entrance is at the Lewis B. and Dorothy Cullman Education and Research Building at 4 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street
- begin your **guided tour** of the **Museum of Modern Art** is a place that fuels creativity, ignites minds, and provides inspiration. With extraordinary exhibitions and the world's finest collection of modern and contemporary art, MOMA is dedicated to the conversation between the past and the present, the established and the experimental. Their mission is helping you understand and enjoy the art of our time
- arrive at Columbus Circle located at the **Time Warner Center** suggest going to Whole Foods in the basement to purchase a quick lunch

### Day 7 – continued...

- meet as a group at the entrance to Central Park just west of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 60<sup>th</sup> Street where you will be met by your **Professional Guides**
- depart on a **guided walking tour** which will focus on the history of the park
- at the conclusion of your tour travel by **Metro** and transfer to **The Garage Restaurant**
- group dinner
- at the conclusion of dinner travel by **Metro** and transfer to **Rockefeller Center**
- experience interactive exhibits on the mezzanine level of the **Rockefeller Center** before taking the elevators known as Summit Shuttles to the top for a great view at the **Top of the Rock observation deck** (the only public building in Manhattan that offers an unobstructed view of Central Park)
- use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel for the evening

### Day 8 – Wednesday May 21

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- **continental breakfast** at your hotel followed by check out
- meet your **1 – 54 passenger motor coach** for loading of instruments, luggage and boarding of passengers
- depart Manhattan for the **LaGuardia Airport**
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- scheduled departure time of your **flight to Pearson International Airport**
- arrive at **Pearson International Airport**; proceed through Customs and on to your connecting gate
- scheduled departure time of your **flight to Edmonton, AB**
- ***remember to set your watches behind 2 hours***
- arrive at **Edmonton International Airport** where you will pick up your luggage and instruments
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- depart Edmonton, AB for **Fort Nelson, BC** (drive time is approximately 11 hours and 35 minutes)
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### Day 9 – Thursday May 22

- arrive at Fort Nelson Secondary School
- Welcome Home!

**B - Breakfast / L - Lunch / D - Dinner - denote meals included in tour cost**  
**\*Itinerary is tentative and subject to final confirmation\***

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