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FORT NELSON SECONDARY SCHOOL 8 DAY/6 NIGHT MUSIC/DRAMA TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY, NY MAY 14 – 21, 2014

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*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 for the duration of your travel). **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

- 7:15pm - meet your **1 – 55 passenger motor coach** this evening at Fort Nelson Secondary School for loading of instruments, luggage and boarding of passengers for a **1 way transfer**
- 8:00pm - depart Fort Nelson, BC for **Prince George, BC** (estimated driving time 10 hours plus stops)

Day 2 – Thursday May 15

- 7:00am - arrive at the **Prince George Airport** where you will check in at the **Air Canada Airline counter**
- time to purchase breakfast at the airport
- 9:40am - scheduled departure time of **Air Canada #8204** from **Prince George to Vancouver**
- 10:54am - scheduled arrival time at **Vancouver International Airport**
- proceed to US CONNECTIONS; you will have to pick up your bags and re-check them on a special belt after going through US Customs
- time to purchase lunch at the airport
- pick up **dinner** to take on board the aircraft with your **\$15.00 meal allowance**
- 4:10pm - scheduled departure of **Air Canada #548** from **Vancouver to Newark International Airport**; no meal service - Purchase On Board available by credit card ONLY
- remember to set your watches to local time
- 12:30am - 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**
- retire to your rooms for the evening

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Day 3 – Friday May 16

- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- during your stay in New York you will have use of your **7 day unlimited Metro Card**
- 9:00am - **meet** your **guide** from **Beyond Times Square** for your **4 hour Metro 101 Tour**, on this tour you will learn everything you need to know about how to get around New

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York by subway. You will also see some of New York's neighbourhoods and landmarks

- 1:00pm - time to purchase lunch in the area
- make your way via subway to **your Broadway workshop location** arriving 10 minutes before your workshop
- 2:00pm - **90 minute Broadway Workshop - Improvisation** begins
- the group is actively participating during this fast-paced and fun session. After learning a few warm-ups, participants then focus on teambuilding and listening skills. Quick thinking and creativity are put to the test in a series of interactive theatre games
- 3:30pm - make your way to your dinner location
- 6:00pm - **group dinner** at the **Hard Rock Cafe**
- at the conclusion of dinner walk to the **Shubert Theatre**
- 7:30pm - arrive where you will pick up your tickets and find your seats
- 8:00pm - **Matilda** begins! (running time 2 hours and 35 mins)
- winner of a record-breaking seven Olivier Awards including Best Musical, Matilda is more than a show, it's a phenomenon. Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, Matilda is the story of an extraordinary girl who dares to take a stand and change her destiny.
- return to your hotel by subway
- retire to your rooms for the evening

Day 4 – Saturday May 17(coaching for up to 5 hours provided today)

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- **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 **2 hour band clinic**
- at the conclusion of your clinic; load instruments onto the coach and return them to the hotel

Upon arrival at the hotel your coaching service will end

- return your instruments to your rooms and meet in the lobby
- make your way to **Rockefeller Center**
- 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 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.
- make your way to the restaurant
- 7:00pm - **group dinner** at **HB Burger**
- 8:30pm - following dinner depart for the **Empire State Building**
- enjoy your **timed entrance to the top**
- use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel and retire to your rooms

Day 5 – Sunday May 18

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- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- use your **Metro Card** to transfer to **your Broadway workshop location** arriving 10 minutes before your workshop
- 10:00am - **90 minute Broadway Workshop - Stage Combat** begins!
- in this thrilling workshop, participants actively enjoy simulated combat during the class and safely walk away learning some valuable techniques. Participants are on their feet to learn the secrets of fight choreography with trained professionals. Safety and collaboration are the whole focus of the session.
- 11:30am - workshop ends

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- purchase lunch on your own
- make your way to the **Minskoff Theatre**
- 2:30pm - arrive where you will pick up your tickets and find your seats
- 3:00pm - **The Lion King begins!** (running time 2 hours and 30 mins with 1 intermission)
- the Serengeti comes to life as never before through the extraordinary vision that is The Lion King. More than 50 million people have felt the thrill of this Tony Award winner for Best Musical, which tells the classic journey of young royal heir Simba. Giraffes strut, birds swoop and gazelles leap in a dazzling panorama that overwhelms the sense and inspires you with the wonder of life. This is The Lion King. Imagination Untamed.
- performance ends; make your way to your dinner location
- 7:30pm - **group dinner at Buca di Beppo**
- after dinner use your **Metro Card** to transfer to **Lower Manhattan**
- arrive at the **Staten Island Ferry where you enjoy a 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
- make your way back to the hotel
- arrive at the hotel and retire to your rooms for the evening

Day 6 – Monday May 19 (coaching for 8 hours provided today)

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- **continental breakfast** at your hotel
- students and chaperones not involved in the jazz clinic have time to explore in chaperoned groups
- **jazz students** meet your **1 – 54 passenger motor coach** and transfer to your **clinic location**
- arrive where you will set up for your **2 hour jazz clinic**
- at the conclusion of your clinic, load instruments onto the coach and depart to your performance location
- purchase lunch in the area
- 2:00pm - arrival and set up at **North Manhattan Rehab & Nursing Center**
- 2:30pm - **performance by Fort Nelson Secondary School - good luck!**
- 3:30pm - after the performance, load instruments on to the coach and return to the hotel
- arrive at your hotel where you will unload your instruments

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- return your instruments to your rooms and meet the rest of the group in the lobby
- at the conclusion of dinner use your **Metro Card** or walk 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)
- travel by **metro** to the restaurant
- 7:00pm - **group dinner at The Garage** with live jazz music!
- after dinner, use your **Metro Card** to return to your hotel
- arrive at the hotel and retire to your rooms for the evening

Day 7 – Tuesday, May 20

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- **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 54th 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

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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
- meet as a group at the entrance to Central Park just west of 5th Avenue and 60th Street where you will be met by your **Professional Guide**
- depart on a **guided walking tour** which will focus on the history of the park
- make your way to the restaurant
- 4:45pm - **group dinner at Guy's American Grill**
- 6:15pm - after dinner make your way to the **Gershwin Theatre**
- 7:00pm - **Wicked begins!** (running time 2 hours and 45 mins with 1 intermission)
- the untold musical story of The Wizard of Oz's Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good... before Dorothy dropped in. Based on the imaginative Gregory Maguire novel, Wicked takes a fantasy journey through the unseen side of Oz, sharing a tale of unexpected friendship and love.
- 9:45pm - as you leave the theatre, 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 and pack for tomorrow's VERY EARLY departure

Day 8 – Wednesday May 21

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- **bagged breakfast** at your hotel followed by check out
- 2:30am - meet your **1 – 54 passenger motor coach** for loading of instruments, luggage and boarding of passengers
- 3:00am - depart Manhattan for the **Newark International Airport**
- 4:00am - arrive at the airport where you will check in at the **Air Canada Airline counter**
- we recommend you purchase food to take on board the aircraft
- 7:00am - scheduled departure on **Air Canada #549** from **Newark to Vancouver**; no meal service - Purchase On Board by credit card ONLY
- remember to set your watches to local time
- 10:04am - scheduled arrival at the **Vancouver International Airport**; proceed through Customs and pick up your bags
- re-check your bags on the special connecting belt and proceed to your connecting gate
- 11:55am - scheduled departure on **Air Canada #8205** from **Vancouver to Prince George**
- 1:09pm - arrival at **Prince George Airport**, collect bags and instruments
- 2:00 pm - meet your **1- 55-passenger motor coach** for loading of luggage, instruments and boarding of passengers for a **1 way transfer**
- depart for **Fort Nelson, BC**
- midnight - estimated arrival 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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