

# **SYMPHONIC CHOIR**

## **EAST COAST TOUR 2017**

### **MANDATORY PARENT MEETING ON MON. SEPT. 12TH AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 183 (band room). THE UAVMB MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30.**

The Symphonic Choir will take an educational performance tour to New York City via Pittsburgh and Allentown. A rough draft of the itinerary can be found in this packet. The tour will allow the students to perform literature in some of the world's most famous cathedrals. Along the way we plan to give 5 performances with two of them involving exchange concerts with two high school choirs outside of Pittsburgh, Upper St. Clair High School and Mt. Lebanon High School.

The choir will perform in a variety of concert settings along the way, exposing the students to multiple musical ideas and performance opportunities. The 5-day tour will allow the students to visit and perform in environments that cannot be recreated in central Ohio. The tour provides national exposure for the city of Upper Arlington, the school system, and the music department. This wonderful educational experience is designed to provide a lifetime of memories for the student musicians.

*The Vocal Music Boosters have pledged their support of the trip and have organized a trip committee to help oversee the organization of the tour.*

#### **The trip will include:**

Chartered Bus transportation via Lakefront Lines, Cardinal, or Barons  
Hotel Accommodations (1 night in Allentown & 3 nights on Times Square)  
Organized Meals throughout including dinner at the famous John's Pizzeria and Ocean Prime Manhattan  
Tickets to two of the following Broadway productions *Come from Away* and *The Color Purple*, or *Waitress*, or *Miss Saigon*.  
Meet the Cast after the shows and possible backstage tours (if available)  
Group Photo taken in Times Square (8x10 and 4x6 for each student)  
Organized sight-seeing tour of Radio City Music Hall  
Organized sight-seeing tour of the 9/11 Memorial museum  
Walking tour of the Rockefeller Plaza for lunch and shopping  
Visiting the Top of The Rock Observatory  
Walking tour of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Financial District via NYC Subway ride  
Walking tour of Central Park & Grand Central Station  
Organized 3 hour dinner cruise tour of NYC Harbor on Spirit Cruiselines with a buffet dinner  
Various individualized chaperone/small group NYC sight-seeing experiences  
Tour T-Shirt and Tour Polo Shirt  
Performances at St. Patrick's Cathedral, St John the Divine, and St. Paul Chapel in lower Manhattan  
Exchange concert with Upper St. Clair High School and Mt. Lebanon High School outside Pittsburgh  
Pay It Forward - service project for Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen

#### **2017 Financials -**

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$109,210 (\$86,710). The total cost based on 75 participants is approximately \$1456 (but \$1156 after the fundraising goals have been met and applied to the bottom line). The choral department will be involved in a variety of fund-raising activities to help defray the overall cost of the trip thus diminishing the individual's cost.

Scholarship assistance is available. *Students will not be left out due to financial strain.* Since everything we do is as a department, all profits from the various planned fundraising activities will help every member equally. **However, Symphonic Choir members selling Encore ads will receive 50% of the ad money towards their individual accounts! Students in the past have financed their entire trip this way! Encore Ads are due by Thursday, October 6th!**

# East Coast Tour DRAFT Itinerary 2017 as of 9/12/2016

Wednesday April 5th *Comfortable Casual UA Attire! jeans! comfortable shoes*

**LUGGAGE CREW #1** 7:00 am load busses for departure

7:30 am depart for Pittsburgh

YOUR BROWN BAG LUNCH can be eaten at your leisure

11:15 am Arrive at Upper St. Clair High School or Mt. Lebanon HS (BOTH?)

11:50 am performance with the Upper St. Clair High School

1825 McLaughlin Run Rd.

Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

1:15 pm Depart for Allentown hotel for the night

5:30 pm Organized Pizza Buffet at Infinitos Pizza Buffet (Replace with JJ's?)

4259 Union Deposit Road

Harrisburg, PA 17111

717-558-8080 (Dave, general manager)

**LUGGAGE CREW #2** 8:00 pm Check-in to hotel

Wingate by Windham

4325 Hamilton Boulevard

Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103

11:00 pm In Room for chaperone check

11:30 pm Lights out ...night, night...

Thursday April 6th - *Tour T-Shirt! jeans! comfortable shoes to be outdoors walking*

6:00 am Breakfast at the Hotel in assigned groups

**LUGGAGE CREW #3 - 15 minutes early!** Load busses for NYC

7:00 am departure Times Square in NYC

9:00 am Times Square subway ?? to Brooklyn Bridge

9:30 am walk back across the Brooklyn Bridge (rain or shine!!)

10:30 am continue walk to St. Paul Chapel for performance

11:00 am St. Paul Chapel (tied with Trinity)

Broadway & Fulton Street NY, NY 10019

30 minute performance St. Paul Chapel

12:00 pm 9/11 Museum (2 1/2 hour tour)

2:30 pm lunch at Hudson Eats at Brookfield \$\$ (late lunch = late dinner)

3:30 pm leave for hotel

**LUGGAGE CREW #1** 4:30 pm Check in at the Sheraton Towers

811 7th Avenue on 53rd Street

New York City, NY 10019

6:30 pm depart for theater

7:00pm Performance of Come From Away (meet the cast)

9:00 pm dinner at John's Pizzeria

10:45 pm Organized Group Photo in Times Square (Kevin 917-476-8774 cell)

11:15pm In- Room for chaperone check

12:00am Lights out ...night, night...

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Friday April 7th -

***Black Pant/ Department Polo/ Black Shoes dressed for the concert!!!***

7:30 am walk to Grand Central Station for breakfast \$

8:45 am load busses for departure for performance

10:00 am 30 minute Performance at St. John the Divine

*1047 Amsterdam Avenue*

*New York, NY 10025*

*(212) 932-7325*

10:30 am self guided tour of St. John the Divine

11:00 am busses depart for Rockefeller Center

12:15 pm Lunch at the Rockefeller Center with your friends \$\$  
and free time for shopping on 5th Ave.

1:00 pm Radio City Music Hall tour rotation starts (30 people every 15 min.)

3:45 pm meet for performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral

4:00 pm performance at St. Patrick's Cathedral

*5th Ave. NY, NY 10022*

5:00 pm walk to The Ocean Prime for dinner

5:30 pm dinner at the Ocean Prime

7:30 pm depart/walk for Show????

8:00 pm Performance of ???TBA??? and meet cast!

**11:30 pm** In Room for chaperone check

12:00 am Lights out ...night, night...

Saturday April 8th -

***Comfortable Casual shirt/ jeans/ comfortable shoes***

7:15 am Breakfast with chaperones in assigned groups \$

8:15 am depart hotel for Central Park walking tour

11:00 am pick up the bus on 72 St. and head to Chelsea Market & The High Line

11:30 am **LUNCH at Chelsea Market on The High Line (shopping)**

2:30 pm take the bus to Times Square and explore Times Square in chaperone groups as you walk back to hotel.

**5:30 pm** Load Buses and depart for Chelsea Piers from hotel...(Pier 61)

7:00 pm Spirit Cruiselines 3 hour Organized dinner Cruise of NYC Harbor

10:00 pm load busses for departure to Top of The Rock

10:45 pm Top of The Rock Observation Deck (walk back to hotel together)

**11:15 pm** In Room for chaperone check

11:45 pm Lights out ...night, night...

Sunday April 9th -

***Comfortable Casual Attire/ jeans/ comfortable shoes***

8:00 am Eat a BIG breakfast with chaperones/ meet in lobby \$

**LUGGAGE CREW #2 9:00 am** Check out of the Hotel and load busses

**15 minutes early** 9:15 pm Depart for UAHS – lunch & dinner on the road \$\$

**LUGGAGE CREW #3 9:30 pm** Arrive at UAHS (cell phones will notify parents of exact time)

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NYC Package portion of the tour represented by Dave Hammond of Field Studies International includes:

**Expenditures for NYC**

\$76,585

- \$1021.00 @ 85 people (75 paid)
- 3 Nights at the Sheraton Towers on Times Square
- Tickets to Come From Away (Best Seats)
- Tickets to Broadway Musical (Best Seats)
- 2 after theater talks/meet the cast (if available)
- Tour of 9/11 Memorial museum
- Tour of Radio City Music Hall
- Top of The Rock Observatory
- 1 Cathedral tours/performance (St. John the Divine)
- Dinner at John's Pizzeria
- NYC subway tickets
- Tour of Brooklyn Bridge & Financial District
- Guided walking tour of Central Park

**Additional trip Expenditures**

- Lakefront Busses (2) \$12,500
- Drivers Gratuity \$400
- Tour Polos (85) \$1,500
- Tour T-Shirts(85) \$1,000
- Hotel in Philadelphia area (Allentown) \$2,200
- St. Patrick's Cathedral performance \$500
- St. Paul Chapel performance \$500
- Dinner on Spirit Cruise Line of NYC Harbor (85) \$7,650
- Publicity posters 0
- Group Photo in Time's Square (85) \$1,445

	2017 Tour	Adjustments	Actuals
Dinner at Ocean Prime (85)	\$4,250		
Infinito's Pizza Buffet dinner en route to Allentown	\$680		
Breakfast at Allentown Wingate Windham	Incl.		
Chaperone Gift	N/A		
<b>Total of "Additional" expenditures</b>	<b>\$32,625</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$109,210</b>		
<b>Cost per pupil based on 75 students</b>	<b>\$1,456</b>		
<b>Paul Magree Scholarship Fund</b>	Based on need		
<b>Potential Revenue</b>			
Caroling Canvass (1/2)	\$5,000		
Vocal Ensemble Concerts	\$2,500		
Wonderful Night of Music	Individual Accounts		
Fall Follies	\$10,000		
Corporate/Community sponsors	\$5,000		
<b>Total Potential Revenue</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>		
	\$86,710		
	\$1,156		
<b>Potential cost per student with estimated additional revenue</b>			
	3 payments @ \$350	Balance due	
	<b>\$1,050</b>	<b>\$406 (\$106)</b>	

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## Parent Information & FAQ's

[www.uavocalmusic.org](http://www.uavocalmusic.org)

### Safety:

1 Chaperone per 10 students (non – parents but faculty members)  
Most reputable bus companies in the Midwest – Lakefront Lines, Cardinal, or Barons  
Hosted by familiar and similar school systems  
Monitored, clean hotel environment in Allentown & NYC  
Cell phone communications at all times  
Physician chaperone (Dr. Tracy Crouse)  
Organized Chaperone led Sight-Seeing Committees

### Education:

The students will be excused Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00am through Sunday April 9th . Everyone is expected to be at school on Monday, April 10th.

The teachers will be made aware of this tour well in advance to accommodate any projects, tests, or homework assignments students may miss. *Since this is the beginning of the 4th quarter grading period, students are encouraged to be proactive and speak with their teachers in **ADVANCE**.* I too will send out a mass email to the teachers informing them in advance of the tour.

### Necessary and extra spending money \$\$\$:

Wednesday lunch = Brown bag lunch from home

Wednesday dinner = provided from Infinito's Pizza Buffet

Thursday breakfast at the Hotel included.

Thursday lunch at Hudson Eats = \$15.00

Thursday group dinner = provided

Friday breakfast with Chaperone groups around Grand Central Station - \$10.00

Friday lunch at Rockefeller Center = \$15.00

Friday group dinner included

Saturday organized breakfast with chaperones = \$10.00

Saturday lunch with your activity groups at Chelsea Market = \$15.00

Saturday group buffet style dinner on Spirit Cruiselines = included

Sunday organized breakfast with chaperones = \$10.00

Sunday lunch on the road = \$10.00

Sunday dinner on the road = \$10.00

In addition to the approximately \$90.00 of meals, many students are planning to bring an additional \$100.00 - \$150.00 of spending money for NYC souvenirs.

### Hotel Information:

Students will be paired in roommate groups of 4.

The hotel information is provided on the itinerary and the website.

Students are not permitted to switch room assignments.

No males in female rooms and no females in male rooms **FOR ANY REASON!**

Room checks will be made daily by the chaperones, so keep the rooms tidy.

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## **Discipline:**

*Discipline will be determined by Mr. Eric Kauffman, and/or the school administration. The procedure for action toward a student for any misconduct or rule infraction will be notification of parents and subsequent termination of the trip. The student will be sent home unaccompanied at parent/student expense via arrangements made by the parent/guardian. No refunds will be forthcoming for any portion of the trip missed as a result of the termination.*

## **How can I HELP?**

*Selling Encore! ads...due by October 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**Fall Follies BROADWAY** – a ticketed concert where all proceeds go into the tour fund. So SELL those tickets!

**Neighborhood Caroling Canvass** – sponsored by the UA Vocal Music Boosters – *split proceeds with the tour fund and the Boosters operational costs.*

**Various Ensemble Performances** – all entertainment fees go into the tour fund.

**“A Wonderful Night of Music”** – Dr. Tom Scott Piano Recital also featuring many of our talented students. The Symphonic Choir members can sell tickets with all proceeds going directly into **THEIR** trip fund account..

**Corporate Sponsorship, Grants & Endowments** – some funds pending for the tour fund from local community based philanthropic organizations such as UA Rotary & NW Kiwanis

**Various Choir officer organized events** – such as bake sales, musical services auction.

## **EAST COAST TOUR Parent Committee Chair:**

Alicia Overmyer can be reached at [AliciaOvermyer@gmail.com](mailto:AliciaOvermyer@gmail.com) or 614-563-3662

Financial Assistance:

Email or call Mr. Eric Kauffman @ 487-5240 ext. 2053 or [ekauffman@uaschools.org](mailto:ekauffman@uaschools.org)

Parent Trip Package: Contact Chairperson

Alicia Overmyer at [AliciaOvermyer@gmail.com](mailto:AliciaOvermyer@gmail.com) or 614-563-3662

**Final and only other MANDATORY meeting for the parents concerning the tour will be held on March 13, 2017 beginning at 7:00 in room 183 (band room).**

*This meeting will cover issues of proper conduct and consequences*

*Detailed packing information*

*Detailed and final itinerary with addresses and phone numbers of contacts*

*Introduction of the chaperones and physician*

*Any other foreseeable last minute details*





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**Planned Fund-Raising activities:**

The planned fund-raising activities are designed to create a sense of ownership and fun within the touring group as well as the entire choral department. We will be “*singing for our supper*” as we earn our way to NYC.

**Fall Follies “Broadway”** – a ticketed concert where all proceeds go into the tour fund. Two of the performances this year will be matinees. So SELL, SELL, SELL those tickets!

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*-----Please Detach and Return with Check-----*

We intend to participate in the 2017 UAHS East Coast Choir Tour. Enclosed, please find a check for \$350.00 made payable to the **UAHS Vocal Music Boosters** for our initial, non-refundable deposit. You can also pay in installments via PayPal and your Charms account. We agree to meet the financial deadlines and realize that since the tour will be incurring costs along the way, all monies collected are non-refundable.

Monday Sept. 26	\$350.00 down payment
Monday Nov. 7	\$350.00 installment
Monday Jan. 23	\$350.00 installment
Monday Mar. 13	\$406 (\$106) <i>final installment reduced by the amount of fundraising revenue</i>

**2015 Financials below - 2017 budget unveiled at tonight’s meeting!**

Our goal is that even though the initial cost of the tour is \$109,210 (\$86,710), with hard-work and dedication, our fundraising endeavors will have raised enough money to cancel the need for most of the March 13th final installment. If we raise \$22,500.00 everyone’s final installment would be greatly reduced, upwards of \$300, from \$406 to \$106.

Check One:  My child will participate in the NYC Choir Tour

My child *will not* participate in the NYC Choir Tour  
(if so, please explain why)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

