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WHETSTONE HS BAND, CHOIR, ORCHESTRA & THEATER DEPARTMENT

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DESTINATION: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DATES: APRIL 8-10, 2022

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

AS OF

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- 6:30 AM EST Motor coaches arrive at **Whetstone High School** for loading.
4405 Scenic Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214
- 7:00 AM Depart via **deluxe air conditioned motor coach** with **DVD**. (6 hours have been allotted for drive time plus ½ hour for breaks and a driver change.)
- 12:30 PM CST Arrive in **Chicago** at the **Museum of Science and Industry**, the largest science museum in the Western Hemisphere, It offers over 800 captivating interactive exhibits including the U-505 submarine, the only German U-Boat in the US, a working coal mine, a Boeing 727 airplane, and much, much more. Lunch here on your own. Have a **Special Performance here** (*pending scheduling*).
5700 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60637
 - 1:00 PM **Jazz Band Performance**
 - 1:30 PM **Orchestra Performance**

****You will be greeted by your Professional Tour Director here****
- 3:30 PM Arrive at the world renowned **John Hancock Building**. Enjoy the breathtaking 360° views that stretch across 4 states –Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois– including stunning views of Lake Michigan and a beautiful cityscape. No wonder TripAdvisor reviewers, Chicago Tribune and Yelp reviewers all agree - it's Chicago's best view. While here, be sure to experience The Tilt. You'll extend/tilt outward 1,000 feet above the Magnificent Mile.
875 North Michigan Avenue
 - 4:00 PM **Tilt Admission** – Group #1 (55 people)
 - 4:30 PM **Tilt Admission** – Group #2 (55 people)
- 5:30 PM Enjoy **dinner** at **Pinstripes**.
435 East Illinois Street



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Transfer to the James M. Nederlander Theater for tonight's show.

7:30 PM The curtain raises on **Moulin Rouge!** (\$71 allotted) at the James M. Nederlander Theater.
24 West Randolph Street

10:30 PM Transfer to your hotel to check-in for the evening.
Sheraton Suites Chicago – O'Hare (or similar)

1 Private Security Guard on duty – 10:30 PM-5:30 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM **Breakfast included** at the hotel.

9:00 AM Transfer to VanderCook College of Music

10:00 AM This morning is reserved for your **Collegiate Clinics** at **VanderCook College of Music** (*pending scheduling*).

- **Band – Alex Kaminsky – Director of Bands**
- **Choir – Dr. Robert Sinclair – Director of Choral Activities**
- **Orchestra – Dr. John-Rine Zabanal**

11:30 AM Transfer to the **Magnificent Mile** and **Water Tower Place**, Chicago's seven floor shopping mall for shopping and lunch on your own. This iconic Chicago street runs the length of Michigan Avenue from the Chicago River to Lake Shore Drive, and is the heart of the city's shopping district. Here, posh brand name stores stand alongside historic and luxury hotels and landmarks such as the Water Tower and Pumping Station, one of the few structures left standing after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.
845 North Michigan Avenue

1:30 PM Arrive at the **Field Museum of Natural History**, home to over 26 million artifacts, including Sue, the world's largest, most complete T. rex. Discover Inside Ancient Egypt, where 23 mummies reside in a re-created tomb, or explore the renovated Dinosaur Hall, Evolving Planet, where giant sloths, woolly mammoths and dinosaurs roam! **Performance** in the **Grand Hall** (*pending scheduling*).

1400 South Lake Shore Drive

- 2:00 PM **Choir Performance**
- 2:30 PM **Concert Band Performance**

6:00 PM Enjoy some deep dish pizza at Chicago's own **Gino's East Pizzeria**.
521 South Dearborn Street



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Transfer to **Symphony Center** to enjoy the concert! While visiting orchestras, lecturers, and jazz artists feature on its program, this center is first and foremost home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. This complex holds a main stage, recital hall, and a restaurant names Rhapsody.
 220 South Michigan Avenue

8:00 PM Enjoy a performance by the world renowned **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** (\$64 allotted) at **Symphony Center**. Norwegian pianist Leif Ove Andsnes brings his “effortless command and penetrating clarity” (*The New York Times*) to Britten’s Piano Concerto, a glittering score composed during the lead-up to World War II. Riccardo Muti frames the program with Richard Strauss’ contemplative “Dreaming by the Fireside,” from his opera *Intermezzo*, and Schumann’s triumphant Fourth Symphony.
Muti, Andsnes & Britten Piano Concerto
Riccardo Muti, conductor
Leif Ove Andsnes, piano
R. Strauss **Symphonic Interlude No. 2 from Intermezzo**
Britten **Piano Concerto**
Schumann **Symphony No. 4**

11:00 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 AM **Breakfast** included at the hotel.

9:00 AM Check out of the hotel.
 Transfer into the city.

10:00 AM Arrive at the **Shedd Aquarium**, one of the world’s largest indoor aquariums. The facility houses more than 32,600 aquatic animals representing some 1,500 species of fishes, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, birds and mammals from around the world. Be sure to visit the re-imagined **Oceanarium**, a world-class marine mammal pavilion with beluga whales, dolphins, sea otters, sea lions, and penguins.
 1200 South Lake Shore Drive

Theater students will participate in a workshop:

- 10:30 AM Experience your **Theater Workshop, Get It Together**. Explore scene study activities that help motivate and teach students the importance of ensemble while focusing on the professional rehearsal process and the creation of a piece of theatre.



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- 12:30 PM Arrive at **Millennium Park**, a sparkling downtown green space, adjacent to Grant Park, and the crown jewel of Chicago's 7,600-plus acres of parkland. Take pictures of the city's skyline dramatically reflected in sculptor Anish Kapoor's "**Cloud Gate**" sculpture (known to locals and tourists alike simply as "The Bean") and admire Frank Gehry's whimsical outdoor concert pavilion, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States.
55 North Michigan Avenue
- 1:30 PM Finally, enjoy time at **Navy Pier**, 50 acres of parks and promenades, gardens, shops, eateries and attractions. Not only experience breathtaking views of the skyline, but ride on the 150-foot-high Ferris wheel, spin on an old-fashioned musical carousel, ride the Wave Swinger, enjoy an 18-hole miniature golf course, or catch a 3D movie at the IMAX Theater, featuring a six-story-high, 80-foot-wide screen. Have lunch here on your own.
600 East Grand Avenue
- 3:00 PM CST Depart for home. (6 hours has been allotted for drive time plus 1 ½ hours for dinner on your own and breaks.)
- 11:30 PM EST Arrive at **Whetstone High School**.

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WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!!**