



WIND ENSEMBLE
NEW YORK TOUR
SUMMER 2023
CARNEGIE HALL



JUNE 9-14, 2023 | TRIP ITINERARY DRAFT AS OF JANUARY 16, 2023

BEFORE THE TRIP

- ✓ Label all bags and instruments with your name, address, and phone number. We also recommend labeling them as "Normal West HS Wind Ensemble" in case they are found at the events– this will allow them to be returned to our group. If you have a black suitcase, you may want to tie a ribbon on for quick identification.
- ✓ Make sure that your concert black is washed (dresses) or dry cleaned (tuxes). Consider packing more than one tuxedo shirt and multiple pairs of black socks.
- ✓ Review the itinerary for events that suggest specific packing needs and to determine meal/shopping costs.
- ✓ Visit nwbands.org, click on the New York link under "Events," and save the latest copy of this itinerary to your phone, in case you need access in a place where you do not have cellular service.
- ✓ Download and subscribe to the BAND App. Join the specific Carnegie group by following the link on the New York tour page: nwbands.org/carnegie
- ✓ Store emergency phone numbers in your phone:
Mr. B is (815) 370-8730. Ms. P is (309) 310-4435. Mrs. Halsey is (309) 862-0135.
- ✓ Tag all Instagram posts with #nwcarnegie throughout the trip!

WHAT TO PACK

- ✓ One suitcase and one backpack/personal item. Your backpack must fit in the overhead bin or under a seat. Smaller instruments will also travel in the overheads on the coach. Larger instruments/suitcases/percussion will travel underneath the coach. We recommend that your suitcase have solid wheels.
- ✓ Some percussionists and chaperones will be issued a specific percussion instrument so that all of our percussion accessories make it to the festival. You will know these assignments in advance.
- ✓ Concert black (extra socks) and shoes should be packed in a garment bag. Garment bags will be provided.
- ✓ All folders will be packed in a carrying crate at the last rehearsal.
- ✓ You are responsible for mutes/mute bags, extra reeds, instrument stands
- ✓ Electronics: phone, tablet, charger, headphones, rechargeable power pack – avoid large laptops and gaming systems.
- ✓ Neck pillow or something to allow you to sleep on the bus.
- ✓ NYC Tour shirt, khaki pants. (Tour shirts will be distributed before departure.)
- ✓ Clothing that is appropriate for all events (outdoor/indoor and casual/formal, see itinerary for details.)
Business Casual – avoid jeans, sweats, t shirts, and shorts.
Formal Eveningwear – to include a collared shirt with tie and/or coat, skirts/dresses, or the equivalent.
- ✓ Casual shoes that are good for lots of walking and shoes that go with your concert black.
- ✓ Motion sickness and/or allergy medicine as needed.
- ✓ Bus snacks, a water bottle, and breakfast snacks for mornings in NYC.
- ✓ Money for meals, souvenirs, etc. (The costs of any meals that say "on own" are not included in the trip package. Any meals that say "included" will be prepaid on your behalf.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 – TWO DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

New York Tour Preview Concert – Details TBA

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 – ONE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

Leave all instruments/equipment on the stage or in the designated area at school for final checking. Items will be checked after the NMB rehearsal. Those not in the NMB may leave your instrument after the preview concert or bring it in on Thursday between 6:00 and 9:00 PM. Luggage does not need to be left at school in advance. Percussion will pack all equipment after the preview concert on Wednesday. We will be checking to make sure that everything is labeled correctly (see above). Please make sure this is done before you leave your gear.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023 – DAY ONE DEPARTURE, CLINIC, DAVE AND BUSTER'S

- 8:00 AM **Arrive at NCWHS.** Load luggage and instruments onto school buses. Buses will be assigned based on the rooming list and chaperone assignments.
- 8:30 AM **Depart for The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH**
Fast Food Lunch en route (pay on own)
- 4:00 PM **Arrive at The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH**
Clinic with Jeff Gershman, Director of Bands at the College of Wooster
- 5:30 PM **Reload Coaches – depart for Canton, OH**
Make sure you put your folder back in the folder case and pack all instruments/accessories
- 6:00 PM **Arrive at Dave & Buster's, Canton, OH**
Dinner and games – this is included in your trip package!
- 8:30 PM **Reload buses – depart for hotel, Canton, OH**
- 8:45 PM **Arrive at hotel in Canton, (Hotel TBA)**
Check in with your chaperone. They will pass out room keys. All instruments/equipment should go to your room.
- 9:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.** Be sure to sleep lots—BIG weekend ahead!!!
- 9:40 PM **Brief chaperone meeting with Mrs. Halsey** (hotel lobby) to talk through the next day.

- ✓ Do you have your garment bag/concert black?
- ✓ Make sure luggage is clearly marked with your name, address, and cell phone number. We also suggest including "Normal West HS Wind Ensemble" in case it is found at the festival.
- ✓ Pack one suitcase.
- ✓ Do you have headphones for the trip?

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 – DAY TWO NYC ARRIVAL!

- 7 to 8 AM **Breakfast at the hotel** - this is included in your package
- 8:15 AM **Check out of the hotel/load coaches**
Turn room keys in to your chaperone. Make sure you packed everything that you brought!
- 8:30 AM **Depart for NYC, Fast Food Lunch en route (pay on own)**
- 5:00 PM **Arrive at Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel**
Check in with your chaperone. They will pass out room keys. All instruments/equipment should go to your room. When you make it to your room, freshen up for dinner. Dress is casual, wear shoes that are comfortable for walking.
- 6:00 PM **Meet in the hotel lobby - walk to Angelo's Pizzeria as a group for the welcome dinner (included)**
- 8:00 PM **Return to hotel – Possible rehearsal – (Chaperone Meeting with Mrs. Halsey)**
- 9:30 PM **Rehearsal ends – back to rooms**
- 10:00 PM **Lights out/Room Check.** Be sure to sleep lots—BIG week ahead!!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023 – DAY THREE

9/11 MEMORIAL, BROADWAY, AND FESTIVAL WORKSHOP

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast on your own - bring breakfast snacks with you!**
- 8:45 AM **Meet in the lobby - prepare to load coaches (casual attire)**
- 9:00 AM **Load coaches, depart for the 9/11 Memorial and Museum**
- 12:00 PM **Lunch on your own in the area**
You must stay with members of our group. Additional parameters and instructions will be given.
- 1:00 PM **Load coaches, return to the hotel to clean up for the musical!**
Please dress in business casual – no jeans for this event!
- 1:45 PM **Load coaches, depart for the New Amsterdam Theater**
- 2:30 PM **Arrive at the New Amsterdam Theater (the oldest operating theatre on Broadway!)**
- 3:00 PM **Matinee performance of Walt Disney's Aladdin**
- 5:00 PM **After the show, walk to dinner at Ellen's Stardust Diner (included with your package)**
- 6:30 PM **Return to the hotel, prepare for 60-minute workshop with festival clinician (stay in business casual)**
- 7:00 PM **Festival Clinic/Workshop (Chaperone Meeting with Mrs. Halsey)**
- 8:00 PM **Clinic ends – pack up, return equipment to rooms**
- 8:30 PM **Free time in the hotel**
(Students may not enter any hotel room other than their own.)
- 9:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.**

Dedicated on Sept 11, 2011, on the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on NYC and Washington D.C., the **9/11 Memorial** consists of two massive pools set within the original footprints of the Twin Towers with 30-foot waterfalls cascading down their sides. The names of nearly 3,000 people killed in the attacks are inscribed in bronze around the waterfalls.

For the workshop/clinic, you need:

- ✓ Instrument with mutes, etc.
- ✓ Music folder and pencil
- ✓ All percussion equipment
- ✓ Name tag on stand for clinician

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 – DAY FOUR

OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE, SPYSCAPE, NYC DINNER CRUISE

- 8:00 AM **Breakfast snacks on your own**
- 9:00 AM **Meet in the lobby with instruments – wear your tour t-shirt and khakis**
- 9:15 AM **Load coaches, depart for today's outdoor performance!**
- 11:00 AM **Return to hotel – put instruments/equipment in rooms**
- 11:30 AM **Meet in lobby, walk to lunch in groups w/chaperones**
(Bring \$ and wear casual clothing, good walking shoes.)
- 12:00PM **Lunch at a local restaurant (not included)**
- 1:30 PM **Leave lunch, walk to Spyscape**
- 1:45 PM **Arrive at Spyscape (admission included in your package)**
- 4:00 PM **Meet in Lobby of Spyscape – walk back to hotel**
Upon arrival at hotel, get ready for evening dinner cruise! Evening formalwear should include a coat and/or tie, skirts/dresses, or the equivalent.
- 6:00 PM **Meet in the hotel lobby in your evening attire, depart for Chelsea Piers**
New York Sounds of Summer Music Festival Dinner Cruise
Enjoy eating, dance to DJ music, and socialize with other festival participants while cruising along the Hudson and enjoying the sights, including a great view of the Statue of Liberty!
- 9:30 PM **Load coaches and return to the hotel for the evening**
- 10:00 PM **Lights out/Room Check.**

For outdoor performance, you will need:

- ✓ Instrument, music folder, mutes
- ✓ All percussion equipment
- ✓ Tour t-shirt, khakis

Spyscape Museum is one of New York City's top-rated experiences. Explore the exhibits, play games, and find out what kind of spy you are!

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 – DAY FIVE

CARNEGIE HALL PERFORMANCE

NEW YORK SOUNDS OF SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

- 8 to 9 AM **Breakfast on your own – in hotel**
- 9:30 AM **Meet in lobby**
Depart for shopping/lunch in groups.
- 12:30 PM **Return to hotel – prepare for dress/rehearsal concert**
- 1:30 PM **Meet in the lobby with concert black, instruments, and equipment, depart for Carnegie Hall**
- 2:00 PM **Sound Check in Isaac Stern Auditorium/Ronald O. Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall**
After sound check concludes, store instruments in your warmup room and walk to a local restaurant.
- 4:00 PM **Group Dinner (as part of package, TBD)**
- 6:00 PM **Return to Carnegie Hall – change into concert black - prepare for concert**
- 7:00 PM **Carnegie Hall Concert begins**
- 9:00 PM **Concert concludes – there will be a short awards ceremony**
After awards ceremony, gather instruments, folders, and return to the hotel for the evening.
- 10:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.**

For sound check/concert, you will need:

- ✓ Instrument, music folder, mutes
- ✓ All percussion equipment
- ✓ Concert black in a garment bag (remember socks, shoes, bow ties!)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 – DAY SIX

DAY OF TRAVEL – WELCOME HOME!

- 6:00 AM **Breakfast on your own**
Pack to get ready for the return home!
- 6:30 AM **Meet in Lobby, Check in with Chaperone, load coaches for home**
Double check and make sure you have everything!
- 7:00 AM **Depart for the home!**
We will stop for lunch and dinner en route – not part of package
- 8:30 PM **Approximate Arrival at Normal West** Unload instruments/equipment, turn in concert black/garment bag

WELCOME HOME!!! CONGRATULATIONS ON A FANTASTIC TOUR!!!