



WIND ENSEMBLE
NEW YORK TOUR
SUMMER 2023
CARNEGIE HALL



JUNE 9-14, 2023 | TRIP ITINERARY AS OF JUNE 7, 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 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
- ✓ Phone, tablet, charger, headphones, rechargeable power pack – avoid large laptops/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

Call Time 6:15 PM on stage, NCWHS Auditorium

New York Tour Preview Concert at 7:00 PM, NCWHS Auditorium

Concert Attire: Khaki Pants, Black Tour T-Shirt (a la outdoor performance)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023 – ONE DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE

Rehearsal at NCWHS from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

This will include final itinerary notes, packing of percussion! Luggage does not need to be left at school in advance. Percussion will pack all equipment after the rehearsal on Thursday.

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

- 7:00 AM **Arrive at NCWHS.** Load luggage and instruments. Buses assigned based on the rooming list/chaperone assignments.
- 7:30 AM **Depart for The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**
Fast Food Lunch en route (pay on own)
Time Zone Change en route (all times listed are local)
- 3:00 PM **Arrive at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**
Clinic with Dr. Scott Jones, Director of Bands at The OSU
Chaperones will meet with Mrs. Halsey to talk through evening and morning details!
- 4:30 PM **Reload Coaches – depart for Canton, OH**
Make sure you put your folder back in the folder case and pack all instruments/accessories
- 6:45 PM **Arrive at Dave & Buster's, Canton, OH**
Dinner and games – Note: your package includes one Power Card with 75 chips, PLUS Unlimited Video Game Play on Select Dave & Buster's non-redemption video games.
- 9:30 PM **Reload buses – depart for hotel**
- 10:00 PM **Arrive at Hilton Garden Inn Canton Akron**
4252 Landmark Blvd., North Canton, OH 44720
Check in with your chaperone. They will pass out room keys. All instruments/equipment should go to your room.
- 10:30 PM **Lights out/Room Check.** Be sure to sleep lots—BIG weekend ahead!!!
- ✓ 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?
 - ✓ Bus attire should be comfortable but appropriate for the OSU clinic and D&B – band gear is great!

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

- 5:30 AM **Breakfast at the hotel** - this is included in your package
- 6:15 AM **Check out of the hotel/load coaches**
Turn room keys in to your chaperone. Make sure you packed everything that you brought!
- 6:30 AM **Depart for NYC, Fast Food Lunch en route (pay on own)**
- 3:45 PM **Arrive at Rehearsal site** – Susan E Wagner High School, NYC
Chaperones will meet with Mrs. Halsey during rehearsal
- 5:30 PM **Pack up after rehearsal – load coaches/head for dinner**
- 6:30 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.
- 7:15 PM **Meet in the lobby and depart for dinner at Angelo's**
- 7:30 PM **Dinner at Angelo's Pizzeria**
- 9:00 PM **Walk back to hotel as a group.**
- 9:30 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

- 7:00 AM Enjoy breakfast snacks in your room
- 7:45 AM Meet in lobby with instruments/folders, proceed to hotel ballroom for clinic – attire is Sounds of Summer shirt
- 8:00 AM **Clinic with world famous composer Johan de Meij**
Store instruments in hotel rooms after the clinic.
- 9:15 AM Meet in the lobby - prepare to load coaches (SOS shirts)
- 10:30 AM Arrive at 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- 12:00 PM Load coaches, return to the hotel - lunch in the area, then back to the hotel to change for Broadway!
- 2:15 PM Meet in lobby – walk to the New Amsterdam Theater (12 Minute Walk) wear comfy shoes!
- 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 nearby
- 5:45 PM Dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company (included with your package)
- 7:30 PM Walk back to the hotel after dinner
- 8:00 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 **Outdoor performance at Brooklyn Bridge Park!**
We will stay and watch Winter Park High School's performance after we are done performing.
- 12:00PM Load Coaches, return to hotel
- 12:45 PM Meet in lobby – go in groups with chaperones to lunch
- 2:15 PM After lunch, first group (Bus #1) assemble at hotel and walk to **Spyscape**.
- 2:30 PM First group enters the museum and enjoys the interactive exhibits!
Second group (Bus #2) assemble at the hotel and walk to **Spyscape**.
- 2:45 PM Second group enters the museum and enjoys the interactive exhibits!
- 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.
- 5:30 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

- AM Breakfast on your own, in hotel
- 11:00 AM Meet in lobby
Depart for shopping/lunch in groups.
- 2:15 PM Return to hotel – prepare for dress/rehearsal concert
- 3:15 PM Meet in the lobby in **concert black**, instruments, and equipment, depart for Carnegie Hall
- 3:30 PM Walk to Carnegie Hall – go to warmup room/warmup
- 4:30 PM Move to hall for sound check
- 4:45 to 5:15 **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.
- 5:30 PM Walk to group dinner
- 5:45 PM Dinner at Ellen’s Stardust Diner (part of package)
- 7:00 PM Return to Carnegie Hall –prepare for concert/festival
- 7:45 PM Warm up for Concert
- 8:00 PM **Carnegie Hall Concert begins – we are on first!**
After our performance, we will sit in the audience for the other performances – let’s be a great audience!
- 10:00 PM **Concert concludes – there will be a short awards ceremony**
After awards ceremony, gather instruments, folders, and return to the hotel for the evening.
- 11:00 PM **Lights out/Room Check. (Be sure to pack as we leave bright and early the next day!)**

For sound check/concert, you will need:

- ✓ Instrument, music folder, mutes
- ✓ All percussion equipment
- ✓ Must be dressed in Concert Black for the sound check
- ✓ Bring comfortable walking shoes for dinner walk

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 – DAY SIX

DAY OF TRAVEL – WELCOME HOME!

- Breakfast on your own, in hotel
- 6:00 AM Meet in Lobby, **Check in with Chaperone/give keys to room**, load coaches for home
Double check and make sure you have everything!
- 6:15 AM **Depart for the home!**
We will stop for lunch and dinner en route – not part of package
- 10:30 PM **Approximate Arrival at Normal West**
Unload instruments/equipment, turn in school instruments - concert black/garment bag

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

MAP OF THE HOTEL AREA

SHERATON NEW YORK TIMES SQUARE HOTEL

