

Contact For Emergencies and Travel Problems from January 30 – February 3 ONLY

Tour Central (Emergency Support Team) - 1-800-727-8692

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### Program Information

Honors Performance Series -  
Honors Band  
172133-63; 178755 EN

### Hotel Information

Sheraton Times Square  
1/30/2020 - 2/3/2020

811 7th Avenue  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 581-1000

### Important Reminders

- Please dress appropriately for the weather, including comfortable walking shoes, warm jackets, hats and gloves. New York City averages 27-40°F in January/February.
- Please be on time for all meet times.
- Finalists are expected to report to rehearsals approximately 30 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.
- Bring your sheet music and pencil with you to all rehearsals.
- The Sheraton Times Square is a large hotel and there can be a wait for the elevators. Please allow additional time when using the elevators, especially in between rehearsals.
- Finalists are not to leave the hotel unless escorted by their Chaperone or an

### Thursday, January 30, 2020

- 3:30 PM - Honors Performance Series shuttles run from John F. Kennedy Airport.  
8:30 PM Program Staff at JFK assist with arrivals. Staff will be located in the baggage claim area of Terminals 5 and 8 by the Ground Transportation desk.
- 4:00 PM - Finalist Honors Performance Series program registration; proceed to the  
9:00 PM **Metropolitan Ballroom (2nd floor)** at the Sheraton Times Square – 811 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, (212) 581-1000.  
Finalists will register with the program, check their luggage and instruments, and be directed to meet their Chaperones.  
Chaperones will provide keys and room assignments.  
*Finalists rooming with registered Family Program participants will receive their room key from the hotel once available – details on the Full Access Family itinerary.*  
Dinner On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.  
Chaperones provide Finalists with an overview of what to expect during the week.
- 10:00 PM Lights out.

### Friday, January 31, 2020

- Breakfast On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.
- 8:30 AM Honors Band Rehearsal Prep – **meet in Empire East (2nd floor)**, Sheraton Times Square.
- 9:00 AM Honors Band Rehearsal – **Empire East (2nd floor)**.  
11:45 AM Lunch On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.  
1:15 PM - Honors Band Rehearsal – **Empire East (2nd floor)**.  
5:00 PM
- Dinner On Own - Chaperones will set time and escort to location.  
6:40 PM Finalists depart and walk to Broadway Theaters with program staff. Finalists must stay with assigned “buddies”. Hotel meet points are:  
Aladdin – **Empire West (2nd floor)**  
The Phantom of the Opera – **Metropolitan West (2nd floor)**  
Wicked – **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)**  
Finalists attend Broadway Show – Aladdin, The Phantom of the Opera, or Wicked (as assigned). **Dress warmly!**  
Finalists meet program staff and Chaperones after the show (with buddies) and return to the hotel.
- 11:15 PM Lights out.

### Saturday, February 1, 2020

- Breakfast On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.
- 9:00 AM Honors Band Rehearsal – **Empire East (2nd floor)**.  
11:45 AM Lunch On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.  
1:15 PM - Honors Band Rehearsal – **Empire East (2nd floor)**.  
5:00 PM
- Dinner On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.  
6:30 PM Meet in **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)** and depart for guided touring in Times Square and visiting the Top of the Rock Observatory. **Dress warmly!**  
10:00 PM Finalists return to hotel with Course Leader and Chaperone.

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authorized family member (after notifying your Chaperone).

- At lights out, Finalists must be in their own rooms. Chaperones will conduct room checks. At no time should a member of the opposite gender be in a Finalist's room.
- Some activities are optional. If a Finalist opts not to participate, they must be checked out from their Chaperone by an authorized adult.

10:30 PM Lights out.

### Sunday, February 2, 2020

Breakfast On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.

8:00 AM - Honors Band Final Rehearsal – **Empire East (2nd floor)**.

9:30 AM

Early Lunch On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.

11:15 AM Honors Band reports to **Empire East (2nd floor)** to board coaches for Carnegie Hall. Finalists should be dressed for the performance (review Packing List for required concert attire) and bring only their instrument, jacket and music folder. No bags. Water will be available at Carnegie Hall. Honors Band boards coaches for Carnegie Hall. Carnegie Hall – Honors Band Sound Check.

2:00 PM Honors Matinee Performance at Carnegie Hall featuring the Honors String Orchestra, Honors Band, and Honors Symphony Orchestra. Finalists board coaches and return to the hotel with Chaperones.

4:45 PM Family Meet & Greet in **Metropolitan West (2nd floor)**, Sheraton Times Square.

5:45 PM Meet in **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)** and load coaches for the Finalist Celebration. Celebrate a successful concert with dinner and dancing aboard a private yacht. Weather permitting, notable sights such as the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, and many more may be visible from the enclosed cruise decks. Attire is casual and must be modest and appropriate. When the cruise returns, Finalists and Chaperones return via motorcoach to the Sheraton Times Square.

11:00 PM Lights out.

### Monday, February 3, 2020

Breakfast On Own - Chaperone will set time and escort to location.

9:00 AM Hotel check-out and farewell to Finalists! Parent pick-ups begin in **Empire East (2nd floor)**, Sheraton Times Square. Airport shuttles to John F. Kennedy Airport run from 9:00 AM until noon. Finalists must check out with their Chaperone. Finalists should report to **Empire East (2nd floor)** 15 minutes before their desired time.

12:00 PM Last shuttle departs for JFK and the Honors Program Desk closes. Participant flights/departures for home. Assistance staff available at JFK. If you encounter any problems, please contact our on-tour team at 1-800-727-8692.