



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

Honors Performance Series  
 Full Access Family -  
 Instrumental  
 172133-66; 178759 ENF

### Hotel Information

Sheraton Times Square  
 1/30/2020 - 2/3/2020  
 811 7th Avenue  
 New York, NY 10019  
 (212) 581-1000

### Important Reminders

- The Program Desk is open 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday and Saturday and 8:00 AM - noon Monday in the Metropolitan Foyer (2nd floor). Our staff will be happy to help you with any questions!
- Easel boards with departure times, locations, and general information will be posted near the Program Desk throughout the program. Please check for updates at least once a day. Weather and city events may cause changes to the schedule.
- Please be on time for all meet times. If you are late, the group will leave and you will be responsible for meeting up with them.
- The Sheraton Times Square main entrance on 7th Avenue is open 24 hours. Security

### Thursday, January 30, 2020

- 3:30 PM - Honors Performance Series shuttles run from John F. Kennedy Airport. Program  
 8:30 PM 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 - Honors Performance Series program registration – Sheraton Times Square – 811  
 9:00 PM 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, (212) 581-1000.  
 Full Access Family participants proceed to registration at the **Empire East (2nd floor)**.
- 4:30 PM Hotel rooms become available for check-in. Series staff will direct you to the hotel check-in for Family Package Participants.  
 Dinner On Own  
 Free time to explore New York City.

### Friday, January 31, 2020

- Breakfast On Own
- 8:00 AM Participants meet in **Metropolitan West (2nd floor)** for the Lower Manhattan Tour. Depart on-foot and by Subway with Course Leaders. Lower Manhattan Tour includes the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Trinity Church, Battery Park, and Wall Street (time permitting).
- 11:45 AM Participants return to hotel.  
 Lunch On Own  
 Free time to explore New York City.  
 Suggested touring: Metropolitan Museum of Art (tickets in Family Program welcome packet) or American Museum of Natural History (ticket vouchers available at Program Desk beginning at noon on Friday).  
 Dinner On Own
- 6:40 PM Participants meet and walk to Broadway theaters with program staff. Family Program participants who wish to walk in groups with their Finalist and a guide will meet in assigned hotel ballrooms:  
 Aladdin – **Empire West (2nd floor)**  
 The Phantom of the Opera – **Metropolitan West (2nd floor)**  
 Wicked – **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)**  
 Families may walk to theater on own with Finalists, but they **MUST** follow standard check-out procedures with their Finalist's Chaperone before departing. Family participants and Finalists attend a Broadway Show – Aladdin, The Phantom of the Opera, or Wicked (as assigned). **Dress warmly!** Full Access Family will receive tickets for themselves and their Finalists at program registration.  
 Family participants and Finalists meet program staff after the show and return to the hotel.

### Saturday, February 1, 2020

- Breakfast On Own
- Touring, free time, OR Family Program participants attend rehearsal with Finalists at assigned time. Lunch on own. Rehearsal sign-ups available online (refer to your final update email or the Finalist Update Page) and at the Program Desk starting Friday at noon.

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screens guests at the door starting at 9:00 PM each evening, and guests will need to show a room key to enter the building.

- 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.
- To allow our Finalists to best prepare for their Carnegie Hall performance, rehearsals are closed. Family participants may sign-up to attend a Saturday rehearsal; you may sign up online (refer to your final update email or the Finalist Update Page) and onsite at the Program Desk beginning at noon on Friday.
- You will receive your family's Broadway, Carnegie Hall, and Metropolitan Museum of Art tickets upon program check-in. Vouchers for the American Museum of Natural History will be available at the Program Desk.
- Tickets are distributed by family and will include your Finalist's Broadway ticket (Metropolitan Museum

Rehearsal locations:

Honors Band: **Empire East (2nd floor)**

Honors Symphony Orchestra: **Metropolitan East (2nd floor)**

Honors String Orchestra: **Central Park West (2nd floor)**

Varies Carnegie Hall Tours: Meet in **Central Park East (2nd floor)** to depart on-foot with staff. Tour sign-ups available online (refer to your final update email or the Finalist Update Page) and at the Program Desk starting Friday at noon.

Tour A – meet at 8:45 AM

Tour B – meet at 9:45 AM

Tour C – meet at 10:45 AM

Dinner On Own

6:30 PM Meet in **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)** depart for guided touring in Times Square and visiting the Top of the Rock Observatory. **Dress warmly!**  
Finalists return to hotel with Course Leaders and Chaperones.

### **Sunday, February 2, 2020**

Breakfast and Lunch On Own

Free time to explore New York

12:45 PM Meet in **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)** to board shuttles for Carnegie Hall. *Optional – many loved ones choose to make their own way to Carnegie Hall prior to the performance.*

Arrive at Carnegie Hall. Doors open at 1:30 PM

2:00 PM Honors Matinee Performance at Carnegie Hall featuring the Honors String Orchestra, Honors Band, and Honors Symphony Orchestra.

**The Honors Performance will be the concert of a lifetime! In order to ensure a positive experience for both performers and audience members, please review the following important concert notes:**

- Intermission: There will be no intermission.
- Cell Phones: Please switch off your cell phones and other electronic devices. Refrain from texting or answering calls during the performance.
- Recording Devices: Taking photographs, audio recordings, and/or videos during the Honors Performance is **strictly prohibited**. Please note that Carnegie Hall ushers may confiscate any devices used in violation of this policy.
- Exiting the Hall: At the conclusion of the performance, please remain in your seat until all student performers have exited the Hall.
- Congratulating Your Finalist: Due to timing constraints in Carnegie Hall and with student transportation, Finalists must exit the Hall immediately following the performance. Those who wish to congratulate their Finalist should return immediately to the designated ballroom at the Sheraton Times Square.

Performance concludes. Family participants may return to the Finalist hotel on foot or may board Series transportation at the front of the Hall.

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

5:45 PM Meet in **New York Ballroom West (3rd floor)** and load coaches for the Finalist Celebration Cruise.

Celebrate a successful concert with dinner and dancing aboard a private yacht. Weather permitting, notable sights such as the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn

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of Art tickets not included for Finalists; Finalists' Carnegie Hall tickets will be passed out by the Chaperone). We do not have extras and cannot replace lost tickets.

- 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.
- Finalists are not to leave the hotel unless escorted by an authorized adult. You must check your Finalist out from their Chaperone in person and set a time and location to rejoin the group.

Bridge, and many more may be visible from the enclosed cruise decks. Attire is casual and must be modest and appropriate (concert attire is encouraged).

**Please note: As the name suggests, the Finalist Celebration is designed with the Finalists' entertainment in mind; Family Program participants are welcome to join. This is a closed party open to Finalists and registered Family participants only. Wristbands will be checked at the entrance.**

When the cruise returns, Finalists and Family participants return via motorcoach to the Sheraton Times Square.

### Monday, February 3, 2020

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	Breakfast On Own
9:00 AM	Program check-out begins at the Program Desk. Airport shuttles to John F. Kennedy Airport run every half hour from 9:00 AM until noon. Finalists must check out with their Chaperone. Finalists and registered Family Program participants should meet in <b>Empire East (2nd floor)</b> 15 minutes before their desired shuttle time (advance sign-up is not required).
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.