

Contact For Emergencies and Travel Problems from February 1 – 3 ONLY

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

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Program Information

Honors Performance Series -
Weekend Family -
Instrumental
172133-67; 178760 ENF

Hotel Information

Sheraton Times Square
2/1/2020 - 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 Saturday and Sunday, and 8:00 AM - noon Monday, in the Metropolitan Foyer (2nd floor). 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.
- The Sheraton Times Square main entrance on 7th Avenue is open 24 hours. Security screens guests at the door starting at 9:00 PM each evening, and guests will need to show a room key to enter.
- 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.

Saturday, February 1, 2020

- 11:00 AM Weekend Family Registration on the **2nd floor Foyer** of the Sheraton Times Square – 811 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, (212) 581-1000.
Free time OR Family Program Participants attend rehearsal with Finalists at assigned time. Sign-up available at the Program Desk.
Rehearsals locations:
Honors Band: **Empire East (2nd floor)**
Honors Symphony Orchestra: **Metropolitan East (2nd floor)**
Honors String Orchestra: **Central Park West (2nd floor)**
Suggested touring: Metropolitan Museum of Art (tickets in family welcome packet) or American Museum of Natural History (ticket vouchers available at Program Desk).
- 4:00 PM Hotel rooms become available for check-in at the front desk.
Dinner On Own
- 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 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 Hal.
- 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.

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- You will receive your Carnegie Hall and Metropolitan Museum of Art tickets upon program check-in.
- Tickets are distributed by family (Metropolitan Museum of Art and American Museum of Natural History tickets not included for Finalists). We do not have extras and cannot replace lost tickets.
- Please dress appropriately for the weather, including comfortable walking shoes, warm jackets, hats and gloves. New York City averages 27-40°F in February.
- To allow Finalists to best prepare for their performance, rehearsals are closed. Family participants may sign-up to attend a Saturday rehearsal; you may sign up online (refer to final update email or Finalist Update Page) and at the Program Desk.
- The Sheraton hotel 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.

Celebrate 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. Concert attire is encouraged.

Please note: As the name suggests, the Finalist Celebration is designed with the Finalists' entertainment in mind; Family Package participants are welcome to join if desired. 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

	Breakfast On Own
9:00 AM	Program check-out begins at the Program Desk. Airport shuttles to John F. Kennedy Airport run from 9:00 AM until noon. Finalists must check out with their Chaperone. Finalists and registered Family Program participants should meet in Empire East (2nd floor) 15 minutes before their desired shuttle time (no advance sign-up is 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.