

James E. Taylor High School Orchestra  
New York Trip 2021-2022

Dear Taylor Orchestra Family,

After months of careful planning and wonderful input from the students and TOPA board, I am very pleased to announce the 2021-2022 Taylor High School Orchestra "Big Trip" to New York City with a performance at the world famous Carnegie Hall. The chance to perform at Carnegie Hall is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. I had a chance to perform at Carnegie in 1999 with the Houston Youth Symphony and I will tell you that it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Now it is an honor that I can offer this wonderful opportunity to the Taylor Orchestra Program.

### **TRIP INFORMATION**

#### **Package includes:**

Round Trip Air Transportation  
Carnegie Hall Festival Performance through Manhattan Concert Productions  
3 Nights Deluxe Hotel Accommodations in Manhattan  
Motor Coach Service and Subway Transit Pass  
Full Breakfast & Dinner  
Broadway Show  
Statue Cruises to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island  
Group Photo in Times Square  
Top of the Rock Observation Deck (top of Rockefeller Center)  
National September 11 Memorial & Museum  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Guided Tour of Manhattan & Brooklyn (small groups via subway + tour guides)  
Trip T-Shirt  
Equipment truck to haul large instruments, uniforms and luggage (to avoid airline baggage fees)  
And the most important thing for many....time to shop ☺

**Dates:** Friday, April 1-Monday, April 4, 2022

**Cost:** \$1,880 for both Students and Chaperones. (\$330 non-refundable deposit Due Tuesday, July 20, 2022)

### **TRIP REQUIREMENTS**

**Deposit & Payment Requirements:** To reserve a spot on the trip you must register online (information below) and pay a non-refundable \$330 Deposit per person (students & chaperones). You must also agree to the payment timeline listed below (unless, you pay in full or get ahead on payments). Tardy payments will jeopardize the payment schedule and can result in individual late fees. We do not have money in reserve to pre-pay late payments.

Payment Timeline:

07.20.21: \$330 non-refundable Deposit Due  
10.03.21: \$310.00 Payment #2  
11.03.21: \$310.00 Payment #3  
12.03.21: \$310.00 Payment #4  
01.03.22: \$310.00 Payment #5  
02.03.22: \$310.00 Payment #6

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**Trip Numbers:** We will need a minimum of 80 students & parents to go on the trip as well as an acceptable instrumental balance by the July 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for this trip to make and/or to maintain the current cost. If this amount is not made then the price will go up and/or the trip will not go forward. Deposits and any insurance purchased will be fully refunded if the trip does not make.

**Chaperones:** If you wish to chaperone the trip, please register yourself and pay the deposit at the same time as your student. Chaperones should be parent/legal guardians. Any exceptions to this should be cleared with Mr. Capshaw prior to registration. Also, if you have questions about being a chaperone, feel free to email Mr. Capshaw.

**Security:** Is a top priority on the trip. Travel and hotel accommodations will be secure. Students will be with the main group or in small groups accompanied by chaperones while on excursions. Students will not be allowed to diverge from the official itinerary for any reason. A Taylor principal will also be on the trip.

**Fundraising Opportunities:** Next year we will offer our maximum two fundraiser opportunities. The first will be our Program AD and Director's Circle Sponsorships that can net 80% and 90% profit towards an individual spring trip account and the Butterbraids fundraiser which is around 50% profit. KATY ISD policy dictates that all fundraised money is non-refundable. Money fundraised must be used to defray individual trip cost.

**Rehearsals:** There will be a few pre-trip after-school rehearsals that will be added to the calendar at the beginning of the year. These rehearsals are mandatory for participation on the trip.

**Academic Eligibility:** There will be no refund for academic ineligibility. All students must be passing all courses in accordance with State and Katy ISD guidelines the previous six weeks before the New York trip or at the progress report (**if that applies!**). It is advisable to consider not going on this trip if you know your eligibility could cause you to miss the trip. **\*\*Special Note:** If a student fails any KAP (formerly Pre-AP) or AP class, it does NOT make the student ineligible.

**Questions:** If you have any questions, concerns or requests, please contact Mr. Capshaw at [clintonlcapshaw@katyisd.org](mailto:clintonlcapshaw@katyisd.org) or [clintcapshaw@gmail.com](mailto:clintcapshaw@gmail.com)

## Online Registration:

The registration process is completely online through American Classic Tours

1. go to: <https://accounts.amclass.com/>
2. If you are a new user, you will need to click that prompt
3. Create an online user account (should be completed by a parent)
4. Enter the Online Registration Code: E1FBF169
5. Complete the Registration process, select insurance if you wish and make a payment.
6. Registration is Due by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you have problems with the registration process: Please Contact American Classics Tours at 210.733.8167 or at [support@amclass.com](mailto:support@amclass.com)