## **BRAINERD HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE**

Performance Tour to New York City, New York

### March 11 – 15, 2023 (4 nights / 5 days)

#### Day 1 Saturday, March 11, 2023











# Morning departure from Minneapolis via scheduled airline service to New York City

Late morning or afternoon arrival in New York and meet your full-time MCI Tour Manager (1 full-time MCI Tour Manager, per motorcoach), who will guide you through the duration of your activities in New York

Guided orientation tour includes Central Park, Strawberry Fields (a living memorial to the Beatles legend and peace activist, John Lennon), Bethesda Fountain, and the Time Warner Building, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Radio City Music Hall, Madison Square Garden, the Empire State Building, and the United Nations Building,

Evening dinner included at a local restaurant

Attend an evening concert of the New York Philharmonic in The David Geffen Hall of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (Pending the confirmed 2023 schedule and availability)

Following the NY Phil concert, enjoy a "*meet and greet*" and private :talk with a NY Phil string musician you have just watched perform on stage Check-in to your New Jersey hotel for overnight

#### Day 2Sunday, March 12

#### Breakfast included at the hotel

#### Morning meet-and-greet/talkback with a Broadway performer

Late morning sightseeing includes 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Deco architecture, Midtown, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Radio City Music Hall and the NBC Studio

Lunch, on own

Brainerd High School shared/exchange music opportunity with the **Third** Street Music School, the longest-running community music school in the entire United States – home to over 25 band, choir, and orchestra ensembles. Third Street Music School is an artistic and cultural hub in NYC, offering more than 250 free concerts and performances annually and reaching over 6,000 music and dance students from ages 3 to 93 Dinner included at a local restaurant

Attend an evening Broadway Play/Musical (\$95 Ticket allowance included)

Late evening to the hotel for overnight

#### Day 3 Monday, March 13

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Breakfast included at the hotel

Brainerd High School Wind Ensemble morning private clinic with Maestro Michael Adelson, Associate Conductor of the New York Philharmonic

Morning tour of Lower Manhattan sights of Trinity Church, Federal Hall (*where George Washington was sworn in as President*), the National September 11th – 9/11 Memorial & Museum, and St. Paul's Chapel (*which served as a Triage location & command center on-and-following 9/11*) Lunch, on own



Afternoon narrated/guided NYC Harbor Cruise (*with heated interior cabin and exterior deck spaces to enjoy*), with up-close views of Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, Governors Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, the South Street seaport, One World Trade Center. the Manhattan Bridge, and glimpses of New Jersey and the Manhattan in the distance

Evening dinner included at Swing 46 – with live jazz music, swing dancing & free jazz/swing dance lessons for all to enjoy Return to the hotel for overnight

#### Day 4 Tuesday, March 14

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Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning guided touring of the Upper Westside including Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Harlem, Apollo Theatre, Grant's Tomb and Columbia University

Lunch, on own and enjoy some free-time in the Lexington Avenue shopping district – This 20-block stretch houses a variety of small stores, including jewelry, shoe, and boutique shopping for all to enjoy. Lexington Avenue is also the location of several well-known shops, including Bloomingdales, Zara, Levi, and Nine West. These designer stores provide moderately priced to expensive trendy clothing

Evening dinner included at a local restaurant

#### Brainerd High School Wind Ensemble Evening Formal Concert Performance at The Riverside Theatre

Evening trip up to the "*Top of the Rock*" With stunning 360-degree views of the NYC skyline and iconic landmarks of the Big Apple, a great spot for a Brainerd High School photo op!

Return to the hotel for overnight

#### Day 5Wednesday, March 15

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Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Morning sightseeing includes the High Line elevated park along the Hudson River with public art and gardens, Brooklyn Bridge walk and Macy's shopping. Also visit Chinatown, Little Italy, and Greenwich Village. Enjoy some time to explore Greenwich Village, one of the city's most cultural areas – the tree-lined streets of Greenwich Village are now a hub of popular cafes, Jazz clubs and Off-Broadway Theaters can also be found amid the brownstones and New York University buildings. At its heart of Greenwich Village is Washington Square Park – a city icon as well as a meeting place and center for cultural activity

Lunch, on own

Afternoon visit to the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts – home to the renowned performing arts organizations; the New York Philharmonic, the Metropolitan Opera, the New York City Ballet, and The Juilliard School. Visit the Julliard School, the performing arts conservatory and widely regarded as one of the world's leading drama, music and dance schools, with some of the most prestigious arts programs

Depending on your flight departure time, you may have some additional time for shopping or sightseeing

Late afternoon departure from New York City for Minneapolis, via scheduled airline service

Evening airline arrival in Minneapolis

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