

Garfield Symphony Orchestra to perform at Carnegie Hall

**Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage
Sunday 8:30pm March 28, 2010**

(Seattle, WA) – Seattle's Garfield Symphony Orchestra, directed by Marcus Tsutakawa, will be performing at Carnegie Hall next March 2010. Garfield "Orchestra A" will travel during Spring Break 2010 to Manhattan for a 3-night, 4 day tour of the Big Apple. Conductor Tsutakawa and the Garfield Symphony Orchestra will travel escorted by 14 lucky parent chaperones.

In addition to taking in the sights in Manhattan, the group will attend the San Francisco Symphony performance of Mahler Symphony No. 2 at Carnegie Hall. The following evening after a full day of sightseeing, individuals will hit the town to attend their choice of one of 3 top Broadway shows playing in and around Times Square.

Trip at a glance:

Flight schedule

Departures:

Group A (70 seats available)

Thurs 3/25 Depart SEA 7:45pm arrive JFK 6:05am (red-eye)

Group B (25 seats available)

Fri 3/26 Depart SEA 6:15am arrive JFK 2:37pm

Hotel 3 nights @ Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

Fri Group A - 6:15am Arrival to JFK
Coach bus to Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan
Drop off luggage and instruments
Sightseeing options TBD
Return to hotel in afternoon for rest

Group B – 2:37pm Arrival to JFK
Coach bus to Sheraton Hotel in Manhattan
Local sightseeing close by

Evening dinner with individual groups
8:30pm Attend San Francisco Symphony concert (Mahler No. 2) at Carnegie Hall

Sat Sightseeing (Empire State Building admission included)
5:00pm Group dinner
8pm Attend Broadway Show

Sun Sightseeing (Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island admission included)
Time TBD Rehearsal (at Carnegie Hall or Sheraton Ballroom)
Sightseeing

**8:30pm Heritage Spring Instrumental Festival
Carnegie Hall performance**

Mon Sightseeing
Group lunch
Sightseeing

JFK Departures
Group A Depart JFK 5:10pm arrive SEA 9:05pm
Group B Depart JFK 7:30pm arrive SEA 11:31pm

Group airfare reservation requirements:

- Eligibility for the group airfare rate requires travel on the same flights under the group reservation
(group travel ticket does not allow any deviations)

Chaperone requirements:

- No prior chaperone experience necessary
- Chaperone costs will be partially subsidized by FOGO (maximum 1 parent per family)
- 14 chaperones for approximately 75-80 students
- Standard room is a double; single rooms available at higher cost
- Must purchase Heritage Festival package
- Each chaperone pair will have responsibility for a group of 10 students
- Although preference will be given to chaperones who will be able to travel with the group, we understand that many students/parents may want to take advantage of the Spring break vacation period. There will be a minimum number of chaperones required to fly on each flight.

Estimated costs (reflects a 30% subsidy from FOGO):

Students (quad occupancy) - ~~\$1,100~~ now \$1,000 thanks to FOGO subsidy

Chaperones (double occupancy) - ~~\$1,200~~ now \$1,000 thanks to FOGO subsidy

(single occupancy add \$200)

ACTION REQUIRED

You will be receiving an invitation to open registration by Monday, September 28. Please complete the registration survey as accurately as you can no later than October 12. This information is necessary for us to formalize our trip plans and to make the appropriate number of reservations for flights, rooms, festival fees (hotel included), tickets to attend the San Francisco Symphony concert at Carnegie Hall, group meals, coach bus airport transfers, and other planned activities.