



**Mission Viejo High School Choral Music
New York City Trip 2019 Information
April 11 - 15**

Mission Viejo High School's Choral Music Program is a hard-working and successful organization that brings pride to the community. Recognizing the hard work ethics and talent level our kids have to offer, Choirs of American has personally invited the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program to participate in a mass choir performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City! This trip will undoubtedly provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for your student. Only the top choral music programs throughout the nation are invited to such a prestigious event and it will allow our students to not only be a part of an amazing opportunity but also allow them to grow their experience in the arts outside the classroom. This trip will be a celebration of music, artistry, community and culture, so do not let this chance pass you by!

Cost and Payment Schedule

In an effort to maximize our programs trip we will combine musical experiences with the sights of NYC thus allowing our students a once in a lifetime trip they will never forget. To make this happen, we have decided to partner with Seachrist Travel who is known for providing high school music programs like us amazing travel opportunities at an affordable price.

The estimated cost for the New York City trip is **\$1600**. This includes transportation, sleeping accommodations, our performance at Carnegie Hall, performance/clinic/workshop with collegiate choral directors, 2 Broadway musicals, Sightseeing at major NYC attractions (Elis/Liberty Island, Ground Zero, Time Square, etc), all select meals, performance/rehearsal space, and all taxes, and gratuities.

This trip is only possible through continued support of the music program. If the choir cannot meet their donation/fundraising goals, it may not be feasible to participate in this choir trip and future tour events in general. This is in addition to the student voluntary contributions that are needed annually for continued support of the music program.

For our payment schedule, please see "Mission Viejo High School Payments and Cancellations" section in packet.

Payments should be made by check to: Mission Viejo High School Choir. Please include your student's name on the memo line. The first Payment is due Friday, May 25, 2018 and an accelerated pay schedule for students committing in the fall 2018 will be starting 9/14/18. This payment will reserve your spot on this trip and allow us to secure airfare. Payments do not include souvenirs, Lunches, spending money or extra (non-itinerary) activities that may be available during down time.

Should a student decide he/she would like to participate and the period of adding additional students to the trip list has passed, a waitlist will be offered. In the event that a previously committed student must drop out, a student on the waitlist would be offered to take their place. All payments would be required to be caught up to the standard pay schedule at the time of commitment. An accelerated payment schedule for new students or new school year trip additions will be collected in the fall 2018.

In the event of an absence of Mrs. Norris, a locked deposit box and envelopes is located at the front of the choir room for students to fill out and deposit in. Mrs. Norris will collect deposits to turn in for contributions for the trip.

Who's Eligible?

Although everyone in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music Program is eligible to go, each student must audition due to skill level that such an event requires. Because both the Chamber Singers and Treble Choir are auditioned choirs, students in them automatically are able to attend this tour without a separate audition. All other MVHS Choral Music members must schedule an audition prior to turning in the first trip payment. To do this, please contact Mrs. Norris at norriss@svusd.org.

Chaperones

While we could not go on this trip without them, chaperones are responsible for the same payments and payment schedule as the students. The school requires one (1) chaperone per seven (7) students. There will be one Mission Viejo High School staff member going to New York City. Should we have an excess of chaperons interested in joining the tour, a waitlist will be created. Please note: parent chaperones will not necessarily be their own student's chaperone.

There will be a mandatory chaperone meeting two (2) weeks prior to the trip as well as additional information at our trip parent meetings throughout the school year. If you are interested in being a New York City chaperone, please contact Sarah Norris at norriss@svusd.org or our webmaster at missionviejochoir@gmail.com

Fundraising

We will be holding several opportunities for our students to raise funds to help offset the cost of this trip. So far, we have our MVHS program advertisements where a portion of the company's donations will go towards the student's trip, the FivePoints Amphitheater individual fundraiser in conjunction with MVHSIMBA & our annual sweethearts dinner (February 2019). In addition, we will help each student work up trip donation letters that can be used to ask friends and family to help sponsor their trip to NYC. Please see Mrs. Norris or the choir website (www.missionviejochoir.com) for more details. **IT IS POSSIBLE TO FUND THE ENTIRE COST OF THE TRIP THROUGH FUNDRAISING.**

Trip Overview / Q&A Meeting

There will be a Parent/student meeting on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6PM** to discuss the New York trip so that everyone has a full understanding before the initial trip deposit is due. For any questions, please contact Sarah Norris by e-mail at norriss@svusd.org, our trip coordinator at missionviejochoir@gmail.com Or visit our website at www.missionviejochoir.com to stay up to date.



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Basic Package Includes:

- Round-trip transportation between Mission Viejo and LAX (includes fuel surcharges)
- Airfare from LAX to New York City
- 1 Carry-on luggage and 1 carry-on small bag (backpack, purse, etc)
- 3 nights accommodations in Manhattan
- Several meals for the duration of the trip
- Performance & Rehearsal space at Carnegie Hall & St. John's the Devine
- Adjudicated performance, clinic & masterclass at Queen's University
- Entrance fee and expenses for the Liberty Island, Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial
- Guided walking tour of central park
- Time permitting, Other possible attractions (Radio City Music Hall tour, Yankee Stadium tour, Madison Square Garden tour, etc)
- 2 Broadway Musicals
- Any adjudication and registration expenses for the program
- All taxes and gratuities

Not included:

- Souvenir spending money
- Snacks, food and drinks not provided during meal times
- A few meals for the duration of our trip
- Any additional individual charges incurred on the trip
- \$5 cash tip for our tour guide (collected prior to departure)

Cost per person: *(Chaperones and students priced the same)*

Pricing: **\$1600** *(4 students to a room. Chaperones to be 2 to a room)*

Although, we'd like as many chaperons to join us as possible, we must stick to a 1 to 7 ratio based on room pricing and SVUSD student requirements. Should there be additional spots that won't affect trip pricing; we'd more than welcome the additional travelers.

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Standard Payment Schedule (Current Choir Members):

Deposit date:	May 25, 2018	\$250.00 per person
	September 14, 2018	\$100.00 per person
	September 28, 2018	\$200.00 per person
	October 19, 2018	\$200.00 per person
	November 9, 2018	\$250.00 per person
	December 14, 2018	\$200.00 per person
	January 11, 2019	\$200.00 per person
	February 15, 2019	\$100.00 per person
Final Payment:	March 8, 2019	\$100.00 per person

Accelerated Payment Schedule (New Choir Members):

Deposit date:	September 14, 2018	\$300.00 per person
	September 28, 2018	\$200.00 per person
	October 19, 2018	\$250.00 per person
	November 9, 2018	\$250.00 per person
	December 14, 2018	\$200.00 per person
	January 11, 2019	\$200.00 per person
	February 15, 2019	\$100.00 per person
Final Payment:	March 8, 2019	\$100.00 per person

Should a spot open after the commitment deadline, an additional student may be added from the waitlist. At that time, they would be required to catch up with all trip payments based on the schedule.

Cancellations

Should something happen, and your student is unable to attend after an initial commitment was made, you will be liable for the following amounts due to booking non-refundable trip requirements:

Date Range	Commitment
May 25, 2018 – October 19, 2018	\$250.00 per person
October 20, 2018 – December 14, 2018	\$500.00 per person
December 15, 2018 – February 15, 2019	\$800.00 per person
February 16, 2019 – departure	No refund, 100% penalty

***Cancellation due dates and penalties subject to change based on reservation commitments.*

Payments received after the due date may be subject to late charges due to an inability for the choir to obtain the group discount pricing at the time of booking. Any unpaid reservations are subject to the same cancellation penalties.

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*Must be turned in with first payment***

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student, _____ (name of student) to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Choral New York City Trip on April 11-15, 2019. I understand that I am financially responsible for the Initial deposit in May 2018 of \$250, as well as all payments based on the payment schedule. I understand that any subsequent trip payment maybe be paid outright or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the MVHS Choral Music Program. I realize that this trip takes place during a normal school week and it will require my child to miss a day of normal class instruction. I understand that this trip is in no way required as part of the MVHS Choral Music class grade. I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

I, _____ (name of parent or guardian), ***do not*** give my student, _____ (name of student) permission to participate in the Mission Viejo High School Choral Music New York City Trip on April 11-15, 2019.

Student Signature

Student Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Contact Information (please print):

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____