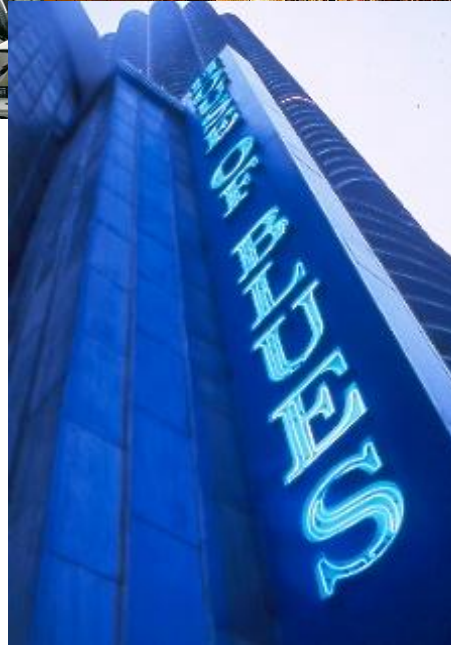




National Festival of the States **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

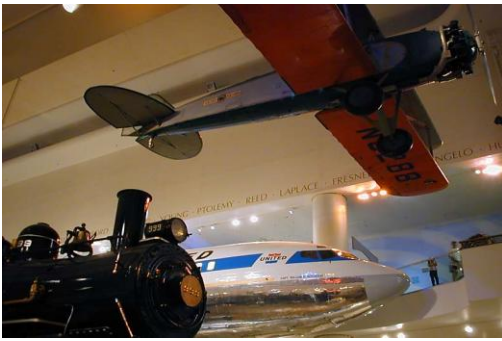
A unique musical opportunity for performance ensembles



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AN EXCLUSIVE CONCERT SERIES FESTIVAL

The National Festival of the States is an annual concert series developed by Music Celebrations in various cities throughout the United States. These performance tours are supported by local government offices, community organizations, tourist boards, and the like. Such affiliations offer a more memorable musical, cultural and educational experience for recommended ensembles (both instrumental and vocal) to perform in different venues in the most historic cities and celebrate the founding, history, and institutions of the United States! Music Celebrations International has been successfully organizing the National Festival of the States concert series in Chicago for the past 15 years.



The name “Chicago” was appropriately drawn from an Indian word meaning "strong" or "great". Chicago's strong multicultural heritage is reflected in its neighborhoods, which now attract thousands of visitors each year.

Chicago proudly offers some of the world’s best museums, the highest buildings, the most renowned orchestras and choirs, the world-class Brookfield Zoo, a beautiful lakefront skyline, and of course, Chicago dogs and pizza!

Imagine your group performing in Rockefeller Chapel or the Old St. Patrick’s Cathedral, learning in a workshop at the University of Chicago or at Northwestern University, performing at Navy Pier, participating in a Mass at historic Holy Name Cathedral, or sharing a concert at a local school.



The National Festival of the States can make these possible for your performing ensemble! Participating groups are chosen on the basis of recommendation from state and national music educators, governors’ and senators’ offices and by audition. Selected groups perform in prestigious venues with maximum audience potential.



Everyone should experience Chicago –
and the best performing groups can, through the expertise of
Music Celebrations International!

A director said this about her recent tour to Chicago:

“Once again, Music Celebrations International has given us a tour to remember! They organized the trip to Chicago that our concert choir took last summer and it was awesome. From the beginning planning stages over a year ago to the follow up conversations after we returned home, they were always there to see to it that the tour was designed to our desires. Our stay in Chicago was the best and every meal and venue was fabulous!!! Thanks again for an experience that our choir will remember forever!!”

SAMPLE TOUR

3 Nights / 4 Days

DAY ONE

Afternoon arrival in Chicago, where you will meet your Tour Manager
Take a city tour of Historic Downtown and the Loop
Hotel check-in
Dinner at Ed Debevis's feisty Fifties Diner
Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY TWO

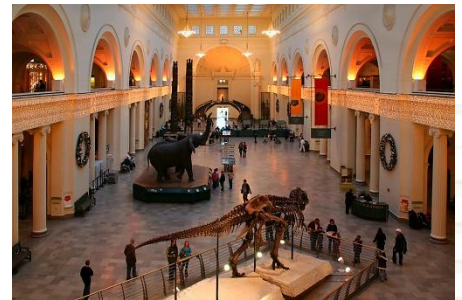
Breakfast at the hotel
Clinic or performance as part of the National Festival of the States
Lunch, on own
Entrance to the *Field Museum of Natural History*
Performance as part of the National Festival of the States
Dinner at the Rainforest Café, or similar
Evening tour of *Willis (Sears) Tower*, including a visit to its SkyDeck
Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY THREE

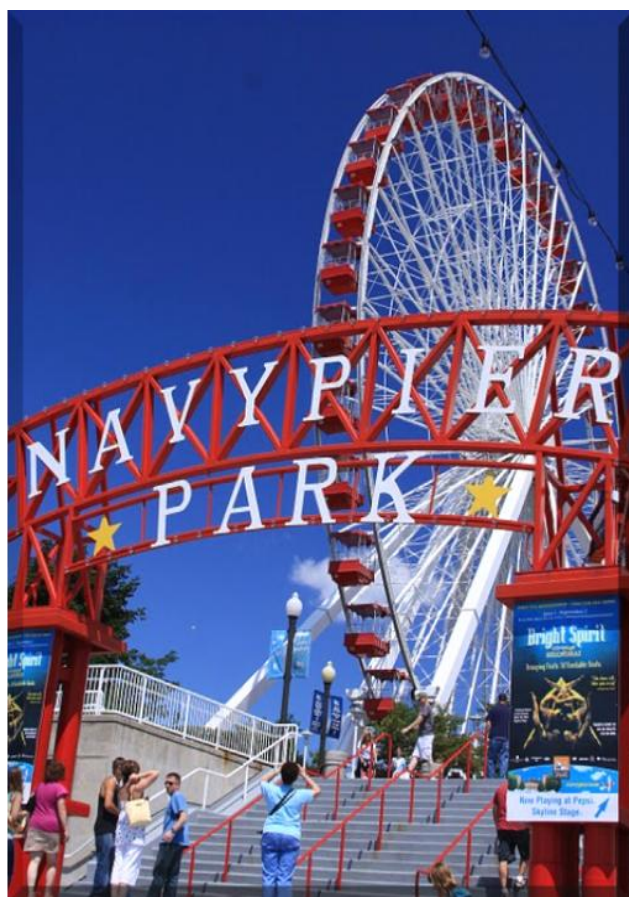
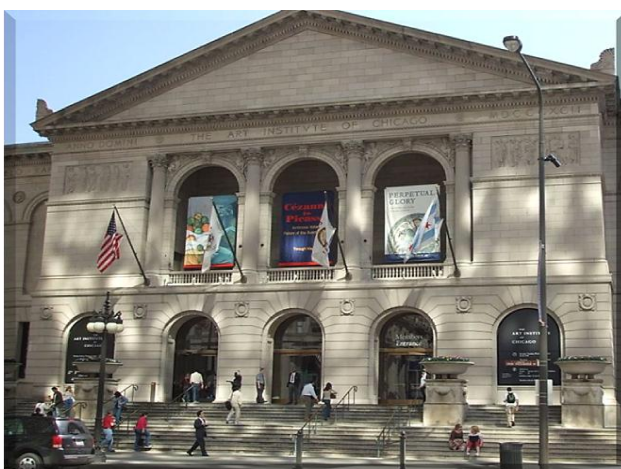
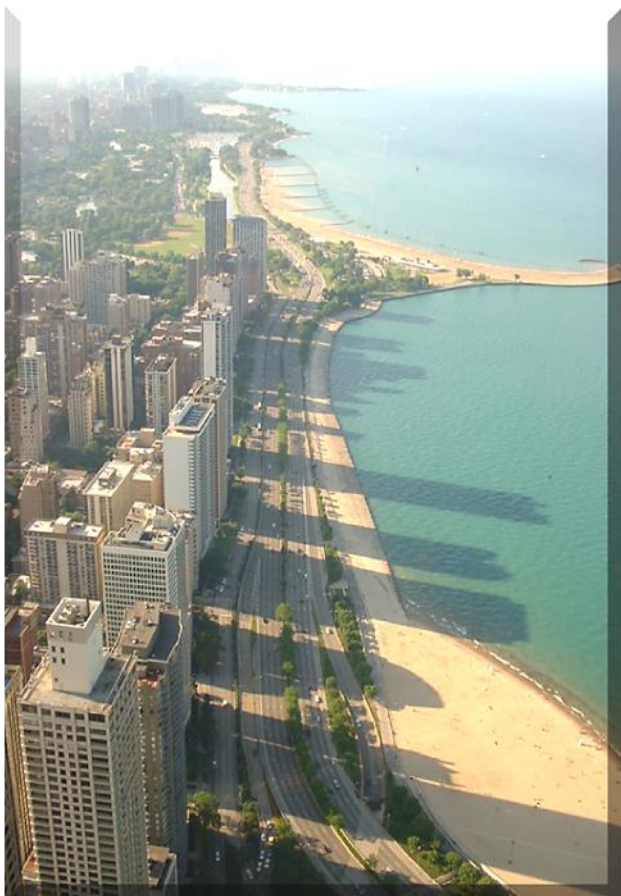
Breakfast at the hotel
Visit the *Museum of Science and Industry* or the *Art Institute of Chicago*
Lunch, on own
Performance as part of the National Festival of the States
Dinner at Bubba Gump's and time to spend at the Navy Pier's attractions
Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY FOUR – DEPART FOR HOME

Breakfast at the hotel
Hotel check-out
Optional: Visit the John G. Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium or the Brookfield Zoo (additional costs apply)
Time for sightseeing and shopping, as time permits
Afternoon departure for home



This is a very flexible itinerary. Some optional daytime activities for an additional cost include a ***30-minute Boat Cruise*** on ***Lake Michigan*** and the ***Chicago River***; or, a day at ***Six Flags Amusement Park***. Some optional evening activities for an additional cost include the ***Blue Man Group***; a ***Chicago Symphony Orchestra*** performance; "***Tony & Tina's Wedding***" with dinner buffet, music & dancing; or a ***Spirit Student DJ Dance Cruise*** with snacks.



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