

National Festival of the States in Chicago



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Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity



An Exclusive Concert Series



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 over 20 years.

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.



Sample Itinerary

Day One:

- Afternoon arrival in Chicago, where you will meet your Tour Manager
- Enjoy a city tour of Historic Downtown and the Loop
- Check-in to hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Return to hotel for overnight

Day Two:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- ***Performance or clinic as part of the National Festival of the States***
- Lunch, on own
- Educational Excursion (choose one: Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute of Chicago, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, or Field Museum of Natural History)
- Walking tour of Millennium Park, including stops at AT&T Plaza, Cloud Gate (“The Bean”), Crown Fountain, Lurie Garden, and the Jay Pritzker Pavilion
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Evening tour of the John Hancock Building, including a visit to 360 Chicago (includes TILT admission)
- Return to the hotel for overnight

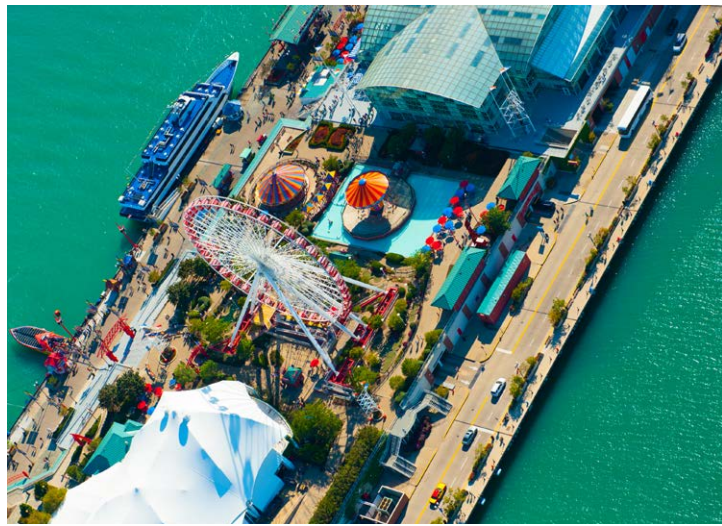
Day Three:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Educational Excursion (choose one: Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute of Chicago, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, or Field Museum of Natural History)
- Lunch, on own
- ***Performance as part of the National Festival of the States***
- Visit Navy Pier for free time and shopping
- Dinner at a local restaurant at Navy Pier
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day Four:

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- *Optional (additional costs apply):* Educational Excursion (choose one: Museum of Science and Industry, Art Institute of Chicago, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History)
- Time for sightseeing and shopping, as time permits
- Afternoon transfer to airport or coach departure home

*This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities. Some optional daytime activities for an additional cost include the **Blue Man Group**; a **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** performance; a **Broadway Show**, or an **Improvisation Workshop** at The Second City.*





A concert performance in Chicago's Orchestra Hall must be seen as a special, life-changing experience for most instrumental ensembles. The history of the venue, the magnificent aesthetic, and the brilliant acoustic make this an experience worthy of the time, work, and effort it takes to travel across the country. We were treated extremely well, the staff were professional, and the experience all that I had hoped it would be.

Travel professionals who understand music professionals. The attention to detail demonstrated by Music Celebrations International exceeded my high expectations and provided our group with a spectacular tour experience. I can only give Music Celebrations International my highest praise, sincere thanks, and deepest appreciation for helping coordinate a tour that I, and my student-musicians, will always value. It was nice to know that we were in qualified, competent hands, and that the trip itself matched the level our ensemble always hopes to aspire to.

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I want to thank Music Celebrations for putting on such a wonderful festival. My chaperones and students had a wonderful time, and were impressed with the professionalism, and the high class that was put into everything. The choice of hotel, airline, restaurants, and events were second to none. Congratulations to you and your company on a wonderful job.

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