

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

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ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL Symphony Orchestra
EDWIN CORDOBA, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
2025 CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
MARCH 30 – APRIL 3, 2025

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DAY ONE: Sunday, March 30, 2025 – BAY AREA → CHICAGO (D)

- 4:00am Arrive at a San Francisco International Airport at least 2.5 hours before your departure time. Check-in for your flight and move through security to your departure gate.
- 6:30am Depart SFO for Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) via United Airlines flight #587.
- 12:52pm Arrive in Chicago!
- Meet a World Projects staff member in baggage claim, collect baggage, and load the coach.
- 1:30pm Depart for the Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North.
- 2:30pm Arrive at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North. Store luggage.
- Free time for lunch on your own nearby.
- 4:00pm Return to the hotel and retrieve your luggage. Meet the World Projects Festival Manager who will provide room keys to the group leader. Check-in to your rooms. Festival materials will be distributed to the group leader.
- 6:30pm Meet back in the lobby and walk to dinner as a group (0.3 miles or 10-minute walk).
- 7:00pm Enjoy dinner as a group JoJo's ShakeBar.
- 8:30pm Following dinner, return to the hotel. The rest of the evening is free.

Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North
600 N State St, Chicago, IL 60654

DAY TWO: Monday, March 31, 2025 – CHICAGO (B, D)

- From 6:30am Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00am (TBC) This morning, enjoy a guided tour of Chicago – possible sights may include the Magnificent Mile, Gold Coast neighborhood, Wrigley Field, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, Museum Campus, Obama's home, the public art and skyscrapers of the Loop and more.
- 11:30am Arrive to Navy Pier where your tour will conclude. You will have some time for lunch on own at Navy Pier.
- 1:00pm After lunch, load the coach and transfer to the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 1:15pm (TBC) Upon arrival, enjoy free time to explore the museum (TBC).

The Art Institute of Chicago is a world-class treasure trove of artistic brilliance, where you can experience everything from ancient masterpieces to iconic modern works in a stunning historic building. With its awe-inspiring collection—featuring Van Gogh's The Bedroom, Grant Wood's American Gothic, and the unforgettable bronze lions—it's a must-see cultural gem that sparks the imagination at every turn!

- 3:00pm Meet as a group, and load the coach.
- 3:15pm Return to the hotel.
- 3:25pm Arrive to the hotel. Freshen up for tonight's activities.
- 5:00pm Assemble in the lobby, and walk to dinner as a group (approximately 0.3 miles or 5-minute walk).
- 5:10pm Enjoy dinner at the nearby Eataly Italian Market with a \$25 cash handout.
- 6:15pm Load the coach, and transfer to the Lyric Opera House.
- 6:30pm Arrive to the Lyric Opera House, and find your seats for tonight's show.
- 7:00pm Enjoy a performance of the operatic love story *La Bohème*.
- 9:45pm After the show, and load the coach.
- 10:00pm Return to the hotel.
- 10:15pm Upon arrival, retire for the evening.

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**DAY THREE: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – CHICAGO (B,D) – Workshop**

- From 6:30am Breakfast at the hotel.
- 7:15am Meet in the hotel lobby with instruments, and load the coach.
- 7:30am Transfer to the Symphony Center.
- 7:45am Upon arrival, prepare for your workshop in Buntrock Hall.
- 8:00am Enjoy a 60-minute group **workshop** with your festival clinician, Carter Simmons.
- 9:00am After your workshop, pack up your instruments and load the coach.
- 9:15am Transfer to the hotel to return your instruments.
- 9:30am Arrive to the hotel. Drop your instruments off to your room, and enjoy lunch on your own nearby.
- 11:00am Assemble in the lobby, and walk to Michigan Avenue Dock.
- 11:30am Arrive to Michigan Avenue Dock, ahead of your scheduled boat tour.
- 11:45am Board the Wendella boat.
- 12:00pm Enjoy a 90-minute Architecture Boat Tour.

Enjoy spectacular views as you listen to local tour guides tell you how Chicago's buildings, architecture, and engineering made the city famous. From hidden treasures to the city's most well-known sights. View over 40 Chicago landmarks as you cruise along the Chicago River.

- 1:30pm End the cruise at Michigan Avenue Dock.
- 1:45pm Load the coach, and transfer to the Field Museum.
- 2:00pm Arrive to the Field Museum for a visit.

The Field Museum of Natural History is one of the largest museums of its kind in the world. Through quality educational and scientific programs, extensive specimen and artifact collections, and conservation efforts, the museum maintains its status as a premier natural history museum. The diversity displayed in the museum, ranging from fossils of the past to interactive programming, is a testament to the museum's distinction.

- 4:00pm Assemble as a group, and load the coach.
- 4:15pm Return to the hotel.
- 4:30pm Arrive to the hotel. Freshen up for dinner.
- 6:00pm Assemble in the lobby, and walk to dinner as a group (*approximately 0.3 miles or 5-minute walk*).
Enjoy dinner with a \$25 cash handout at the nearby Portillo's, home of Chicago's Famous Hotdog!
Following dinner, return to the hotel.
The rest of the evening is free.

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**DAY FOUR: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – CHICAGO (B,D) – Symphony Center Performance**

- From 6:30am Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:15am After breakfast, assemble in the lobby.
- 9:30am Walk to the 360 Chicago Observation Deck for views of Chicago from over 1000 feet up (*approximately 0.8 miles or 15-minute walk*).
- 10:00am (TBC) Arrive to 360 Chicago!
- 11:15am Following sweeping views of Chicago, enjoy lunch on your own nearby.
- Afternoon Following lunch, return to the hotel to prepare for the evening.
- 4:30pm Assemble in the hotel lobby with instruments and concert attire. Load the coaches.
- 4:45pm Transfer to the Chicago Symphony Center.
- 5:00pm Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your warm-up room (TBD).
- 6:00pm After your warm-up, you will be escorted to the stage level.
- 6:10-6:30pm **Sound Check** on stage at the Armour Stage at Chicago Symphony Center.
- 6:30pm After your sound check, you will be escorted back to your warm-up room to store your instruments (*warm-up room is likely to be shared with other ensembles*).
- 6:35pm Walk to dinner as a group.
- 6:45pm Enjoy dinner as a group (possibly at Giordano's or similar – TBC).
- 7:30pm After dinner, return to your warm-up room in the Symphony Center.
- 8:00pm **Evening Adjudicated Concert** begins with opening remarks.
- ~8:20pm A member of festival staff will escort the group backstage.
- 8:35-8:55pm Enjoy your 20-minute **Adjudicated Performance** on the Armour Stage at Chicago Symphony Center! Upon conclusion of your performance, return to your warm-up room and secure your instruments. Then, you will be led out to the house to enjoy the remaining performances.
- 10:55pm Following the concert is the Awards Ceremony. All directors will be asked to join the Master of Ceremonies on stage for a short Awards Ceremony.
- 11:00pm Upon conclusion of the Awards Ceremony, return to your warm-up room, collect all instruments, and exit the Symphony Center. Load the coaches and return to the hotel.

DAY FIVE: Thursday, April 3, 2025 – CHICAGO → BAY AREA (B)

- From 6:30am Breakfast at the hotel.
- 11:00am Check out of the hotel and store luggage with hotel.
- Afternoon This afternoon is free for last-minute sightseeing, shopping, and lunch on own. You may wish to spend free time at the Magnificent Mile, Chicago's premier commercial district, or the Navy Pier.
- 3:00pm Return to hotel to get luggage from storage.
- 3:30pm Load the coach and depart for Chicago O'Hare International Airport.
- ~4:30pm Arrive at Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Check-in for your flight and move through security to your departure gate.
- 6:56pm Depart Chicago for San Francisco International Airport (SFO) via Alaska Airlines flight #597.
- 9:55pm Arrive into San Francisco. Move to luggage claim and collect your baggage.
Return home via your own transportation.

Thank you for participating in the Chicago International Music Festival!

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PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- ♪ One (1) gratis package for your staff for every 20 paid participants (based on single occupancy)
- ♪ ACTUAL roundtrip airfare (SFO-ORD-SFO) including estimated taxes and surcharges
- ♪ First checked bag fee of \$75 per person roundtrip (subject to weight and size restrictions)
- ♪ Fund of \$3,500 toward second checked, oversized, and overweight baggage fees – subject to size and weight restrictions
- ♪ Four (4) nights' accommodation at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Chicago Downtown River North
- ♪ Hotel taxes
- ♪ Airport transfers for group and baggage in Chicago
- ♪ Coach transfers to/from the Symphony Center and as needed by sightseeing activities
- ♪ Meals as outlined in the itinerary (subject to availability and confirmation):
 - ♪ Four (4) breakfasts at the hotel
 - ♪ Four (4) dinners, including two (2) as a group at local restaurants and two (2) as \$25 cash handouts
- ♪ Sightseeing and admissions as outlined in the itinerary (subject to availability and confirmation):
 - ♪ Guided Sightseeing Tour of Chicago
 - ♪ Admission to the Art Institute of Chicago
 - ♪ Ticket to the opera *La Bohème* at the Lyric Opera House of Chicago (TBC – based on upper balcony tickets)
 - ♪ Architecture Boat Tour and Cruise
 - ♪ Admission to the Field Museum
 - ♪ Admission to 360 CHICAGO Observation Deck
- ♪ Workshop/rehearsal and performance arrangements (subject to availability and confirmation):
 - ♪ One (1) 60-minute workshop with a festival clinician
 - ♪ One (1) 20-minute sound check on stage at the Symphony Center
 - ♪ One (1) 20-minute festival performance and recorded critiques at the Symphony Center
- ♪ Large percussion instruments & equipment as noted:
 - ♪ Conductor's Podium, Piano/Keyboard, Two (2) String Bases, Timpani (set of 4), Concert Bass Drum, Marimba, Xylophone, Vibraphone, Chimes (Tubular Bells), Orchestra Bells (Glockenspiel), Tam-Tam
- ♪ Festival registration fees
- ♪ Official festival t-shirt, artist pass lanyard, and official festival souvenir program
- ♪ Ticket to the evening festival concert at the Symphony Center
- ♪ Large festival artwork poster, per Symphony Center performance slot
- ♪ Group award plaque, per Symphony Center performance slot
- ♪ Festival performance recording for director, Symphony Center house system (archival use only)

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- ♪ Any second checked, oversized, or overweight bag fees beyond the \$3,500 baggage fund
- ♪ Meals not indicated in the inclusions
- ♪ Sightseeing activities not indicated in the inclusions
- ♪ Group transfers not indicated in the inclusions
- ♪ Instruments/equipment not provided by workshop, performance, and exchange hosts
- ♪ Items of a personal nature (laundry, room service, internet connection fees, etc.)
- ♪ **Trip Cancellation, "Cancel for Any Reason," and Musical Instrument Insurance**

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NUMBER OF TRAVELERS: 40 – 46 paid + 3 gratis = 43 – 49 total travelers
(Gratis is based on 2 Double Occupancy and 1 Single Occupancy)

PACKAGE COST PER PERSON:

	QUAD	TRIPLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE
40 – 46 Paid + 3 Gratis	\$ 2,338.00	\$ 2,418.00	\$ 2,568.00	\$ 3,038.00

SUPPLEMENTAL COSTS:

Five (5) Cellos:	\$200 each / \$1,000 total
Three (3) $\frac{3}{4}$ String Bass (Bow Not Included):	\$325 each / \$975 total

AIR REDUCTIONS:

Roundtrip Air Reduction (Both Flights)	\$585 per person (see notes)
One-Way Outbound Air Reduction (United Flight)	\$360 per person (see notes)
One-Way Return Air Reduction (Alaska Flight)	\$225 per person (see notes)

PAYMENT & CANCELLATION SCHEDULE:

DATE	TYPE	AMOUNT	CANCELLATION / REFUND
RECEIVED	Group Deposit	US \$2,000 deposit per group	Non-refundable, credited to final payment
PAID for 42 travelers	Air Deposit	US \$100 per person	100% refundable less a \$300 booking fee to Dec. 13, 2024
PAID for 48 travelers	Progress Payment	US \$400 per person	50% refundable to December 15, 2024
February 1, 2025	Final Payment	Balance in Full	50% refundable to February 15, 2025

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**NOTES:**

- ♦ **Payment / Group Billing:** All fees are in US Dollars. Accepted forms of payment are organization check, cashier's check, money order, and wire transfer. Credit cards and/or individual payments will not be accepted.
- ♦ **Airfare:** ACTUAL roundtrip airfare with United Airlines and Alaska Airlines has been included in the above costs. Forty-nine (49) seats are currently being held on United Airlines and forty-two (42) seats are being held on Alaska Airlines. One (1) gratis air ticket for every 20 paid participants is included. Only the base fare is guaranteed. Taxes and surcharges are subject to change until ticketing. Should additional taxes or surcharges be levied, World Projects retains the right to pass on all such surcharges to Acalanes High School.
- ♦ **Air Baggage Fees:** Baggage fees are set by the individual airlines and are subject to change. United Airlines currently charges \$40 one-way for the first checked bag up to 50 lbs and 62 linear inches, and \$50 one-way for the second checked bag up to 50 lbs and 62 linear inches. Alaska Airlines currently charges \$35 one-way for the first checked bag up to 50 lbs and 62 linear inches, and \$45 one-way for the second checked bag up to 50 lbs and 62 linear inches. Additional fees will apply for overweight / oversize baggage / instruments. World Projects has included a fund of \$75 roundtrip per person for first checked baggage fees and a fund of \$3,500 towards second checked, oversized, and overweight baggage fees. Acalanes High School will be responsible for all baggage fees that exceed these amounts at airport check-in.
- ♦ **Air Reduction:** The full package cost includes group airfare. Travelers have the option of booking their own air. Those wishing to book their own roundtrip airfare can subtract **\$585** from the full package costs. Those wishing to book their own outbound airfare can subtract **\$360** from the full package costs. Those wishing to book their own return airfare can subtract **\$225** from the full package costs. Travelers who opt for the air reduction will be responsible for their own airfare, air baggage fees, and airport transportation to/from the hotel should their timings not coincide with the group itinerary. Travelers requesting an air reduction must be approved by Acalanes High School administration and must notify World Projects by **December 1, 2024** via the Director's Packet Air Reduction Request Form. After this date, air reductions will be confirmed and getting back on the group flight will be subject to availability and additional cost. Please note, a minimum of 10 travelers must take the group flights for the group reservation to be valid.
- ♦ **Accommodations:** Quad denotes four (4) people per room, two beds per room. Triple denotes three (3) people per room, two beds per room. Sharing beds for quad and triple occupancy will be necessary. Double occupancy rooms could have two beds or one bed in the room. Single occupancy rooms will have one bed.
- ♦ **Coaching:** One (1) full-sized coach will be utilized for 40-46 paid travelers.
- ♦ **Availability / Ground Costs:** This quote is based on 2024 pricing and is subject to availability at the time of booking.
- ♦ **Gratis:** Gratis is based on two (2) double occupancy and one (1) single occupancy.
- ♦ **Travel Protection Plan:** World Projects will purchase a Student Protection Plan (post departure) for all travelers of US-based groups (within the 50 states). Details of the plan will be sent to the group leader.
- ♦ **Required Forms:** All travelers will be required to submit signed liability waivers and medical authorizations forms as issued by World Projects to participate in the festival/tour.
- ♦ **Numbers:** World Projects reserves the right to recast the festival package price should the number of travelers fall above or below the numbers shown above.
- ♦ **Agreement:** World Projects will require the group leader to sign a Performance Agreement which will outline terms and conditions including festival/tour costs, inclusions/exclusions, and the payment/cancellation schedule.