

SYS Disneyland Tour 2018 - FAQ's

Q: What is the purpose of the tour?

A: This is an orchestra tour for the SYS musicians to play in a unique setting to foster the appreciation of music and friendship. It is not a family trip, although families are welcomed to come along.

Q: Who can go on the trip?

A: Classic musicians are eligible to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Musicians from Academic String Orchestra and Symphonic Wind Ensemble may also attend. Space is limited so early sign up is highly encouraged. Children 10 and under are strongly recommended to be accompanied by parent(s).

Q: What do the musicians do on the trip?

A: Musicians perform in the park and participate in at least one Disney workshop. The workshop includes a recording session to a Disney soundtrack. One full day and two partial days are devoted to visiting the parks.

Q: When is the trip?

A: The tentative date is the last week of June in 2018. Once application is approved by Disneyland (expected by the end of October), Ms. Goldsmith will inform us of the exact dates.

Q: How long is the trip?

A: Five days/ four nights including travel time.

Q: How do we get there?

A: SYS charters a bus to transport musicians from the SYS office to Anaheim and back. The bus can only hold SYS students, four chaperones, and the driver. Students are expected to ride on the bus to Disneyland and back.

Q: How much is the trip per musician?

A: The total cost should not exceed \$600, based on prior trip expenses.

Q: What is included in the tour cost?

A: Travel to and from Anaheim, hotel accommodations (4 per room for 4 nights), daily breakfast, arrival day pizza dinner, 3-days park hopper, workshop fees, group dinner, T-shirt, lanyard, and more.

Q: What are some additional costs not included in the tour price?

A: Lunch and dinner on some days, souvenirs, additional snacks and drinks in the park.

Q: Can parent/ families go with their children on the tour?

A: Parents and other family members may join and share this wonderful experience, however they must provide their own transportation. Unfortunately the bus has capacity for SYS students + four chaperones only. A la Carte pricing is available to other family members for hotel rooms, Park Hoppers, and group dining. A family deposit will be required.

Q: Do families have to buy tickets to watch the performance in the Park?

A: Yes, every person who enters to park to watch the performance or to chaperone must buy a ticket. SYS can offer the discounted group rate for the 3-days park hopper. Please call Marcee at (916) 731-5777 for details.

Q: Where will the musicians stay?

A: All musicians must stay at the designated SYS hotel near the parks. (In the past it was the Clarion Hotel) Parents are highly encouraged to stay in the same hotel to be near their children & for convenience. SYS will have a block of rooms reserved to accommodate students and their families at a discounted group rate.

Q: What is the arrangement of musicians in the hotel rooms?

A: There will be four youths per room of the same gender and approximate age group. There are two beds per room, and the youths will need to share. It will be possible to request a roommate and SYS will make every attempt to accommodate those requests.

Q: Will there be chaperones?

A: Yes, parents will be the trip chaperones. The target is to have one chaperone to a maximum of five youths.

Q: What do the chaperones do?

A: Chaperones are expected to sign up for duties including (but not limited): Get youths ready in the morning, get them in bed by a certain time, ensure all necessary items (instruments, music, stands, change of clothes) are ready on each day, free time in the parks, and runner to get box lunches, etc.

Q: How late can the musicians stay out in the parks each night?

A: There is a designated 11:00pm curfew each night on the first two nights. On the last night, youths can stay up to midnight in the parks with chaperones with parent's permission.

Q: Do the students have to return on the bus back to Sacramento?

A: No, musicians may opt-out of the return bus trip with authorization from a parent/guardian. However, the musician's tour cost is not reduced.

Q: When do I need to sign up?

A: All interested families are encouraged to sign up online as soon as possible and pay \$100 deposit by November 30th. Installment #1 is due March 1, 2018, and final payment due May 1, 2018. After February 1st, the deposit is non-refundable. Once we reach the maximum of musicians for the tour, they will be added to the waiting list. A separate deposit is due for each person going on the trip, including family members.

Q: What are some ways to raise funds for the tour?

A: Ming's Recycling, and advertisement sponsorships in concert programs. Details can be found online or by calling Marcee at (916) 731-5777.