

Worldstrides – Heritage Music Festival
BR Music Trip
CHICAGO – APRIL 22-26,2020

Oct 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bishop Ryan school community has a very active and rich arts program. Tradition has it that each year our school music ensembles embark on an excursion to help celebrate their dedication and commitment to music excellence. Our music groups, **The B.R. Xpression Vocal Ensemble, B.R. Celtic Fusion Concert Band and Celtic Groove Jazz Band** have had past successes in Washington D.C., Boston, Montreal, Chicago, New York City, Myrtle Beach and most recently Nashville and Memphis at the Heritage International Music Festival. Our groups last year won Gold and Bronze Awards respectively as well as the Adjudicator award for outstanding performance and many many Maestro Awards for outstanding soloists. . This year I am pleased to announce that plans are in motion to participate in the Heritage Festival in **Chicago – April 22-26, 2020.** Having traveled and directed music trips for the last 30years, I can assure you that your son/daughter will greatly benefit from experiencing such a culturally and musically rich city as Boston. It is difficult to project the exact cost of the trip until student numbers and itinerary are confirmed, however the trip should not exceed **\$749** Canadian and includes the following:

First Class Hotel Accommodations. (3 Nights)- AT THE WESTIN LOMBARD HOTEL
Return Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation From Hamilton To Chicago.
Registration Fee For Music Festival
Awards Ceremony And Dinner Banquet /Dance and show at MEDIEVAL TIMES
Awards And Trophies
Positive, Constructive On Stage Clinic And Musical Adjudication
Commemorative Pin For Each Student
Breakfast and Dinner each day - details T.B.A
Other Meals And Activities To Be Announced
TBA –boat cruise

The estimated cost of the trip is **\$749** but may change when exact numbers are determined. We are estimating that cost will be lower as we will be undertaking extensive fundraising to reduce the cost overall but this will be reflected in the final deposits collected. Students will once again be given the opportunity to sell raffle tickets which the ENTIRE proceeds going to the individual ticket sellers. We can accommodate THE FIRST 200 ***students*** in this festival and deposits will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. **If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this festival please enclose a non-refundable deposit of \$250 payable through CASH-ON-LINE.** found under www.hwcdsb.schoolcashionline.com. Heading “Music Trip CHICAGO”. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas on fundraising/donations etc. please do not hesitate to contact me at (905) 573-2151 ext.3337. Please note that the above deposit is considered NON-REFUNDABLE and refunds will only be given if the trip is cancelled by the school.

Yours in the Interest of Music Education,

David M Tabone – Head of Arts and BR Xpression Director
Chad Pilon – Celtic Fusion Director
Cam Piccoli – Celtic Beat Director

