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**SOUTH HURON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  
 PERFORMING TOUR TO OTTAWA  
 FEATURING MUSICFEST NATIONALS  
 MAY 13-16, 2008**

**Revised Itinerary – April 7, 2008**

*\*\*Please bring a compact umbrella and comfortable foot wear.*

**Day 1 – Tuesday May 13**

**D**

- 8:00am - **2-47 passenger motor coaches from Cherrey Bus Lines** to arrive at **South Huron District High School** for loading equipment and luggage and for boarding
- 8:30am - depart Exeter for **Ottawa**  
 - at the discretion of the driver and group leader, stops will be made enroute for meals and stretching
- 5:15pm - time of arrival in Ottawa at the **National Arts Centre**  
 - while the group waits on the coach, the music director should proceed to the registration desk to pick up package before tomorrow's adjudications – concert tickets will be included in the package and you will be required to have them tonight at the concert at Southam Hall  
 - once the director has joined the group again, depart for the **Fish Market Restaurant**

**NOTE:** If time allows proceed to Novotel to check in – otherwise check-in after concert as below.

- 5:45pm - arrive for **dinner**
- 7:00pm - following dinner, board your coach and depart for the **National Arts Centre – Southam Hall**
- 7:30pm - find your seats for **tonight's MusicFest free concert**
- 8:00pm - **Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble Concert** begins
- 9:00pm - following the concert, board your coach and depart for **Novotel Hotel downtown** where you will check in for **3 nights' accommodation**

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**Day 2 – Wednesday, May 14 – ADJUDICATION DAY**

**B/D**

- 6:00am - load your coaches with your equipment and transfer to the **National Arts Centre, Stage B** for adjudication

**NOTE: COACHES** observe Queen Elizabeth loop route under Laurier Street. Alternative drop-off and pickup locations are located at the intersection of Queen & Metcalfe. If traffic allows, Elgin St. could be used as a final alternate, paying attention to traffic flow and local regulations.

**PARTICIPANT'S ENTRY** at main Lobby entrance; Performer Check in for Concert Bands/Orchestras will be in front of the Studio Theatre, on the side of the building nearest the canal. Registration will be located off the Southam Theatre Lobby, same level, on the side of the building nearest to Elgin St. There will be no waiting or parking at this location for any vehicles.

- 6:30am - Director and performers must report to the appropriate warm-up check-in desk 1 HOUR (60 minutes) prior to the scheduled performance time to allow sufficient time to put cases and equipment in the assigned storage area  
- each ensemble should have a 20 to 25 minute warm-up period prior to their performance
- 7:30am - **South Huron District High School Wind Ensemble performance – Good Luck!**  
- *Note: performance time is limited to a maximum of 30 MINUTES which could include a quick warm-up, set up, introduction of ensemble, performance, possibly a short commentary from the adjudicator, honour presentation and exit from the stage (this time block will be strictly enforced)*
- 8:00am - wind ensembles will receive a clinic approximately 60 MINUTES with a festival adjudicator/clinician focusing on items of benefit to the group
- 9:00am - proceed to photo stage  
- retrieve instrument cases from assigned storage area
- 9:30am - load instruments and board your coach to transfer to your hotel
- 10:00am - **buffet breakfast** at your hotel
- 11:00am - proceed as a group by coach to the **National Arts Centre, Stage B** for adjudication (location same as morning adjudication)
- 11:30am - Director and performers must report to the appropriate warm-up check-in desk 1 HOUR (60 minutes) prior to the scheduled performance time to allow sufficient time to put cases and equipment in the assigned storage area  
- each ensemble should have a 20 to 25 minute warm-up period prior to their performance
- 12:30pm - **South Huron District High School Senior Concert Band performance – Good Luck!**  
- *Note: performance time is limited to a maximum of 30 MINUTES which could include a quick warm-up, set up, introduction of ensemble, performance, possibly a short commentary from the adjudicator, honour presentation and exit from the stage (this time block will be strictly enforced)*
- 1:00pm - concert bands will receive a clinic approximately 60 MINUTES with a festival adjudicator/clinician focusing on items of benefit to the group
- 2:00pm - retrieve instrument cases from assigned storage area  
- proceed to photo stage
- 2:30pm - board your coach and return to your hotel to drop off your instruments  
- purchase lunch in the area – Byward Market or Rideau Centre
- 3:10pm - meet your coach at the totem pole in the Byward Market and board your coach to depart for the Hull Marina (near Alexandra Bridge)
- 3:35pm - arrive to board your **“Paul’s Boat Lines Cruise”** boat

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Day 2 – Continued...

- 4:00pm - depart on your **DJ Dance Cruise** (with other MusicFest participants)
- 6:00pm - return ashore and disembark
- 6:20pm - board your coach and depart for **Oregano's in the Byward Market**
- 6:45pm - arrive at the restaurant
- 7:00pm - pizza and pasta buffet **dinner**
- 8:00pm - walk(weather permitting – make appropriate arrangements, prior to dinner, with driver if you wish to transfer by coach) back to hotel as a group and retire for the evening

Day 3 – Thursday, May 15

**B/D**

- 9:00am - walk as a group to **Metropolitan Brasserie** on Sussex Drive for breakfast
- 9:30am - **buffet breakfast**
- 10:30am - walk to the **Byward Market** for a **self guided** visit in smaller chaperoned groups  
allowing time to purchase lunch
- the ByWard Market area has a history of fire, of working-class folk, of farmers, industry, brawls and bawdiness, although today it is best known for its trendy restaurants, boutiques and nightclubs - the Market area was until two or three decades ago known simply as Lower town, Ottawa's oldest blue-collar neighborhood and the cradle of the city's French population  
\*\*be sure to try Ottawa's famous Beaver Tails!!

GROUP A (40 persons including chaperones)

- 12:15pm - meet your coach at the totem pole and depart for **Diefenbunker**
- 1:00pm - arrive at the **Diefenbunker** – **guided tour** of Canada's Cold War Museum
- following your guided tour board your coach and depart for downtown Ottawa for more time to explore at the **Byward Market**
- 4:30pm - walk to the National Arts Centre for this evening's Jazz Dinner

GROUP B (41 persons including chaperones)

- 1:45pm - meet your coach at the totem pole and depart for **Diefenbunker**
- 2:30pm - arrive at the **Diefenbunker** – **guided tour** of Canada's Cold War Museum
- 4:00pm - board your coach and depart for **National Arts Centre** for this evening's Jazz Dinner

EVERYONE

- 5:00pm - meet as one group at **NAC Roof Top Terrace** and find your seats for Ellison Tours' Annual Jazz Dinner
- 5:30pm - **Ellison Travel Jazz Dinner** begins
- 7:00pm - depart for hotel to rest, freshen up and change for tonight's Percussion Ensemble adjudication

**NOTE:** Due to MTO regulations the coach drivers will return to the hotel and book off duty for the evening. The rest of the evening will proceed by walking to each location.

- 9:45pm - walk as a group to the **National Arts Centre, Stage B** for adjudication
- 10:30pm - Director and performers must report to the appropriate warm-up check-in desk 1 HOUR (60 minutes) prior to the scheduled performance time to allow sufficient time to put cases and equipment in the assigned storage area
- each ensemble should have a 20 to 25 minute warm-up period prior to their performance

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Day 3 – Continued...

- 11:30pm - **South Huron District High School Percussion Ensemble performance – Good Luck!**
  - *Note: performance time is limited to a maximum of 30 MINUTES which could include a quick warm-up, set up, introduction of ensemble, performance, possibly a short commentary from the adjudicator, honour presentation and exit from the stage (this time block will be strictly enforced)*
- 12:00am - percussion ensemble will receive a clinic approximately 45-50 MINUTES with a festival adjudicator/clinician focusing on items of benefit to the group
- 1:00am - retrieve instrument cases from assigned storage area
- proceed to photo stage
- 1:30am - walk (or taxi) to your hotel to retire for the evening (or morning)!

Day 4 – Friday May 16

**B**

- 8:15am - meet in lobby, check out of hotel and load coach with equipment and luggage

**NOTE:** Coach will not be available from now until 2:00pm when the driver will meet the group at the NAC, following the National Concert Band concert for the trip home to Exeter.

- 8:45am - walk as a group to **Metropolitan Brasserie**
- 9:00am - enjoy **buffet breakfast**
- 10:00am - following breakfast, the group will have time to visit the **Rideau Centre** for some souvenirs of their trip
  - purchase lunch in the area
- 2:00pm - meet your coach for boarding at the Rideau Centre
- 2:15pm - board your coach and depart for **Gatineau Park** (weather permitting)
- 2:35pm - arrive at the **Pink Lake Trail**
- 3:35pm - following a self guided hike along this trail (45minute to 1 hour long hike) board your coach and depart for down town
- 4:00pm - purchase an early dinner in the area at the Byward Market or Rideau Centre Food Court (students may want to purchase snacks for the drive home)
- 5:00pm - walk to the **National Arts Centre**
- 5:30pm - meet as a group at **Southam Hall** to find your seats for tonight's concert
- 6:00pm - **National Concert Band Concert** begins! Congratulations Carly Schroeder!
- 7:30pm - following the concert, load your coach and depart for home (7 hours & 7 minutes driving time)
  - at the discretion of the driver and group leader, stops will be made enroute for meals and stretching
- 3:00am - arrive at South Huron District High School
- WELCOME HOME!

**B - Breakfast / L - Lunch / D - Dinner - denote meals included in tour cost**

**\*\*Itinerary subject to change\*\***