

**Belmont High School**

# Memo

*Approved 5/3/17*  


To: Mr. John Phelan  
From: Paul Ketchen, Arto Asadoorian and Daniel Richards  
CC: Janice Darius  
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
Re: BHS Music Dept. Disney Performance Tour in February, 2018

---

**Please see attached proposal for the 2018 BHS VPA Disney Performance Tour.**

May 2, 2017

## **Belmont High School Music Department Disney Performance Tour Proposal**

### **Brief:**

A six day, five night educational performance tour to Disney World in Florida for students participating in the Marching Marauders and the Jazz Collective. Students will participate in one Performance Workshop in a Disney park, perform in an exchange clinic at a local school, perform in the parade at Disney Springs, and participate in a second Performance Workshop in Disney.

### **Trip Dates:**

February 16-21, 2018 ✓

### **Cost:**

Approximately \$1,500 per student. Exact cost determined by fuel surcharges & air taxes, cost of equipment truck rental and fuel, and number of students participating.

### **Student Participation:**

70 - 100 students.

This year, there were 100 members in the Marching Marauders and 21 students in Jazz Collective, but most Jazz Collective members are in the Marching Marauders.

### **Educational Value:**

The Performance Workshops in Disney provide students the chance to work in-person with Disney professionals in a recording studio environment and experience the work of professional studio musicians, from sight-reading new music, to rehearsing with a new conductor, and creating a final recording, all in a single session.

The exchange clinic at a local school with an experienced marching educator will be an opportunity for the Marching Marauders gain valuable feedback on their current marching technique and workshop parade performance.

Performance tours also serve as an authentic source of motivation; students work harder during rehearsals and performances throughout the regular season knowing that they have several exciting clinic and performance opportunities ahead.

### **Trip Organization/Supervision:**

Trip Organizer/Director: Paul Ketchen, BHS Band Director

Trip planning and arrangements: World Cultural Tours

Trip details will be planned and coordinated with BHS Administration

Chaperones: BPS Visual & Performing Arts Faculty and Marching Marauders Staff

### **Itinerary:**

2/16

**Day 1: Depart Boston, MA - Arrive Orlando, FL**

Bus to Logan, flight to Orlando, FL. Transfer to hotel for check in. Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. Return to hotel for bed check.

2/17

**Day 2: Disney/Performance Workshop #1**

Hotel breakfast, board motor coach for day-long excursion to Disney. Performance Workshop #1 this afternoon. Dinner is on own in park. Return to hotel for bed check.

2/18

**Day 3: Disney/Exchange Clinic**

Hotel breakfast, board motor coach for Exchange Clinic at local school. Following clinic, depart for another Disney park with park hopper pass. Dinner together at a local restaurant. Return to hotel for bed check.

2/19

**Day 4: Disney/Parade Performance**

Hotel breakfast, depart for another Disney park with park hopper pass. Marching Band Performance in the afternoon parade at Disney Springs this afternoon. Dinner is on our own. Return to hotel for bed check.

2/20

**Day 5: Disney/Performance Workshop 2**

Hotel breakfast, board motor coach for day-long excursion to Disney. Performance Workshop #2 this afternoon. We have our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. Return to hotel for bed check.

2/21

**Day 6: Depart Orlando, FL - Arrive Boston, MA**

Hotel breakfast, bus to Orlando Airport, flight back to Boston, MA. Bus to BHS.