

TOUR INFORMATION & PRICING

- More detailed tour information is attached, showing each of the 2 domestic tours taking place in Spring 2018,
- It is **STRONGLY** suggested that students begin all fundraising immediately to “bank” some funds. More information coming from the VMPA soon on upcoming fundraisers,
- Parent Chaperones on tours are required and will receive a slight reduction in their tour pricing,
- Tour shirts are included in the Vocal Music Membership Contribution for each student of each group.

Projected Tours – Spring 2016

Concert Choir & Les Chanteurs – Golden State Tour – April 6 – April 10

Performing at universities, high schools, the beautiful historic mission in San Luis Obispo, St. Ignatius Cathedral in San Francisco and the Heritage Music Festival (LC) and Festival of Gold (CC). Many local city attractions will be experienced and enjoyed

Trouveres & Baron Choir – San Diego Sea World Festival – March 23 – 24

The Trouveres and Baron Choir will participate in a Heritage Festival in the San Diego area, getting to perform and compete with other choirs from around the country. We will spend a terrific night in San Diego, having Mexican fiesta dinner in Old Town, a fun and entertaining night, some special surprises, buffet breakfast in Pacific Beach and a full day at Sea World (including the awards ceremony, buffet dinner, special Shamu show, and dance)!

Both tours are **ALL INCLUSIVE**...from luxury motorcoaches, to great hotels, to unique and massive spreads of food to all admissions, tickets, music festival fees, driver tips, etc. **A GREAT PRICE** for the product!

PAYMENT PLANS – payment plans have been created for each choir and their respective tours. Student accounts will be billed accordingly with payment amounts, resulting in final payment owed approximately one month before the trip/tour departs.

A deposit locks in the tour and should be paid online (fvhsvocalmusic.com) or by check (payable to VMPA) or cash. Due November 10th.

IF A SITUATION EVER ARISES NEEDING PAYMENT EXTENSION, please contact Mr. Tison ASAP to discuss. All information is held confidential!

NOTES from MR. TISON regarding Tour Participation:

The Vocal Music Program plans and participates in tours and music festival performance trips each Spring with each of our performing groups. Each destination and trip duration is based on the level of the performing group.

Tours are a significant part of our educational process. Students will be given opportunities to see a wide variety of places around the world, performing in beautiful symphony halls, cathedrals and other unique, historic and iconic venues!

Students are not required to attend and participate in events that are not local/regional, and grades are not affected by participation in these optional tours. Participation is HIGHLY encouraged for students in the advanced ensembles (Concert Choir and Troubadours).

Students are offered many opportunities for fundraising throughout the year through the VMPA (Vocal Music Parent Association) – the booster support group. Tour assistance funds are designated, when available, to help individual students/families who meet the assistance criteria.

Larger donations (corporate, foundations, etc) are solicited and used to offset overall trip expenses, bringing down the total cost per individual student. If you can help with this, please email us information so that we may follow-up. Many corporations and businesses support non-profit, educational organizations!

*Each tour and trip is planned on a strict budget while ensuring the safety, comfort and well being of all participants. Each tour and trip is staffed by an adequate number of chaperones who work diligently with Mr. Tison to ensure the safety and compliance of all expectations regarding behavior, curfews, check-in times, etc. **ALL students are held to high accountability to maintain the integrity of the Vocal Music Program.***

Each tour and trip is planned to provide EDUCATIONAL, MUSICAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL and SOCIAL experiences that will prove to be rewarding and memorable for each student! This is our goal...and our track record!!

Cost should NOT be an obstacle to a student's participation on a tour, or any involvement in the Vocal Music Program. There are options that BEGIN with a student's hard work and determination!

If you need to discuss with Mr. Tison, please see him ASAP rather than assuming or waiting!

Past Tour Opportunities:

FVHS Choirs under Mr. Tison's direction during the past 13 years have toured & performed in...

Germany, Austria, France, British Columbia, England, Seattle, Hawaii, San Diego, Las Vegas, San Francisco (National Festival of Gold), Chicago (ACDA National Conference), New Orleans (Louisiana & Texas tour), Minneapolis (ACDA National Conference), San Jose (CASMEC State Conference), New York City (National Festival of Gold, and also Carnegie Hall debut), China, Hong Kong, Croatia, Italy...

...singing in monasteries, salt mines, cruise ships, cathedrals, jade factories, universities, symphony halls, the Great Wall of China & many other iconic landmarks!

This next summer marks Troubadours 4th continent to tour (only 3 more ☺)....with a special debut performance in the Sydney Opera House!

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- ✓ All tour deposits are due on November 10th... with appropriate payment.
 - ✓ If you are electing to add Vocal Music Membership to take advantage of the tour discounts, please indicate this and assume the payment plan for the Membership pricing!
 - ✓ Contact Mr. Tison with ANY questions or concerns.... Let's get all of our students on one of these exceptional tours!