

# TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Trabuco Hills High School  
Instrumental Music Program

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## 2020 MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE – INFORMATION SHEET

### ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Any member of the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit who is current with the ensemble donations, trip costs and financial responsibilities for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year
- Any student in the Instrumental Music Program who is current with ensemble donations, trip costs, and other financial responsibilities for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year
- Spots permitting, any alumni who has graduated from the THHS Instrumental Music Program
- Since there will be a maximum on the number of participants, priority will be given to those students who will be enrolled in the THHS Instrumental Music Program for the 2020-2021 school year
- All participants are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip, and must submit timely payments according to the payment schedule below

### TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- Although the itinerary may change as the date draws closer, the tentative itinerary is shown below
  - "No schedule is sacred and is always subject to change"
- Dates, times and locations will change as events are finalized throughout the coming year
- Trip costs will include all events listed in the itinerary, except personal incidentals

### FALL 2020 SEASON & MACY'S PARADE REHEARSALS

- The Trabuco Hills High School Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will continue to compete in WBA & CSBC competitions during the Fall 2020 Season
- The Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit will not attend the 2020 Western Band Association Championships (WBA), which will be held the week before Thanksgiving
- Rehearsals during the Fall 2020 Season will be dedicated to either the Field Show or Macy's Parade
  - The dates, times and focus will be posted to the calendar on the THHS Music website
- Since there will be a limited number of rehearsals for the Macy's Parade, all participants will be **required** to attend these rehearsals dedicated to the Macy's Parade
  - The projected rehearsals dedicated to the Macy's Parade will be two Saturdays each month, starting August 2020 through November 2020
  - There will also be 2-3 rehearsals for the Macy's Parade during the week of November 16, 2020

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- The rehearsal schedule for the Macy's Parade will be posted in early 2020, after SVUSD has published the official district calendar, and after WBA and CSBC has published their tentative show schedule for Fall 2020 Season

### **PARTICIPANT COSTS**

- The estimated total cost per participant is \$1920-\$2020
  - Participants will stay at the Hampton Inn Manhattan/Times Square Central
  - The cost range is due to the need to finalize the tentative itinerary:
    - Broadway show, which cannot be booked until nine months out, cost varies dependent on show availability and show selection
    - Flight, which cannot be booked until eleven months out, cost varies dependent on airline carrier, time of day and any group rates available
    - Possibility of activities on the morning of Friday, November 27, 2020
- Included in the trip cost are the following items:
  - Airfare to and from New York City
  - Transportation to and from all events on the itinerary
  - Meals and activities as indicated on the itinerary
  - Commemorative spiritwear for each participant
  - Ground transportation to and from LAX
  - Cost of cross-country transportation of instruments, uniforms, guard equipment, supporting infrastructure for the trip
  - All instruments and equipment will be loaded on the truck Tuesday, November 17, 2020 after the Macy's Parade Rehearsal that day. Note: These items will not be checked as luggage on the flight to New York City.
  - The cost to check one bag each way.

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### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- Participant payment schedule for eligible 2019-2020 THHS students and any alumni:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1 (non-refundable deposit)	\$100	\$103	08/31/19
Payment #2	\$350	\$361	11/01/19
Payment #3	\$350	\$361	02/01/20
Payment #4	\$350	\$361	05/01/20
Payment #5	\$350	\$361	07/01/20
Payment #6 - Final	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01//20

- Participant payment schedule for eligible 2020-2021 THHS freshmen students:

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
Payment #1	\$400	\$412	12/01/19 <sup>1</sup>
Payment #2	\$400	\$412	02/01/20
Payment #3	\$400	\$412	05/01/20
Payment #4	\$400	\$412	07/01/20
Payment #5 - Final	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01/20

- It is highly recommended for 2019-2020 THHS senior students who have an interest in participating in the parade pay the \$100 non-refundable deposit (Payment #1) in order to hold a spot for the trip

<sup>1</sup> 11/04/19 – Adjusted Payment #1 date for incoming Freshmen Families

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### PAYMENT METHODS

- Checks made payable to THHS Music Boosters
  - To assist the team in the proper application and administration for the trip, please write separate checks for all payments for the Macy's Parade
    - Do not combine with any other checks made to the THHS Music Boosters
  - Please include the name of the participant on the check
  - Please indicate the names of the Family & Friends, if applicable (see below)
- PayPal, which can be found on the Macy's Parade page on the THHS Music website
  - Please note the participant's name in the comments field
  - **You must add an additional 3% to the payment to cover transaction fees**
- Venmo and Zelle are not available payment options

### CANCELLATION PENALTY SCHEDULE

- Our goal is for all participants to be able to attend the trip. However, situations arise and we understand there may be a need to cancel participation on the trip.
- Some deposits and money paid to vendors cannot be recouped after a certain date. As such, here is the penalty schedule for cancellation after specific points in time:

DATE	PENALTY
After 08/31/19	\$100 deposit per person
After 12/01/19	\$100 deposit + 20% per person
After 03/01/20	\$100 deposit + 50% per person
After 06/01/20	\$100 deposit + 80% per person
After 08/15/20	100% per person



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### SPECIAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- If special travel arrangements need to be made for the family, please contact [thhsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thhsmacys2020@gmail.com) and let the committee know what those needs may be
  - We will do our best to work with the tour company to facilitate personal requests
- For families who plan to extend their stay in New York City and wish to have their student depart later than the group on Friday, please contact [thhsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thhsmacys2020@gmail.com) and let the committee know
  - Parents will be solely responsible for checking out their student from the hotel on Friday morning prior to the group's departure from the hotel that day
  - Students will not be allowed to be checked out at any other time or by any other person than the parent indicated to the committee at [thhsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thhsmacys2020@gmail.com)
- Due to group airline bookings, frequent flyer points cannot be used as payment for any participant or any Family & Friends member through the tour company
- TSA Precheck and Global Entry numbers, if applicable, for all travelers will be requested prior to booking flights in December 2019

### FUNDRAISERS

- The Music Boosters plans to organize fundraisers with the hopes of reducing the costs of the trip for everyone, and we will need your help!!
- If there are contacts for corporate outreach or any new fundraising ideas, please reach out to the committee and the team will follow-up on those possible options
- Email [thhsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thhsmacys2020@gmail.com) with fundraising suggestions and lend your expertise and / or contacts to benefit all participants
- Fundraising details and events will be communicated to all families when they become available
- It is encouraged that every family participates in any and all fundraising activities that will be offered
- Additionally, please assist in spreading the word regarding any fundraising opportunities to our local community and beyond

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Unfortunately, scholarships will not be available through the Music Boosters

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### OTHER

- Students will self-medicate unless otherwise requested. Please notify the committee if medication needs to be refrigerated.
- Please notify the committee of any dietary restrictions, proper arrangements can be made
- Travel insurance is optional. The tour company recommends <http://insuremytrip.com>
- **Audition Ensembles (Color Guard & Percussion Ensemble):** For students in ensembles that require an audition to become a member, we understand that there might be some hesitation on the payments for this trip. Students who work hard, maintain a positive attitude, maintain good grades and have stellar attendance for rehearsals, camps and clinics will be invited as a member for the 2020-2021 school year.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 09/24/19: Macy's Committee clarification to address parent inquiry for Color Guard auditions

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### **PARENT CHAPERONES**

- Adults who are interested in being a chaperone should inform the Macy's Committee as soon as possible by sending an email to [thsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thsmacys2020@gmail.com)
- The committee will notify those who are selected as chaperones. Due to limited spots, priority will be given to those parents who have students in the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Chaperones must commit to the entire trip, which includes flying with the group on both legs of the flight, accompanying the participants at all times, staying at the same hotel as the participants and attending all events and activities with the participants (typically 10-15 chaperones required)
- Chaperone responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, uniforms, escorting students within the hotel, escorting students while walking in the city, scheduled nightly room checks, and supporting the group in any other manner as deemed necessary. A significant amount of walking will be required. Chaperones must be able to handle the winter weather conditions for New York City during November.
- Chaperones are financially responsible for the cost of the entire trip and must adhere to the payment schedule set forth
- The chaperone cost assumes quadruple occupancy and individuals will be adjusted as necessary to accommodate any room arrangement other than quad occupancy in a double/double room.

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- See Above: Chaperones must adhere to the same payment and cancellation schedules as participants.

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### **FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM**

- Family, Friends and other supporters who are not chaperones will be traveling separate from the Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit
- The tour company does offer a "Family & Friends" program
  - This is a mini tour package available for members who are not chaperones, but still wish to travel to New York City
- Priority will be given to immediate family members based on the maximum trip capacity
- Airfare is not included in this mini tour package, but may be available for an additional charge.
- Please contact [thsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thsmacys2020@gmail.com) to be put on the interest list for the limited Friends & Family airfare block
  - Checked baggage fees will not be included in this airfare block
  - The airfare block will have a similar travel itinerary as the participants, but travel with the participants cannot be guaranteed

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM COST**

- The mini tour package for Family & Friends will include the following:
  - 5 night hotel accommodations at Hotel Edison (separate from the marching unit)
  - 5 breakfast buffets each morning at the hotel (Monday-Friday)
  - Required hotel portorage
  - Admission to the Family Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance Celebration Thanksgiving Cruise on Thursday, November 26, 2020
    - This includes round-trip coach transfers (hotel-pier-hotel)
    - This activity will be with the participants



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- The *estimated* cost as of July 2019 is shown below. This price is subject to change based on the total number of participants in the Family & Friends Program. Air transportation is not included in this cost.

TOTAL COST	GUESTS PER ROOM	COST PER GUEST	ROOM ARRANGEMENTS
\$2,768	4	\$692	Queen / Queen
\$2,286	3	\$762	Queen / Queen
\$1,802	2	\$901	Queen / Queen
\$1,688	2	\$844	King
\$1,251	1	\$1251	Queen

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM A LA CARTE OPTIONS**

- As an added benefit, the tour company offers Family & Friends additional options to be added to the mini tour package. This optional items are as follows:
  - Broadway Show on Tuesday, November 24, 2020
    - Estimated \$135-175 per ticket
    - This will be the same show as the participants, but seating will be separate
  - Full day NYC Guided Coach / Walking / Subway "Get Acquainted" Tour on Wednesday, November 25, 2020
    - \$95 per person; under 4 years old is at no charge
    - This tour will not be with the participants
    - Central Park Walking tour, Museum Mile, Apollo Theater (from the outside)
    - Financial District walking tour, Wall Street, The Bull, St Paul's Chapel
    - National 9/11 Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center
    - Subway Ride from World Trade Center to Times Square

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- Broadway Show on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 <sup>3</sup>
  - Estimated \$135-175 per ticket
  - This will be an option for an additional Broadway show
- Additional hotel stays for Friday, November 27, 2020 or Saturday, November 28, 2020
  - Estimated \$275 per additional night and does not include breakfast

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS PROGRAM PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

- The Family & Friends Program payment schedule will be similar to that of the THHS students and alumni participants

DESCRIPTION	CASH/CHECK	PAYPAL (3% added)	DUE
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Payment #2	20% of total	20% of total + 3%	11/01/19
Payment #3	20% of total	20% of total + 3%	02/01/20
Payment #4	20% of total	20% of total + 3%	05/01/20
Payment #5	20% of total	20% of total + 3%	07/01/20
Payment #6 - Final	Balance due	Balance due + 3%	09/01/20

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER CRUISE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS NOT PARTICIPATING IN MINI PACKAGE**

- For those who are not chaperones and are not enrolled in the Family & Friends Program, there is also an opportunity to join the group for the Family Thanksgiving Dinner & Dance Celebration Thanksgiving Cruise on Thursday, November 26, 2020 - only if there is room on the cruise ship
- Cost is \$130 per person
- Includes the dinner cruise only and no transfers
- Guests are responsible for getting to and from Pier 15 at their own expense
- This option is pending availability after February 01, 2020

<sup>3</sup> 09/09/19: Students of Broadway change to a la carte offering for 11/25/20

**Sunday, November 22, 2020 thru Friday, November 27, 2020**  
**94th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**  
**Central Park West to Macy's Herald Square**  
**Manhattan in New York City, New York**

**ITINERARY**

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
TBD*	Depart from Trabuco Hills High School
TBD*	Morning Flight (LAX to JFK / EWR)
TBD*	Arrive at JFK / EWR
	Meet NYC Licensed Tour Guides
	"Set for Success" Safety Briefing
	Travel by Charter Buses (3)
5:00 PM	Hotel Check-In
7:00 PM	Meet Chaperones & Guides in hotel lobby
8:30 PM	Dinner
	<b>Angelo's Coal Oven Pizzeria</b> <b>117 West 57th Street</b> <b>New York, NY 10001</b>
10:30 PM	In Rooms
11:00 PM	Lights Out

**Monday, November 23, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
5:45 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
7:15 PM	Meet Chaperones & Guides in hotel lobby
7:30 AM	Depart from the hotel
9:00 AM	Rehearsal
	<b>Chelsea Piers Connecticut</b> <b>1 Blachley Road</b> <b>Stamford, CT 06902</b>
12:00 PM	Depart from rehearsal
	Boxed lunch on bus
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Central Park Performance Begins</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Central Park Performance Ends</b>
4:30 PM	Depart from Central Park
5:00 PM	Arrive at hotel
6:00 PM	Depart from hotel
6:30 PM	Dinner
	<b>Dallas BBQ</b> <b>241 West 42nd Street</b> <b>New York, NY 10036</b>
8:30 PM	Group Photo in Times Square
9:30 PM	In Rooms
10:00 PM	Lights Out

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
7:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 AM	Meet Chaperones & Guides in hotel lobby
	Take Subway to museum
10:00 AM	Arrive at the museum
	<b>American Museum of Natural History</b> <b>Central Park West &amp; 79th Street</b> <b>New York, NY 10024</b>
12:00 PM	Lunch at the museum
	Walk to Strawberry Fields in Central Park
	Take Subway back to the hotel
3:15 PM	Depart from the museum
3:45 PM	Arrive at the hotel
4:15 PM	Depart from hotel
4:45 PM	Dinner
	<b>Buca di Beppo</b> <b>1540 Broadway</b> <b>New York, NY 10036</b>
6:15 pm	Depart from dinner
7:00 PM	Broadway Show (TBD*)
10:00 PM	Return to the hotel
10:30 PM	In Room / Lights Out

**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
7:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 AM	Meet Chaperones & Guides in hotel lobby
	Take Subway to World Trade Center
10:00 AM	Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island Tour
	Lunch at Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island
	Financial District Walking Tour
	Wall Street / "The Bull" / Trinity Church / St. Paul's
	Souvenir stop at NY Gifts, 50 Broadway
4:00 PM	National 9/11 Memorial & Museum
6:00 PM	Depart for dinner
6:30 PM	Dinner
	<b>TBD*</b> <b>TBD*</b> <b>TBD*</b>
8:15 PM	Subway back to the hotel
8:45 PM	In Room / Lights Out

**Thursday, November 26, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
2:30 AM	Meet Chaperones & Tour Manager in the hotel lobby
2:45 AM	Load Buses
TBD*	Pre-Parade NBC Rehearsal at
	36th Street & Broadway in Herald Square
4:15 AM	Load Buses
4:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
6:30 AM	Load Buses / Travel to Columbus & 86th Street
7:00 AM	Parade Line-Up, directed by Macy's Captain
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>94th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade</b>
	Group Photo on the Steps of the Moynihan Building
12:30 PM	Return to the hotel
	Box Lunch
	Nap / Rest
5:30 PM	Meet Chaperones & Tour Manager in the hotel lobby
5:45 PM	Depart from the hotel
6:30 PM	Board Private Yacht Hornblower Hybrid at Pier 15
7:00 PM	Trabuco Hills Family Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner
10:15 PM	Ship Disembarkment
10:45 PM	Return to the hotel
11:15 PM	In Room
11:45 PM	Lights Out

**Friday, November 27, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
TBD*	Breakfast at the hotel
TBD*	Check Out / Load Buses
TBD*	Possible Activity
TBD*	Flight (JFK / EWR to LAX)
TBD*	Approximate Arrival at Trabuco Hills High School



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**\*\*\* MUST BE TURNED IN WITH FIRST PAYMENT \*\*\***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent or guardian), give permission for my student(s), \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Trabuco Hills High School Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip on November 22 - 27, 2020.

I understand that I am financially responsible for the \$100 non-refundable hard commitment deposit requirement (per each participant and traveling family member) by August 31, 2019, and that all required subsequent trip payments must be paid timely and outright, or fundraised through the opportunities presented throughout the year by the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program. **All chaperones must be approved by the Committee.** Contact [thhsmacys2020@gmail.com](mailto:thhsmacys2020@gmail.com). I also understand the payment schedule and cancellation policy and agree to abide by them.

Mark (S)tudent, (C)haperone, or (F)amily member. Total deposit included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

	S/C/F	NAME (print legibly)	EMAIL ADDRESS (print legibly)
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal (Must include additional 3%. Attach proof of payment)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Thundering Mustangs Marching Unit \* Color Guard \* Percussion Ensemble \* Jazz Ensembles  
Symphony Orchestra \* Electric Strings \* Wind Ensemble \* Symphonic Band \* Pep Band**