**NEWARK HS ORCHESTRA**

***ASHLEY RUDD, DIRECTOR***

**DESTINATION: TORONTO, ONTARIO**

**DATES: NOVEMBER 2-5, 2024**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY**

**AS OF**

**OCTOBER 23, 2023**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

6:00 AM A motor coach arrives at **Newark High School** for loading.

 314 Granville Street, Newark, Ohio 4305

7:00 AM Depart via **deluxe air-conditioned motor coaches** with **DVD.** (7 hours have been

 allotted for drive time plus 2 hours for breaks, customs, and driver change.)

 *As of June 1, 2009, every STUDENT is required to have* a birth certificate. A passport (even an expired passport) will work. *Every ADULT will be required to have a passport or the new US Passport Card.* These are current conditions and we will continue to update you if they change.

4:00 PM Arrive in **Toronto** at **Ripley’s Aquarium of Canada.** Immerse yourself in a world of

 15,000 aquatic animals and discover your own underwater adventure. The Aquarium

 features North America’s longest underwater viewing tunnel, more than 5.7 million litres of water and has over 100 interactive opportunities including three touch pools

 featuring horseshoe crabs, sharks, and rays. This awe-inspiring new attraction consist

 of nine carefully curated galleries showcasing a cross section of saltwater and

 freshwater environments from around the world – starting with species from Toronto’s backyard, the Great Lakes basin.

288 Bremner Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario

***\*\*You will be greeted by your Professional Tour Director, Gary Mandel, here\*\****

6:00 PM Enjoy dinner at the **Hot House Café.**

35 Church Street

 Transfer to Roy Thomson Hall for tonight’s concert.

 60 Simcoe Street

8:00 PM Enjoy a performance by the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra** *($70 allotted)* at **Roy**

 **Thomson Hall.** A cornerstone of the repertoire, Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto is a

 passionate and technically mesmerizing display of the instrument’s capabilities. It

 soars in the hands of the gifted Randall Goosby, a former student of Itzhak Perlman

 who, at 13, was the youngest winner of the Sphinx Competition. The beloved work is

 complemented by a delightfully effervescent Divertimento for String Orchestra

 composed by Bartók in just 15 days, along with Mozart’s popular “Prague”

 Symphony, and the World Première of a work by Métis composer Ian Cusson, created

 in partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

 **Mendelssohn’s Violin** *(concert from the 2023-’24 season)*

 **Gustavo Gimeno**, conductor

**Randall Goosby,** violin

 ***Ian Cusson* New Work (World Première/Art of Healing Program Commission in**

 **Partnership with CAMH)**

 ***Mendelssohn* Violin Concerto**

 ***Bartók* Divertimento for String Orchestra**

 ***Mozart* Symphony No. 38, K. 504 *“Prague”***

10:30 PM Transfer to your hotel to check-in for the evening.

 **Hilton Garden Inn Toronto – Airport** (or similar)

**1 Private Security Guard on duty – 11:00 PM-6:00 AM**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

8:00 AM **Breakfast** includedat the hotel**.**

9:00 AM Board coaches for downtown.

10:00 AM This morning is reserved for your **Collegiate Orchestral Clinic** with **Dr. Uri Mayer, Director** of **Orchestral Studies** at the **University of Toronto** *(pending scheduling).*

11:30 AM Transfer to **Eaton Centre,** Toronto’s preeminent downtown mall. Covering several

 city blocks, it boasts more than 250 stores in a bright, airy atmosphere in central,

 downtown Toronto. Have lunch in the large food court on your own.

 220 Yonge Street

1:30 PM Arrive at the **CN Tower,** once the world’s tallest tower, where six glass-faced

 elevators whisk you to the observation deck in 58 seconds. From here, you can see

 60-75 miles away, to the city of Rochester across Lake Ontario in the US, and see the

 mist rising from Niagara Falls. In 1995, it was classified as one of the Seven Wonders

 of the Modern World.

 301 Front Street West

3:30 PM Explore **Little Canada.** Go on a journey of discovery through Canada in this

interactive attraction showcasing Canada’s captivating vistas, landmarks and

cityscapes in miniature scale. From The Rockies to the Maritimes and up to the Arctic

North, a new landscape to explore is around the corner!

10 Dundas Street East

5:00 PM Enjoy dinner at the **Shopsy’s.**

*Evening* Tonight is reserved for a **special performance** by the **Newark HS Orchestra** at a local

 church *(arranged by the director).*

9:00 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

8:00 AM **Breakfast** included at the hotel.

9:00 AM Transfer into the city.

10:00 AM Arrive at **Casa Loma,** the former home of Canadian financier Sir Henry Pellatt.

 Completed in 1914 for a staggering $3.5 million, Canada's foremost castle is complete

 with decorated suites, secret passages, an 800-foot tunnel, towers, stables, and beautiful 5-acre estate gardens.

1 Austin Terrace

12:30 PM Transfer to the **Historic St. Lawrence Market** for lunch on your own and shopping. A

 huge selection of meat, fish, cheese, and produce, as well as hand-crafted gifts make

 for a one-of-a-kind experience.

 92-95 Front Street East

2:00 PM Explore the **Royal Ontario Museum**, Canada’s largest museum, with six million

 objects in its collections and 40 galleries of art, archeology and natural science. In

 June of 2007 the ROM unveiled the dramatic new expansion, the **Michael Lee-Chin**

 **Crystal**. Made up of interlocking prismatic forms the bright, modern addition to the

 museum expansion was one of the most challenging construction projects in North

 America, but the results are a sight to be seen. Have a **special performance** here

 *(pending scheduling).*

100 Queen’s Park

* 2:30 PM **Orchestra Performance**

6:00 PM Transfer to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament.

7:00 PM Cheer your knight onto victory at **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**! Be

 transported back 900 years to a time when chivalry was more than a word and

 knights performed daring feats to entertain the lords and ladies of the court,

 including remarkable displays of horseback riding, sword fighting, and jousting!!

 10 Dufferin Street

9:30 PM Return to the hotel for the evening.

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

8:00 AM **Breakfast** included at the hotel.

 Check out of the hotel and load motor coaches.

9:00 AM Depart for Niagara Falls (1 ½ hours allotted for drive time.)

10:30 AM After the drive from Toronto, arrive in **Niagara Falls** and stand on **Table Rock** for a

 look at one of the world’s most famous natural attractions, the magnificent

 **Horseshoe Falls,** where the **Niagara River** crashes over cliffs 20 stories high!

6650 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls, Ontario

 Have lunch on your own in the area.

1:00 PM Experience the **Voyage To the Falls Boat Tour,** North America’s oldest tourist attraction with millions of visitors since 1846. Water rushes all around as you “soak” in the excitement and explore the roar of the Falls! Take a historical boat ride on the Maid of the Mist Steamboat for an up close and personal view at the foot of Niagara Falls from 13 stories below.

5920 Niagara Parkway

2:30 PM Depart for home. (6 hours has been allotted plus 2 hours for dinner on your own,

 Customs, and breaks.)

10:30 PM Arrive at **Newark High School.**

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**WE HOPE YOU HAVE MADE MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES!!**