

Dear Carnegie Families,

Below is some helpful airport and flight information from our Tour Manager, Paul Koch, regarding check-in procedures for our upcoming trip.

All musicians and chaperones and staff will check their luggage and instruments directly at the airline check-in counter upon arrival at the airport. Any checked baggage (family responsibility) or oversized instrument fees (MYS responsibility) will be paid at that time before the group proceeds through TSA security and heads to the departure gate.

Our plan is to keep the students and chaperones gathered together in a designated area while lead chaperones handle the initial group check-in using the airline group record locators provided in our Final Packet (which will arrive approximately one week before departure). At that point, travelers will be called up individually to check bags and make any necessary payments.

For TSA security:

- Travelers under 18 years old will not need to present identification.
- We will have chaperones move through security alongside the musicians, with adults positioned both in front of and behind the group to help things run smoothly.

Oversized or cargo instruments will also be checked directly with the airline at the airport counter. Airline staff will assist with tagging and handling those items before the group proceeds through security.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions as we prepare for travel. We are looking forward to a wonderful trip together!

PACKING LIST:

We are getting so excited for our upcoming Carnegie Hall tour! Below is a suggested packing list to help everyone prepare for a smooth and enjoyable trip.

Please remember to label ALL luggage, instrument cases, and personal items clearly with the traveler's name.

Required Travel Items

- Airline-approved carry-on bag
- Personal item/backpack
- Checked luggage (\$40)
- Instrument & all accessories – as carry on or in luggage. Large instruments as cargo or oversized.
- Paper Music folder/music

Travel Baggage Guidelines

1. Carry-On Luggage

- Weight: No official limit, but must be able to lift overhead.

2. Personal Item (Under Seat)

- Max Dimensions: 18 x 14 x 8 in (45 x 35 x 20 cm)

3. Checked Baggage

- Size Limit: Max 62 in / 158 cm (Length + Width + Height)
- Weight Limit: Typically 50 lbs (23 kg)
- Typical Carry-On Dimensions (for comparison): 22 x 14 x 9 in (56 x 36 x 23 cm)

- Shoulder rest, rosin, cello straps, mutes, valve oil, reeds, sticks/mallets, etc.
- Chargers for phones/devices
- Spending money (optional)
- Water bottle
- Any necessary medications in original bottles or packaging

Concert Attire

(Please pack carefully and keep performance attire wrinkle-free.)

- Formal MYS Black and white concert attire
- Concert shoes
- Black socks/hosiery

Daily Clothing – all clothing must be school appropriate

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Casual clothing for 5 days
 - Day 1 – Travel t-shirt
 - Day 2 – MYS T-shirt
 - Day 3 – Red Top/T-shirt
 - Day 4 – Blue top/T-shirt
 - Day 5 – Travel T-shirt
- Light jacket or hoodie
- Pajamas
- Undergarments & socks
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Outfit for Broadway/show evening if desired – Slacks or skirt and nice top (no shorts)

Toiletries

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush/comb
- Makeup/personal items
- Glasses/contact supplies

- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer

Helpful Extras

- Snacks for travel days and room
- Earbuds/headphones
- Small bag for souvenirs
- Neck pillow for flight
- Gum/mints

Important Reminders

- Violins and violas should be carried on the plane and should NOT be checked.
- Large instruments traveling cargo/check-in should arrive properly labeled and prepared for travel. I can help with this at the open house on June 5
- Keep valuables and important items in your carry-on bag.
- Pack lightly enough that traveler can manage their own luggage.
- Medications will be given to the chaperones before boarding.

Most importantly — bring a positive attitude, flexibility, and excitement for an unforgettable experience together in New York City!