

Santa Rosa HS and ArtQuest Instrumental Music

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Santa Rosa High School's Symphonic Band has officially been accepted as one of five bands that will perform at the 2025 New York Wind Festival in the historic Carnegie Hall in Manhattan. This is an amazing opportunity for our students to visit one of the greatest cities in the world, perform in America's most prestigious concert hall, visit museums, see a Broadway show, and more. What an amazing experience this will be for our students.

While in New York, the students will have the opportunity to share a 90-minute exchange rehearsal with one of the other five bands attending the festival, a chance to make music, and make friends with students from another state or possibly another country. We will also get to have a clinic with one of the three world-class adjudicators, top conductors and composers that World Projects will be bringing in for the festival. This will all be in preparation for the main event, a concert featuring all five bands at one of the most famous concert halls in the world. The students will get to take the same stage as the New York Philharmonic, perform their concert, listen to the other bands, and share their musical gifts.

Outside of the rehearsals and concert, we will be able to see and experience the sights and culture of New York. Included in our trip will be a dinner cruise and dance on the Hudson River with views of the NY skyline and the Statue of Liberty with the other bands. We will also have the ability to experience the culture of the city: a trip to the top of Rockefeller Center or the Empire State Building, a chance to learn a bit of America's history at the 9/11 Memorial, a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and their amazing history of musical instruments. What would a trip to New York be without seeing a show in what may be the most famous theater district in the world, Broadway?

Although we don't know the exact costs of the trip yet, I can give you a brief breakdown of what we may expect the costs to be.

Activity (some costs are estimated)	<u>cost per student (estimated 48 students)</u>
Base price for the trip (includes hotel, performance, workshops, and dinner cruise)	\$1,655.33
Tickets to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (great Instrument Exhibit)	\$22.63
Tickets to Top of the Rock or Empire State Building	\$65.31
Admission to the 9/11 memorial	\$39.19
Tickets to a Broadway show (estimated)	\$148.44
Airfare	\$937.50
Oversize baggage fees for instruments (estimated)	\$104.17
Bus to and from the airport	\$41.67
Meal costs (per day)	\$70.00

Estimated total	\$3,084.23
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Thank you,

Tim Decker
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