



Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras 20th Anniversary East Coast Tour to Carnegie Hall Participant Conduct: Policies and Regulations

GNOYO 2015 East Coast tour participants are expected to be responsible and mature members of the tour, its activities and its community. Participants recognize that respect for others is essential to establishing a highly functioning environment. Respect for both the personnel and the property of GNOYO is expected at all times.

I. Responsibilities

Each participant assumes personal responsibility to maintain a climate of mutual respect and trust which fosters growth and learning. The Music Director, the Chaperones, and Staff to whom disciplinary authority is delegated are responsible for consistently and uniformly applying all policies and regulations.

II. General Rules

While participating in GNOYO 2015 East Coast Tour activities, no participant shall violate tour rules and regulations. Infractions of these rules will result in disciplinary action and may result in immediate dismissal from the tour.

1. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding inappropriate behavior. Participants shall not behave in a disorderly or inappropriate manner, or in any other manner to interrupt or disturb the operation of the rehearsals, traveling or its activities.
2. Participants are responsible for the care and preservation of their rooms, rehearsal/practice areas, and all other hotel facilities. Damage to property, including lost room keys, will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the participant causing the damage.
3. All are expected to participate in every program activity, including meals, rehearsals, presentation, etc. Rehearsal attendance is required except as excused by the Music Director or a physician.
4. Participants are not allowed to ride in unspecified tour vehicles at any time during the tour unless accompanied by a tour staff member with appropriate authorization from the Music Director.
5. Students will turn off cell phones during all Tour activities to minimize interruptions and maximize learning and interaction with peers.
6. Absence from tour activities without the Director's prior approval will result in immediate dismissal from the tour at participant's cost.
7. Participants shall not run in the hallways, shout, fight or display or contribute to aggressive behavior that is disruptive or dangerous.
8. Participants shall not willfully or maliciously injure, deface, or destroy hotel property or the property of others.
9. Prescription medication must remain in the possession of the participant for whom it has been prescribed. Dispensing of prescription medications to others for whom they were not prescribed will result in immediate dismissal from the tour.
10. Participants will be accompanied by a chaperone or a staff member at all times.

III. Violations of Louisiana Code Resulting in Immediate Dismissal from the Program and Possible Prosecution Under the Law

1. According to LA Code Section R.S. 14:934 and related sections, no person under twenty-one years of age may lawfully purchase or possess alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Infractions of this law will result in dismissal from the Tour and possible prosecution.
2. According to LA Code Sections R.S. 40:966-R.S. 40:969, the possession, use, distribution, manufacture, or sale of legally controlled substances is prohibited. Infractions of this law will result in dismissal from the Tour and possible prosecution.
3. Possession of a firearm, stun gun, or other weapon during the tour is prohibited. Infractions of this law will result in dismissal from the Tour and possible prosecution.
4. Participants are not to tamper with fire alarms. Any person who without just cause, calls or summons, by telephone or otherwise, any ambulance or fire-fighting apparatus, or any person who maliciously activates a manual or automatic fire alarm in any building shall be deemed guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Such infractions will result in dismissal from the Tour and possible prosecution.

IV. Enforcement of Rules

The Music Director may exercise disciplinary measures, including dismissal from the Tour, after giving the student notice of the charges against him or her. If the participant denies the charges, he or she will have an opportunity to present his or her version of what occurred during an informal hearing that will be held as soon as possible after the alleged misconduct. During this hearing an explanation of the facts as known by the GNOYO East Tour personnel will also be presented.

If a participant is dismissed from the Tour, a letter will be sent to his/her parents or guardian explaining the reason for dismissal. **Should a participant leave the Tour at any time before the end of the Tour, regardless of the reason, no refunds will be made.**

Questions? Please contact Dr. Jean Montès at jmontes@loyno.edu or at 504.616-1652.

Please keep this copy for your information.

**GNOYO 2015 20TH ANNIVERSARY
EAST COAST TO CARNEGIE HALL
STUDENT CONDUCT: POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

We hereby certify that we have read and understood the policies and regulations that will be in effect throughout the 2015 East Coast Tour to Carnegie Hall. **We have kept a copy** of the policies, and we agree to abide by these policies and regulations throughout the entire Tour.

Agreement of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Agreement of Student

Printed Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form on March 21, 2015!