

Sheldon-Williams Area Music Program (SWAMP) ATLANTIC FESTIVAL OF MUSIC 2018

Trip Information

Where: Halifax, N.S. ATLANTIC FESTIVAL OF MUSIC
When: Wednesday, April 25th to Saturday, April 28th 2018
Who: All band and choir students
Cost: Approximately \$1,648 per participant (final cost is dependent on number of participants)

The **Atlantic Festival of Music** is an exciting and revolutionary approach that highlights performing, listening and learning. This Festival is held every year in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Festival involves clinics and workshops and each year they offer great guest artists and performing groups. In addition, students will perform and observe other high caliber high school ensembles. Students and teachers alike will leave the festival enriched with new skills and ideas.

Sheldon-Williams music program is performance based and music festivals are an integral curricular component of the program and provide a necessary extended performance opportunity. This festival accepts ensembles that aspire to reflect professionalism in every aspect of their performance. It is our goal to have **all members of these ensembles participate** in this educational experience.

The Sheldon music department is committed to carefully planning tours that offer excellent educational value while making every effort to keep costs as low as possible.

The estimated tour price includes:

- All festival activities including but not limited to adjudicated performances, workshop, clinics, 2 evening concerts and a dance.
 - Private motor coach transportation
 - 3 nights accommodation at Mount Saint Vincent University Residence, or similar (based on students in quads and chaperones in twins) including hot breakfast
 - Guided tour of Peggy's Cove, Mahone Bay and Lunenburg
 - Dinner and entertainment at Grafton Street Theatre
 - Group dinner at Bluenose II restaurant
 - A visit to Maritime Museum of Atlantic
 - Time to explore downtown Halifax
 - All breakfasts and two evening meals. **Students will be responsible for paying their own lunches(4) and one or two evening meals(depending on travel times)**
 - Flights
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Thanks for your continuing support of the music program!
Sincerely,

Ms. Taylor and Miss Scott

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Payment Schedule

Total trip costs are currently estimated at **\$1,648** broken down into the following 4 payments:

1. June 23rd – Non-Refundable - \$100 - Paid to SWAMP

Used to secure spot on the trip and to cover costs for meals, gratuities and trip expenses not covered by the travel agency

2. Sept 20th - Non-Refundable - \$250 + \$90 insurance - Paid to Travel agent

1st payment to travel agent and Student Travel insurance. Recommending their travel insurance due to specific coverage for strike or job action which is not available in most policies. Travel agency policy is that insurance is purchased with the 1st payment.

The travel agency payments & insurance can be paid online via credit card or bank account; SWAMP does NOT collect these payments.

3. Nov 17th - Non-Refundable - \$600 - Paid to Travel agent.

2nd installment.

4. Mar 2nd - Non-Refundable - \$608 - Paid to Travel agent

3rd and final installment. The final amount may vary depending on the total number of travelers and/or the cost of flights at booking.

Please note that ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. This is because the festival has a non-refundable payment policy and the above payment schedule coincides with that set out in the festival agreement.

Student Commitment

Name: _____

Yes, I intend to participate in this year's music tour and agree to the payment schedule outlined above.

No, I do not intend to participate in this year's music tour.

Parent's signature: _____