



A Monthly Newsletter for Band, Orchestra & Choral Directors

Mardi Gras at Universal Studios® Florida



Let the Music Move You at Universal Studios® **Mardi Gras!**

Enjoy live concerts with some of the biggest names in music, a spectacular parade, outrageous street performers, authentic Cajun food*, beads by the handful and more! It's all included with your Universal Studios theme park admission.

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Mardi Gras Stars Pre-Parade at Universal Studios® Florida

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Top 10 Student Destinations:

1. Orlando, FL
2. New York City, NY
3. Washington DC
4. Atlanta, GA
5. Boston, MA



Your marching band can perform at Universal Studios® during the annual Mardi Gras celebration!

Mardi Gras comes alive at Universal Studios and now **marching bands** can be a part of it! The streets are filled with park guests and beads - but that's just the start. **Marching bands** will now have the opportunity to be a part of a pre-parade to the official Mardi Gras parade at Universal Studios®. After your **marching** performance, sing-along and dance with legendary party bands that take the stage to turn your night into a party of historic proportions! And no Mardi Gras party would be complete without all the cuisine and music that's made The Big Easy famous. So get yourself ready for Mardi Gras, and let the good times roll!

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Spotlight Destination: Washington DC



The Capitol Building, Washington DC

Washington DC, the nation's capitol, is not only the best place to

6. Chicago, IL
7. Historic Virginia/VA Beach
8. St. Louis, MO
9. Hawaii Cruises
10. Branson, MO

Fun Fotos!

These fun fotos are of the Clintonville Middle School Band of Clintonville, Wisconsin on their recent trip to Orlando.



The Clintonville Middle School Band posing for a group photo at the front entrance of EPCOT®.



Clintonville Middle School Band students having fun on the Tea Cups at the Magic Kingdom®.



learn about our nation's heritage, but is where history comes alive. In Washington, DC, you'll enjoy access to exciting attractions, fascinating historical sites/memorials/monuments, outstanding museums, signature shopping, delectable dining and professional sports. Many of the architectural landmarks in Washington, DC commemorate important chapters in American history. In fact, the only thing more impressive than the sheer diversity of museums in Washington DC is that most of them are free.

Kaleidoscope Adventures can customize a complete travel package to Washington DC. For a FREE, no obligation quote, please call our Kaleidoscope Adventures sales team at (800) 774-7337.

Can't Decide Where to Go?



Need ideas? Tell us the purpose and budget of your trip and our Kaleidoscope Adventures sales team will make suggestions that make sense for you.

Sometimes the most perplexing part of planning a trip is deciding where to go. You may ask yourself, "Should I take my group on a performance trip to New York or Washington DC? Or should we plan a festival trip to Orlando, FL or Chicago, IL?" As you consider possible destinations and tours, keep in mind that the **Kaleidoscope Adventures** sales team is ready to help you with your decision. Our team can quickly and easily coordinate your trip, making sure no detail is left unplanned, leaving you to focus on what really counts...enjoying yourself!

We are committed to providing you with your trip, your way. We



Clintonville Middle School Band students receiving last minute instructions from their director, Tami Bagstad, before their big performance.



Clintonville Middle School Band, under the direction of Tami Bagstad, performing on stage at Downtown Disney@.

Want to see your music ensemble in our newsletter? Send your photos to:

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have firsthand experience in 40+ destinations in North America. Being a full-service student tour operator, we specialize in working with bands, choirs, orchestras, dance and theater classes.

Give your students a fun, hands-on learning experience that they'll remember for years to come. You'll have the rewarding feeling of knowing that you are the teacher who is making a difference in your students' lives. As an educator, travel planning is *easy* with the help of your **Kaleidoscope Adventures** team.

If you can't decide where to go, we can help. Call us at **800-774-7337** to start your conversation with one of our sales team members. Every Kaleidoscope Adventures sales representative is well-versed in each destination and will assist you with your decision making process.

Performance Trips: We've Got You Covered!



Looking for a televised parade or bowl game halftime show for your marching band? Looking for a festival or workshop with expert clinicians? Looking for excellent performance venues for your ensemble? You've come to the right place! At **Kaleidoscope Adventures**, we have created some of the most innovative music opportunities for performance and festival groups throughout North America. Our expert sales team, comprised of former music educators, teachers, hotel industry experts and Certified Travel Industry Specialists, is ready to exceed your expectations. With over 100 combined years of

experience, our sales team has the knowledge and unique insight into what will make your performance/festival trip perfect.

Examples of exceptional performance opportunities our sales team has created include:

- Performances in major symphony halls and concert halls;
- Clinics with professional musicians and college professors at major universities;
- Televised parades and bowl games;
- Participation in major Music Festivals throughout North America;
- One-of-a-kind performance venues;
- Disney *Magic Music Days*, Universal Stars, Sea World® SoundWaves and Branson On Stage Live!;
- Dance Festivals/Competitions
- Theater/Drama workshops.

In addition, we have excellent musical opportunities and venues in each of our **40+ destinations** we service. We look forward to working with you and your performance/festival group.

Kaleidoscope Adventures can customize a complete performance trip catered to your needs and performance objectives to any of our 40+ destinations. Please call the Kaleidoscope Adventures sales team at [\(800\) 774-7337](tel:8007747337) for a FREE, no obligation quote.

An Interview with Carrie Fitchett, Tour Director for Kaleidoscope Adventures



Carrie Fitchett goofing off with Goofy

This month we are featuring a member of our Kaleidoscope Adventures staff to give you an idea of what qualities we look for when we are searching the country for our professional staff of Tour Directors. Carrie Fitchett has been Tour Directing for us for several years and has a tremendous knowledge of many of our top student destinations. Even better, Carrie has an amazing passion for travel and her role in the student travel industry.

Recently, I checked in with Carrie to learn more about her. See what she had to say...

How did you become a Tour Director?

"Hmmm....well, I was done with my job, just wasn't loving it anymore, and I didn't want the next level, and my dad asked me, "if you could do whatever you wanted to...what would it be?" Well, "I'd travel!" He said, "How can you make a career of that?" I said, "I clearly have NO idea." So, I GOOGLED, and kept coming up with a class in San Francisco on Tour Management. So I sent in my application, and the rest is history! I did a phone interview and I was sold. I didn't know there were others out there like me...Preferring a suitcase to a dresser. I went to ITMI (International Tour Management Institute), and LOVED it. I had NO idea that such cool jobs existed. I thought Tour Directing was always the job that you heard about, but nobody ever actually got. And low and behold...I did! I feel at home, when at work, it's really the greatest job for me...and I love every minute...even the crazy ones."

Where do you call home?

"New Jersey is home, though, more like Newark Airport, or the Amtrak station."

What is your favorite destination to visit?

"I don't like this question; it's really hard for me to pick just ONE. I love New York, you have to, but I love California destinations, New Orleans, anywhere with Mickey Mouse, Chicago, DC, and let's not leave out Paris."

Why do you like working with student groups?

"So many reasons, but I think the biggest is seeing things through their eyes. They are learning about the places we visit in a history book, and then they actually get to BE THERE! So seeing things become a reality? COOL! I also love the energy (except when we're hiking the Arlington Hill and I'm beating them!?) It's a cliché, but it's the wide-eyed wonder that is AWESOME! I also LOVE the talent that I see, whether it be band, choir, dance, etc.? I am constantly amazed of the ability and dedication."

Can you tell us something interesting about yourself?

"Is it interesting that I love love love to travel?! Who doesn't? Okay. Something more interesting? I've worked for Bath & Body Works for 10 years...I LOVE playing board games...I love taking pictures, and lately I've discovered the joy of eBay."

We are so proud of Carrie and the amazing service she provides for our student groups. She is a wonderful representative of our company who always goes above and beyond to provide her personal touch to make your tours unique and special. Look for more Kaleidoscope Adventures Spotlights featuring other members of our team in the months ahead!

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package catered to your needs and educational objectives to any of our 40+ destinations. We will assist you with hotel accommodations, transportation, attraction tickets, meals, sightseeing, shopping, special events, and unique performance venues plus more.

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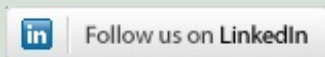
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