



*A Monthly Newsletter for Band, Orchestra, Choral,
Guitar and Dance Directors from your friends at
Kaleidoscope Adventures!*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Harrisonburg High School Performs at the Veterans Day Parade and Band of Pride Tribute in New York City!



The Harrisonburg High School Marching Band of Harrisonburg, VA participated in the New York Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th and the Band of Pride Tribute to Veterans in Times Square on November 10th. The band is under the direction of J.R. Snow.

The Band of Pride Tribute, comprised of over 1500 high school musicians and the largest marching band to ever perform in Times Square, performed an annual salute to the men and women who have served America, past and present, and played a medley of patriotic anthems as one mass band. The tribute concert serves to remind the nation of the sacrifices made by members of the

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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
6. Chicago, IL

Armed Services. In addition to those who have served in the Armed Forces, the 2011 Band of Pride Tribute is dedicated in honor and remember the 10th Anniversary of September 11th.

"The Band of Pride Tribute" concert was led by Dr. Kenneth Dye, musical director of The University of Notre Dame. Many of the students, including the Harrisonburg High School Marching Band, performed proudly on Veterans Day, in the 92nd NYC Veterans Day Parade along its historic Fifth Avenue Route in New York City. "Performing in the run up to the NYC Veterans Day Parade helps students see the impact their music can have on the world," said Melinda Marinoff, Executive Director of The Band of Pride Tribute. "In a true display of solidarity, these students, most of whom were 4, 5 and 6 years old on September 11, 2001, joined together in Times Square, the crossroads of the world, in a performance that was meant to be loudly heard: they are our hope for a brighter future where peace is the norm, not violence." The concert also included musical guest appearances by national saxophone recording artist, Shelby Brown, who opened the program with a solo of The National Anthem, the 319th Statue of Liberty Army Band and Bruce Silva, a trumpet player (Ret.), and The US Army Field Jazz Band. Members of the New York community including NYPD Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore J. Cassano, MOVA Commissioner Terrence C. Holliday, Deputy Commissioner to The Mayor of New York, Ronald Cohen, Lee Ielpi, FDNY (Ret.) co-founder of The Tribute Center at WTC, Wounded Warrior Project and Eileen Daly, Gold Star Mother, were in attendance and welcomed the musicians to the great city of New York.

For more information about the 2012 Veterans Day Parade,
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**An Interview with Karla Tomaszewski -
Director of Operations/Sr. Sales Manager**
by Greg Dotson

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

Meet the Operations Team!

Oftentimes, we receive phone calls or emails from our clients wanting to put a face with the name. This month, we are featuring the operations team. So, here ya go:



Karla Tomaszewski, Director of Operations/Sr. Sales Manager



Greg Dotson, Operations Coordinator/Sales/Trip Planner



This month we are featuring another member of our Kaleidoscope Adventures team. Karla Tomaszewski is celebrating her 15th anniversary this year and deserves to be recognized. Karla has worked in hospitality for more than 20 years, having worked in hotels before moving to the student travel industry. Recently, I checked in with Karla to learn a little more about her. See what she had to say...

KA: What is your role at Kaleidoscope Adventures?

KT: *"Director of Operations and Sales Manager. I like to help out wherever needed."*

KA: How long have you been working for Kaleidoscope Adventures?

KT: *"15 wonderful years!"*

KA: Where do you call home?

KT: *"Herrin, Illinois is home for me. However, I have built a wonderful life in Orlando with my husband."*

KA: What is your favorite destination to visit?

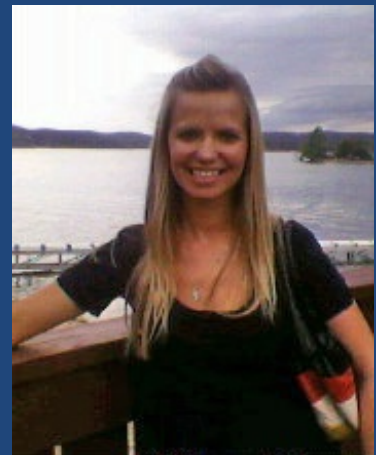
KT: *"There are so many to choose from. It is hard to pick just one! I will have to say New York is one of my favorite destinations."*

KA: Why do you like working with student groups?

KT: *"It keeps me young. Also, I enjoy helping students go to destinations they may never have a chance to go to otherwise."*



Jessie Sloan, Operations Coordinator



Nicole Toogood, Operations Coordinator

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Testimonials:

" Kaleidoscope Adventures was wonderful to meet our group's needs. We were under a tight budget and they responded in meeting our needs. They gave us a great tour of Chicago."

KA: Can you tell us something interesting about yourself?

KT: *"I have always wanted to conquer the ropes course at WonderWorks. I can ride any type of ride and love zip lining, but for some reason, I freeze when I try to walk across the ropes. I have tried the ropes course at WonderWorks in Orlando and Pigeon Forge. Both times, I did not get past the perch, as I call it. Maybe by our spring newsletter we will be able to post pictures of me walking the rope course.*

KA: Good luck Karla. We are all cheering for you!

Congratulations Karla, on your 15 year Adventure with Kaleidoscope Adventures. We are very lucky to have you leading our team. If you are interested in speaking with Karla about planning a trip, please contact her at karla@kaleidoscopeadventures.com Look for more Kaleidoscope Adventures interviews featuring other members of our team in the months ahead!

November Destination Spotlight: Philadelphia, PA



- Allen Hadley, Bellefontaine High School

"Our tour director was wonderful. All of the parents and kids loved her. We felt like we knew her forever! Ya'll keep it up. This was my third trip with Karla (the trip planner) and she is so amazingly helpful."

-Cheryl Hicks, North Surrey High School

Philadelphia's rich history and long list of attractions make the "City of Brotherly Love" a natural classroom for student groups. Take Philadelphia's arts, history, and science and combine them with unusual and lively attractions, student groups will receive an experience that is educational, entertaining, and best of all, something that will touch your groups' hearts and minds. Made famous for the birthplace of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, Philadelphia offers student groups world-class museums, fascinating historical sites, exciting attractions, fantastic entertainment, professional sports, signature shopping and delicious food. Philadelphia will certainly bring your classroom to life!

Kaleidoscope Adventures offers student groups a variety of experiences that help create lasting memories. We can customize an itinerary that is fun and meets your educational and/or performance objectives.

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The Greatest Conductors Have the Greatest Imaginations!



Have you ever noticed that the greatest conductors are those with the greatest imaginations? They choose the very best repertoire for what their ensemble is capable of performing. Imaginative conductors study the score and envision sounds to match the

notes, rhythms, and words they may see on the page. They come to rehearsals ready to engage the music and their musicians in a dynamic, focused and energetic way. Imaginative conductors are driven by their love of both the students with whom they collaborate as well as the music itself. Imaginative conductors come to rehearsals with deep, strong and flexible convictions to do their best not to lead hectic rehearsals.

Therefore, efficient rehearsals become the norm. The conductor's passion, nonverbal conducting gestures, are efficient and energetic, which are a result of having spent time with the score and having developed pre-determined visions of what the music should sound like.

As one can see, it is vitally important that you arrive at every rehearsal armed with a vision of musical possibilities. Being an imaginative conductor is not only exciting for both you and your ensemble, but a productive way to leading your rehearsals.

Kaleidoscope Adventures can customize a complete travel 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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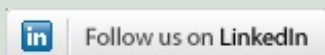
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