

THE NORMAL MARCHING BAND



London
NEW YEAR'S DAY
PARADE 2025



TRIP DATES: DECEMBER 27, 2024
THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2025

HISTORIC INVITATION



LONDON BECKONS

London invites the Normal Marching Band to take part in its Global Spectacular! The London New Year's Day Parade sees more than 8,000 performers from all corners of the globe entertaining a street audience of around 500,000 and a global TV audience of tens of millions! The parade is broadcast in the United States on the PBS network.

PRESENTING THE INVITATION



Bob Bone, Founder and Chair of the World-renowned London New Year's Day Parade and Duncan Sandys, great grandson of Sir Winston Churchill and former Lord Mayor of The City of Westminster, will visit Normal to formally invite the Normal Marching Band to join the 2025 festivities.

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 3**

about the trip

TOUR INCLUSIONS

ONCE IN A LIFETIME!

»» PERFORMANCES

Participation in London's 39th New Year's Day Parade and Festival with its magnificent, prestigious parade route throughout historic London. Potential performance in one of the Gala concerts that form part of London's New Year's Day Parade and Festival. The London Gala Concert series will be performed in prestigious venues in London.

INCLUDED INSURANCE

Cancellation, up to \$4,000

Medical and Emergency, up to \$10,000

Personal Accident, up to \$25,000

Lost/Damaged Baggage, up to \$1,000

Musical Instruments, up to \$5,000

plus Rental of Replacement Instrument

»» TRAVEL INCLUSIONS

Round trip air travel (economy class with meal), six nights accommodation in a well located first class hotel in London, six breakfasts, six or more included meals, parade day deli lunch, and transportation by bus, coach, or other method, per the itinerary.



the itinerary

EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

»»» WHAT ELSE IS THE GROUP DOING?

- A guided half day tour of London's historic West End and City.
- A tour of the 900 year old Tower of London and the Crown Jewels of England.
- A short panoramic boat trip through the heart of London on the River Thames.
- A tour of Windsor and Windsor Castle, home of the British Royal Family.
- A tour of Hampton Court Palace and its famous maze.
- Tours of the LNYDP parade route, the South Bank of the River Thames (including the Shakespeare Globe Playhouse, and the Rock and Roll Capital).

COMMEMORATING THE EVENT

Participants also receive:

- A digital copy of the group photograph
- A 2025 LNYDP Festival Medal
- Download of the LNYDP TV coverage

For non-performing group members:

- priority booking of parade grandstand tickets and concert tickets

»»» NEW YEAR'S EVE

The group's 'New Year's Eve Celebration' in a private room at the hotel, with a professional 'disco' and light show. To add to the party mood included are rocket balloons, glow worms, party poppers and other party favours. Pizza and soft drinks will help ensure a memorable New Year in London!





payment information

TRAVEL COSTS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

➤➤➤ TOTAL TOUR COSTS

Each performer is responsible for “NMB dues” that cover the cost of their participation in the marching band. The amount of those dues is being held at \$350 per performer, the same amount as the 2023 season. For those traveling to London, the NMB dues are embedded in the trip payment schedule. The total student amount for the trip and the entire marching band season is \$4,100. Suggested payment checkpoints are listed below. Families may make payments in any amount at any time so long as they remain up to date with the checkpoints.

➤➤➤ SCHEDULE

\$300 deposit due for each traveler by 11/15/2023

Additional \$600 checkpoint must be accrued by 1/15/24

Additional \$650 checkpoint must be accrued by 3/15/24

Additional \$650 checkpoint must be accrued by 5/15/24

Additional \$650 checkpoint must be accrued by 7/15/24

Additional \$650 checkpoint must be accrued by 9/15/24

The final \$600 payment is due no later than 11/1/2024

IS THE TRIP REQUIRED?

Students are not required to participate in this trip in order to join the marching band, however students are required to be in the marching band for the duration of the season in order to be eligible for the trip.

➤➤➤ GUARDIAN/PARENT RATE

The total rate for a parent, guardian, sibling, grandparent, or other family member is \$3,800.

The single room supplement for an adult traveler staying in a room on their own is an additional \$720.

additional terms

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➤➤➤ LODGING SPECIFICS

Students will generally be accommodated in twin or double bedded rooms but in some hotels four and three bedded rooms will be used. Adults are guaranteed to be accommodated in twin or double-bedded rooms, but **MUST** pay a \$720 surcharge for a room for single occupancy. Some family rooms are available in selected hotels. All rooms have en-suite facilities including bath and/or shower and water closet (toilet.)

PAYMENTS

All amounts are listed in United States dollars.

Payments can be made by check to the *U5MP* or *Unit 5 Music Parents*.

Credit or Debit Card payments can be made through Charms/PayPal with an additional 3% fee.

Individual fundraiser proceeds can be applied in Charms.

➤➤➤ FLIGHTS

Flights are to be booked by the LNYDP. Package cost includes taxes, fees, and surcharges, with rates as of July 1, 2023. Significant variance at the time of travel may be passed on to the travelers.

Each traveler is permitted to check a 50 lb. suitcase and carry on allowable personal items. A freight allowance for instruments and equipment will be allocated to the band.

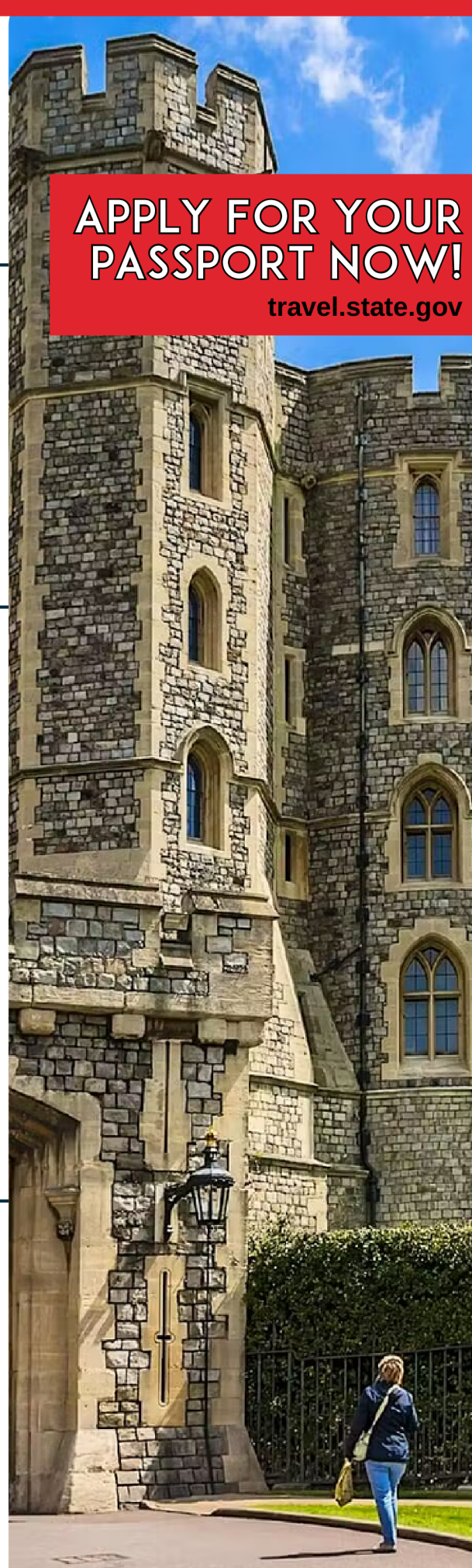
➤➤➤ CANCELLATION/REFUND TERMS

The initial deposit of \$300 per traveler is nonrefundable. All subsequent payments become nonrefundable as of May 1, 2024, except *appropriate refunds will be made in individual cases under the terms of the included travel insurance.*

The band will adhere to any warnings from the U.S. Government, the U.K. Government, or the LNYDP. The school administration, Board of Education, and/or band directors reserve the right to cancel the trip at any time, in cases of emergency, natural disasters, threats to student health or safety (natural or caused by man, including pandemics.) In this case, every effort will be made to recover as many fees as possible. Students are required to maintain academic eligibility and adhere to the NMB Conduct Agreement to participate.

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This document summarizes the band's agreement with the LNYDP. Please contact a band director if additional information or specific terms are required.