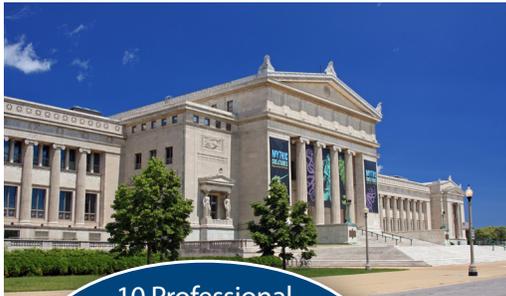


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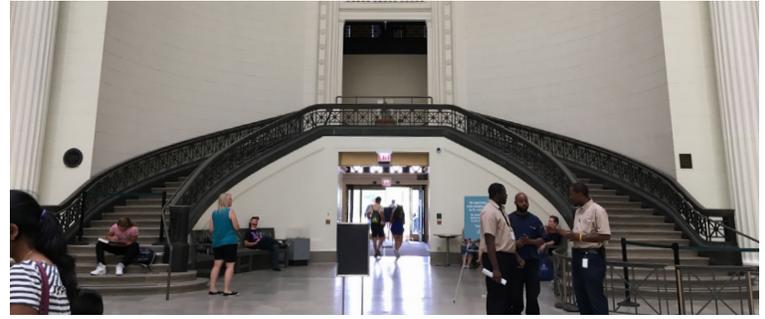
- Join hundreds of singers from around the United States to participate in a National Mass at majestic Holy Name Cathedral
- Celebrate in a brief performance of patriotic music on the Grand Staircase of Chicago's internationally renowned Field Museum of Natural History
- Attend or perform in the National Gala Concert at Dominican University's dramatic 1,000 seat auditorium
- Enjoy the famous sights of Chicago and a breathtaking view of the city from the Observatory on the 94th floor of "360 Chicago"
- Meet new friends at an unforgettable send-off lunch cruise and dance party aboard the Spirit of Chicago
- Stay in quad occupancy hotel rooms with daily breakfasts and 3 group dinners provided
- Relax on a private motor coach with transportation around Chicago, taxes and gratuities for all drivers and restaurant personnel



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## ITINERARY\*



### Day 1 ☞ Monday July 2, 2018

Upon arrival in Chicago, check into your hotel. Lunch will be on your own. In the afternoon, board your motor coach for Dominican University. Participate in rehearsal at Lund Auditorium. Enjoy a picnic dinner (weather permitting) on the beautiful "Quad," with free time for activities on campus. Return to your hotel for overnight. (D)

### Day 2 ☞ Tuesday, July 3, 2018

After breakfast, head into the city for an exciting overview of famous Chicago landmarks, including the John Hancock Observation Deck, now called "360 Chicago." Lunch will be on your own. This afternoon return to Dominican University, for rehearsal. Choirs participating in the Gala Concert will rehearse individually afterward. All others will enjoy recreational time on campus, followed by group dinner. This evening, attend performances by some of the best Pueri Cantores choirs in the nation at the always popular Gala Concert, a perennial favorite at U. S. Congresses. Return to hotel for overnight. (B | D)

### Day 3 ☞ Wednesday, July 4, 2018

After breakfast depart for Chicago, and a morning rehearsal in the James Simpson Theater in the architecturally magnificent Field Museum of Natural History. Following rehearsal, there will be a public patriotic performance on the Grand Staircase of the Great Hall in honor of the 4th of July. Lunch on your own. This afternoon, enjoy free time. Dinner will be with the group. Afterwards, from the grounds of the Field Museum, view the annual Independence Day fireworks above Navy Pier. Return to hotel for overnight. (B | D)

### Day 4 ☞ Thursday, July 5, 2018

This morning check out of hotel. Depart for final rehearsal in preparation for Mass at historic Holy Name Cathedral. Afterward, enjoy a celebratory lunch cruise and dance party aboard the Spirit of Chicago. At the conclusion of the cruise, depart for home. (B | L)

\*Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change  
B=Breakfast | L=Lunch | D=Dinner



**Dr. Richard Robbins**

#### Conductor, Holy Name Cathedral Mass

Dr. Richard Robbins is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where he directs the university Singers and Chamber Singers. A nationally esteemed conductor of high school and youth choirs, he also serves as Chorus Master of the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra and Music Director at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior, Wisconsin.



**Dr. Jennifer Kerr Breedlove-Budziak**

#### Conductor, Field Museum Patriotic Music

Jennifer Kerr Breedlove-Budziak is a Chicago area liturgical musician, author and conductor, and a widely published composer and arranger of liturgical music. She currently serves as Minister of Youth Music at Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago and on the faculty of Loyola University, and the Chicago Theological Union. Additionally, she is Editor for Music Formation Resources at GIA Publications.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**PRICING TERMS:** These are outlined adjacent to the estimated selling price listed in this brochure.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, CTS asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. Late payments may result in cancellation of your reservation. CTS also accepts Visa and MasterCard for payment. Traveler agrees not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$250 between the date of registration and 2/1/2018. Forfeit \$500 between 2/2/2018 and 5/1/2018. After 5/1/2018, there will be no refund. Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date.

**CANCELLATION INSURANCE:** CTS highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance including "Cancel for Any Reason" policies. In order to receive the optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 10 days of deposit. Call CTS at 313-565-8888, ext. 181, or your insurance agent.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Unless otherwise notified, CTS will mail you your travel information approximately 10-14 days before departure.

**ITINERARY:** The Itinerary as presented in this brochure is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. The right is reserved to alter or cancel the itinerary, at CTS's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable.

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**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person according to room type: a "Single" room denotes one person in a room and a "Double" room denotes two persons in one room. "Triple" and "Quad" rooms denote three and four roommates respectively, and are equipped with two double beds per room.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for motorized scooters, walkers, and canes. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

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**PHOTOGRAPHY:** CTS may take photographs or film of its trips and trip participants, and participant grants CTS express permission to do so and for CTS to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services including airline tickets.

**CHANGES:** Changes in any of the terms and conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTS.

**PARTICIPATION:** CTS reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the tour. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, CTS's only obligation is to refund to that person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

**BINDING ARBITRATION:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. Substantive (but not procedural) Michigan law shall apply in any such arbitration. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract. Including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

