

# Denton Independent School District Request for Out of State Student Travel

## I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Ryan High School Date of Request 2/4/2014  
 School Organization Choir Activity Sponsor David Rives

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)\*\* Italy (Venice, Sienna, Florence, and Rome)  
 Description of Activities or Events Sightseeing and performances in Bagnoregio and Rome  
 Dates of Travel 3/12/2015 - 3/21/2015 Mode of Travel Airline and Motorcoach  
 Number of Student Participants 30 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 18  
 Educational Purposes and Value History, Culture, and Travel.

\*\* Attach copy of proposed itinerary


## III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	<u>\$2,988.11</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____
Total Cost of Activity	<u>\$143,429.28</u>
Estimated Cost/Student	<u>\$2,988.11</u>

\*\*\*Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

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## IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Vernon Reeves</u> NAME	 SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>David M<sup>c</sup> Cullar</u> NAME	<u>David M<sup>c</sup> Cullar</u> SIGNATURE	<u>6-9-14</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL

\*Reference Policy FMG (L)

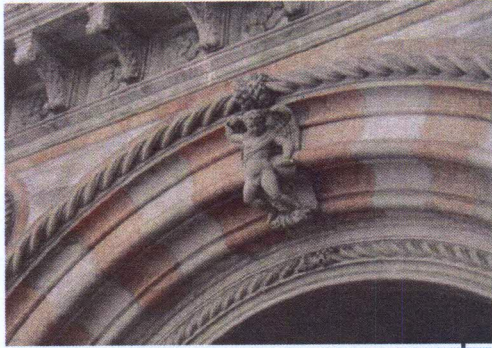


# Denton Ryan High School Choir PERFORMANCE TOUR ITALY

## Venice, Verona, Siena, Florence, and ROME! Preliminary Itinerary – March 12-21, 2015

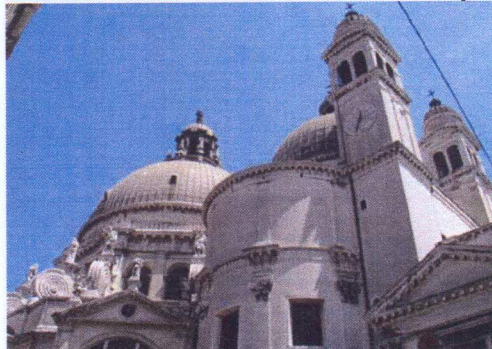
### Thursday, March 12 Dallas to Philadelphia

We depart from the Denton Ryan High School in time to arrive at DFW Airport for check in for our flight to Philadelphia on US Air 1268 at 11:10 AM. Our US Air flight arrives Philadelphia at 3:14 PM and we depart for Venice at 6:35 on US 714, traveling through the night with meal service en route.



### Friday, March 13 Arrival Venice

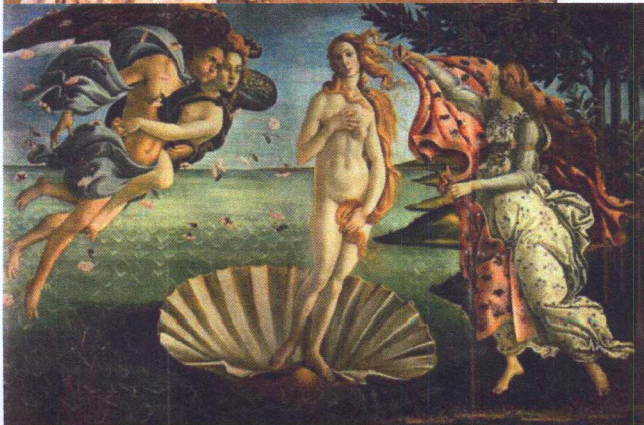
Our flight lands at 9:15 AM, where we are met by our Italian escort and USIT tour conductor. Departure from the airport will be at about 10:00 AM, after time to exchange money and freshen up a bit. The coach will take us to the Tronchetto at the edge of Venice, and we'll have lunch on our own there. Our escort will walk with us through the old city of Venice, past the Jewish quarter and on to the Rialto Bridge. After a little time for pictures and exploration, we'll return to the train station and board the train from Venice for the ten-minute ride to Mestre to return to the hotel for dinner at our hotel (incl.) in Mestre. Dinner and Hotel: **Hotel Venezia**, Via Teatro Vecchio 5, 30171 Mestre, Italy Phone: 011 39 0419855 (from the US)



### Saturday, March 14 Venice

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll depart for our tour of Venice. Our coaches take us across the causeway to our **private boat**, which will take us to Piazza St. Marco, where we will begin our morning tour of Venice with local guides. They will take us into both the **Doges Palace and St. Mark's Basilica**. The Doges Palace, the Palazzo Ducale, was the Venetian rulers' palace from the time of the 9th century, and is filled with amazing artwork, as it is an architectural masterpiece itself. We'll see the Bridge of Sighs, built as a passageway between the palazzo Ducale and the prison. You may want to come back in the afternoon and reenter the palace to its wealth of artwork more thoroughly. St. Mark's Basilica, with its four domes and thirteen





We also see the 15<sup>th</sup> century richly decorated clock tower. St. Mark's Square provides many places to eat lunch—you can eat to live classical music or to jazz—and the shopping district is centered here as well. The afternoon is yours to explore and enjoy the many other sights of Venice. This is a good time to take that **gondola ride** under the Rialto Bridge and along the Grand Canal! (optional) At 5:00 PM, we'll meet at the pier near St. Mark's Square and take the boat back to meet at the coaches to return to the hotel. We'll have some time to explore Mestre before dinner. Dinner is on our own tonight. Hotel: Hotel Venezia, Mestre

### Sunday, March 15 Venice/Verona/Siena

This morning we depart for Florence and Siena, enjoying the countryside along the way, with comments by our Italian escort/guide. We'll stop in **Verona** to for lunch on our own, to explore the cathedral, old coliseum and market, and to see Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Then we depart for Siena, where we'll arrive early afternoon at our four-star hotel in time for **dinner (incl.)**. We can then enjoy the ambiance of Siena in the evening. Our hotel is on the edge of the pedestrian district of the old city. Hotel and dinner: **NH Excelsior Hotel, Siena**, Piazza la Lizza 1, Siena 53100 Phone: 011 39 0577 382111 (from the US)

### Monday, March 16 Florence

We enjoy breakfast at the hotel, drive the short distance to Florence and we start our full day's tour with the Academy of Fine Arts, **The Accademia**, founded in 1563, the first school established in Europe, founded specifically to teach techniques of drawing, painting and sculpture. Here we will see Michelangelo's most famous work, the statue "David", along with much of his other work. While much of Florence (Firenze) was rebuilt during the Renaissance, the eastern part of the city still is largely medieval. Rising above the center of the city, we find the richly decorated **Duomo**, or Cathedral, the Santa Maria del Fiore, with its famous orange-tiled dome and its 4th century Baptistery, famous for its bronze doors, where many famous Florentines, including Dante, were baptized. There is a breathtaking view from the Piazzale Michelangelo, and we'll end by visiting the gothic church of



**Santa Croce**, where you may also visit leather artisan shops. We'll have lunch on our own in the city. Mid-afternoon, we'll return to Siena, a delightful hilltop town with a maze of narrow streets surrounding the fan-shaped Piazza del Campo, considered by many to be Italy's loveliest piazza, the setting for bullfights, executions, and a festival centered around a bareback horserace. Shops, cafes, and restaurants line the surrounding area. Dinner is on our own tonight. Hotel: NH Excelsior Hotel, Siena

**Tuesday, March 17 Siena/Bagnoregio/Rome**

Today will be a long day, with a concert in the evening, so breakfast at the hotel, we check out of our hotel and depart for Rome, with lunch on our own along the way. The highlight of the day is our

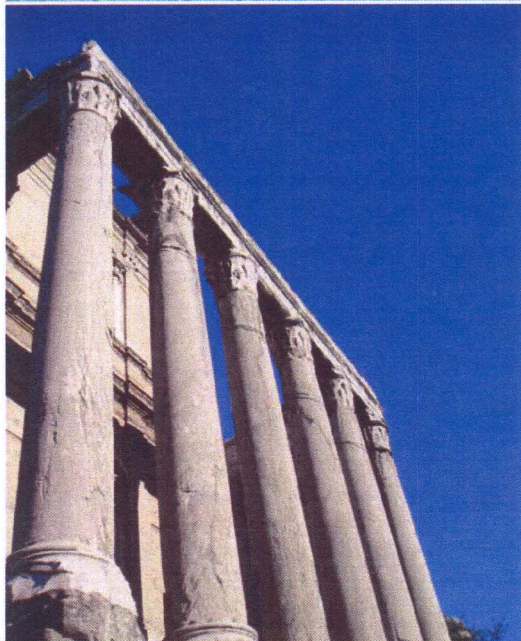
visit to **Civita Bagnoregio**; an ancient tiny town perched atop a volcanic plug isolated in the hills south of Rome. In the neighboring village of Bagnoregio, we'll enjoy an early dinner at 5:00 PM provided at a restaurant in town (incl.), and then **we'll perform a special concert** in the local concert hall at 6:30. After a short reception, we depart for Rome. We'll arrive late in the evening. Hotel: Casa Bonus Pastor, Via Aurelia 208, 00165 Rome Phone: 011 39 66987 1282 (from the US)



**Wednesday, March 18 Rome**

After our late arrival Monday night, we'll have a late start today. We'll start our day with a guided tour of the **Via Sacra** and the impressive **Coliseum** with admission, the most famous symbol of Rome, commissioned in the year 72 by Emperor Vespasian, it was the site of deadly gladiatorial combats and wild animal fights all for the entertainment of the masses. Next comes the Circus Maximus and the redbrick ruins of the Baths of Caracalla, which could accommodate 1600 bathers at once when completed in AD 206, originally included an array of galleries, gymnasiums, lecture rooms, and shops, and has more recently been the site of open-air opera performances. Then, on to the **Catacombs of St. Callisto** (dating to AD 50), hallowed out of volcanic rock, where early Christians prayed and were buried. Dinner is on our own tonight. Hotel: Casa Bonus Pastor, Via Aurelia 208, 00165 Rome Phone: 011 39 66987 1282 (from the US)





### Thursday, March 19 Rome

Today is a full day sightseeing tour, beginning with the **Vatican Museums**, including the Gallery of Maps, the Raphael Rooms, and the Sistine Chapel, all beyond description, and St. Peter's Basilica, Catholicism's most sacred shrine and home to hundreds of precious works of art. Lunch is on our own in the area of the Vatican. You may want to return to St. Peter's or to shop for memorabilia in the specialized shops around the Vatican, or shop on the nearby Via Cola di Rienzo, the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue of Rome. You also might have a special site you want to visit, and you'll have time for this today. Dinner is on our own tonight. Hotel: Casa Bonus Pastor

### Friday, March 20 Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our touring at the **Piazza Navona**, with its three flamboyant fountains, whose luxurious cafes are the social center of the city, and **Trevi Fountain**, the famous Baroque masterpiece by Nicola Salvi. Our visit to the famous Pantheon, now a Christian Church, could include an opportunity for informal singing. Then, on to **Piazza Barberini** at the foot of the Barberini Palace and **the Triton Fountain** by Bernini, Piazza della Repubblica and **the Fountain of the Naiads**. The tour ends with a view of the fashionable Via Veneto. There will be some time for last minute shopping and to get ready for dinner at the hotel. Dinner is provided tonight at a special restaurant before the concert. Our **Rome performance is tonight at 9:00 PM at one of the famous basilicas in Rome, the Basilica of SS Bonifacio e Alessio** on the Aventine Hill. Hotel: Casa Bonus Pastor

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### Saturday, March 21 Rome/Dallas

After an early breakfast, we depart our Rome hotel at 8:30 AM for Fiumicino Airport, Rome to check in for our 11:50 US Air Flt. 719 to Philadelphia. US Air arrives Philadelphia at 3:30. and departs Philadelphia at 6:20 to arrives DFW at 9:22 PM.

