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DEAR FRIENDS,

What an exciting year for Occidental! Another Alumni New York Theatre Tour is being planned just for you. If you have been on any one of our previous trips, you will know how successful they have been, with always the best plays and musicals. On our last tour we saw *The Book of Mormon*, *War Horse*, the marvelous revival of *Anything Goes*, and *Other Desert Cities*, among other treats.

The tour will feature more private meetings with theater professionals than ever before, such as last year's private dinner with the actor Joel Grey (star of *Cabaret*) and a discussion with the playwright, Jon Robin Baitz (*Other Desert Cities*). All this plus private tours of exceptional New York exhibitions, landmarks, art galleries, and much, much more.

You can count on the 2013 tour to top them all. You'll be treated especially well by your college leadership this year. Alan Freeman '66, who was my student (yes, he is a great Oxy Alum), and directed Oxy students for over 40 years, will provide the tour leadership in 2013. Alan knows his stuff, and will absolutely delight you.

Alan and Jim Ryan are doing the planning for this trip, and I have offered to help in any way I can. Jim, you remember, did a magnificent job with me and the college on our last New York tour.



Since our last tour sold like hot cakes, we will run it twice in 2013. This way we can keep the groups smaller, and hopefully accommodate everyone who wants to join. I am excited for you already!

Love,
Omar Paxson '48
Professor Emeritus
Theater Arts and Rhetoric



Our exciting cultural adventure is sure to provide a transformative experience that offers fresh perspectives, an insider view of the New York cultural scene, and many lasting memories.

The Shows!

We'll get the best seats available to 4 Broadway shows, and 2 outstanding Off-Broadway shows, – for a total of 6 fantastic theater experiences. Our aim is to always surpass our last tour's selection (*Book of Mormon*, *War Horse*, *Anything Goes*, *Other Desert Cities*, among others). Shows currently on our radar screen include: *Once*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Orphans*, *No Man's Land* and *Waiting for Godot*, *Philadelphia Story*, *Houdini*, and *Detroit*.

Exploring New York

Private tour of an exceptional exhibition (similar to the last tour's visit to MoMA for *de Kooning: A Retrospective*). An in-depth, private tour of Chelsea and its many exceptional and contemporary galleries. And a private tour of one of NYC's hidden treasures – the Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Roundtable Discussions

5 roundtable discussions with working theater artists and professionals (last tour's guests included Joel Grey, award winning playwright Jon Robin Baitz, emerging actors and Artistic Directors) and an informative talk with a NY theater critic. Post-performance discussions after each show (wine included), and a talkback with Tim Sanford '75, Artistic Director of Playwrights Horizons, NYC's renowned Off-Broadway theater.

Pre-Tour Workshop

Alan Freeman '66 and Omar Paxson '48 will lead a pre-tour luncheon at Occidental College just before the departure date. You'll get their insights, and share their vast theater knowledge, which will provide a rich context for our New York trip.

Hotel

The Kimberly is a distinct, luxury boutique hotel with a European flair, in close proximity to New York's iconic sites and vibrant neighborhoods. Winner of the 2012 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Award, Traveler 2013 Gold List, and 2012 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence, it made the U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Hotels in New York City (ranked #33 out of 806). The Kimberly's rooftop bar and lounge, 30 stories above Manhattan with incredible 360 degree views, is a great place for our post-performance discussions.

Dining

In addition to a daily breakfast buffet at the Kimberly, we'll select from some of the finest New York restaurants for our welcome and farewell celebrations. The neighborhood around the Kimberly is brimming with the best restaurants in New York City. We'll provide a "recommended list" of the many superb establishments within 3-7 minutes of the hotel.

Private Coach

A private coach will be provided for *all* the shows, exhibitions, and day trips, so you'll have a completely stress free, VIP experience.

Airfare

In the past, many tour members preferred to use their frequent flyer miles and other advantages in order to book their own flights to New York. We will offer the same flexibility on the 2013 tour. Upon request, Insider Cultural Tours will provide you with a discounted group flight from LAX to Newark (current quote is \$369.50). Please contact us for further information.

Tour Leadership

Alan Freeman is Emeritus Professor of Theater at Occidental College where he continues to direct plays and teach courses. Freeman holds an MFA in Film Directing from the American Film Institute (AFI), and A.B., 1966, M.A., 1967, Occidental College. Freeman has directed over seventy plays, musicals and operas; acted in more than sixty plays and films; written two full-length plays and directed four short films; and pursues a career as a director, writer, actor, producer, and filmmaker.



Occidental College New York Theater Tour Registration Form

Select one: ☐ October 7–14, 2013 or ☐ October 14–21, 2013

Please complete this form and return with your deposit of \$1000 per person (personal check or money order). Deposit is due May 7, 2013. Final payment of \$3195 is due no later than July 3, 2013. Please mail a check or money order to: Insider Cultural Tours, 40 Harrison Street, Suite 17H, New York, NY 10013. For more information contact info@insiderculturaltours.com or call 646-342-8414.

Legal Name(s)		
Name Preferred on Name Badge		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Day Phone		Evening Phone
Email address		Occidental College Class Year
Your Maiden Name		

Deposit of \$1000 due BEFORE May 7, 2013 is enclosed.
Please initial_____

Please check one of the following:
☐ I am a smoker ☐ I am a non-smoker

I realize my roundtrip airfare is NOT included in the tour cost (please check one):
☐ I will arrange my own roundtrip airfare to and from New York
☐ I wish to be included in the group flight from LAX to Newark at the most reasonable price available (currently estimated to be \$369.50)

Accommodations (please check one):
☐ Double occupancy Deluxe Guestroom To be shared with_____
☐ I would prefer a single room (additional cost for single room is \$1,424)
☐ I want an upgrade to a luxury one bedroom suite (based upon availability) and understand the cost of the upgrade will be provided at the time of the request.

I would like to recommend a friend. Please mail a brochure to:

Name		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Home Phone	Email	

Signature
(by your signature you acknowledge you have read the terms and conditions and agree to them)

Trip Itinerary
We are very excited to offer two tours this year. The first tour dates are **October 7-14, 2013**, the second tour dates are **October 14-21, 2013**. Each tour will be limited to no more than 35 tour members. The itinerary and leadership will be the same for both tours, however, roundtable and discussion guests may vary depending upon availability.

Monday October 7 or 14
Arrive at the Kimberly Hotel, which made Condé Nast’s Traveler Gold List 2013. In the heart of Manhattan it provides immediate access to Rockefeller Center, Grand Central, the theater district, and some of the world’s most popular museums and restaurants. We’ll gather this evening for a welcome dinner at an exceptional neighborhood restaurant, where you’ll meet new and old friends, and toast the start of our cultural adventure.

Friday, October 11 or 18
This morning Alan Freeman will moderate another thought-provoking roundtable discussion with working New York theater artists. Tonight we see our third Broadway show followed by our post-performance chat.

Tuesday, October 8 or 15
Join us this morning at the hotel for our first roundtable discussion. Oxy Professor Alan Freeman ‘66 will moderate a discussion with a New York theater critic, who will give us a helpful overview of the shows we’ll see this week. This afternoon let’s take in an exceptional exhibit – perhaps at the MET, MoMA or the Asia Society Museum, among others. Tonight we’ll see our first Broadway show, and our evening ends with a post-performance discussion (wine included) in a private room on the Kimberly’s romantic rooftop lounge, moderated by Professor Freeman.

Wednesday, October 9 or16
Our roundtable discussion today may be with up-and-coming, working New York actors – how they survive and thrive – moderated by Alan Freeman. The afternoon is free for you to explore the Big Apple. This evening we enjoy our second Broadway show, followed by a post-performance discussion at the hotel.

Thursday, October 10 or 17
Alan Freeman will moderate a discussion with a leading member – actor, writer, or director – from one the shows on our itinerary. In the afternoon we’ll take a private, walking tour of several of the best

galleries in Chelsea, a neighborhood of Manhattan that has become the world’s center for contemporary art. You’ll see the works of up-and-comers, blockbuster exhibitions from art celebrities, and a slew of provocative work. Tonight we’ll attend a must-see Off Broadway show, at a venue with a reputation for producing exciting premieres such as the Public Theatre or St. Ann’s Warehouse, or for outstanding revivals such as the Irish Repertory Theatre. Post-performance discussion at hotel.

Saturday, October 12 or 19
In the morning we travel to Brooklyn for a private tour of the Green-Wood Cemetery. A National Historic Landmark and often compared with the Perè-Lachaise in Paris, this beautiful urban oasis has many of NY’s greatest stories to tell (from George Washington and the Battle of Brooklyn to the Civil War). It is the burial site of Jean-Michel Basquiat, Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Samuel Moss, and Louis Comfort Tiffany, among many other NY luminaries. Your afternoon is free, and this evening we’ll see another outstanding Off-Broadway premiere at Playwrights Horizons, followed by a post-performance discussion moderated by the theater’s Artistic Director, Tim Sanford ’75.

Sunday, October 13 or 20
This morning we’ll do a critical wrap-up of the shows we’ve seen, moderated by Alan Freeman. Then we’ll take in a Broadway matinee. After the show we’ll have a festive farewell dinner at another exceptional restaurant and say goodbye in style.

Monday, October 14 or 21
Today you journey back home, or arrive for your week-long cultural adventure.



Terms and Conditions
Payment Schedule
\$4,195 based on double occupancy. Add \$1,424 if requesting a single room. *Deposit due May 7, 2013. Final payment of \$3,195 due NO LATER THAN July 3, 2013.*

- What is Included**
- 7 nights Kimberly Hotel Deluxe room with king or two double beds (based upon availability)
 - Daily Breakfast Buffet
 - Best seats available to 4 Broadway shows and 2 Off-Broadway shows
 - Private Coach to all shows and events
 - Welcome Dinner
 - Farewell Fête
 - Private tour of Chelsea galleries
 - Private tour of Green-Wood Cemetery
 - Private tour of an exceptional exhibit at MoMA, MET, among others
 - 5 meet-the-artists roundtable discussions (includes overview from NY theater critic)
 - 5 post-performance discussions (wine included)
 - Post-performance talkback with Tim Sanford ’75 Artistic Director, Playwrights Horizons
 - All tips and gratuities
 - 24/7 assistance by Insider Cultural Tours
 - Oxy Leadership provided by Alan Freeman ’66

What Is Not Included
THE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE GROUP AIRFARE, or any optional tickets, events, exhibits or services; meals not specified; any upgrades or changes to itinerary; personal items such as wines, liquors, a-la-carte orders, room service, and valet/laundry charges; expenses incurred by Insider Cultural Tours in making individual travel arrangements before or after the program; extended stays; and other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Gratuities and Service Charges
In order to keep your trip hassle-free, all tips, gratuities, and service charges are included in the final price of this tour. Travelers will not be responsible or required to tip anyone at anytime.

Fares and Rates
All rates quoted in this brochure are final. Insider Cultural Tours will not increase the tour price under any circumstance.

Tour Manager
24/7 assistance from Insider Cultural Tours.

Group Airfare
Upon request, and if the minimum requirements are met for a group flight, Insider Cultural Tours will provide you with a discounted group flight from LAX to Newark (currently estimated to be \$369.50).

Baggage
Baggage is limited to one suitcase per person, not to exceed 29x18x10 inches and 50 lbs. No garment bags or car sacks should be carried. It is recommended to carry baggage insurance. One carry-on is permitted. Carry-on must be handled by passenger at all times.

Itinerary Changes/Guest Speakers
While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, due to unforeseen schedule changes of guest speakers, guides, or other parties outside our control, the itinerary as described is subject to modification and change by Occidental College and Insider Cultural Tours.

Health Issues
To fully enjoy the tour you should be in good physical and mental health. There is some walking required for this tour, and those with any infirmity, mental or physical condition, such as a heart condition or requiring walking aids, should take this into account before

booking. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diets, or treatment must be reported in writing when the reservation is made. We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour member should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the enjoyment of other participants.

Responsibility
Occidental College Alumni Association is the sponsor of the tour; Insider Cultural Tours (aka Monsoon Productions, Inc.) is its agent. Insider Cultural Tours and Occidental College Alumni Association act only as agents for the passenger with respect to all transportation, hotels, and all matters of reservation and tour operation. We and our agents accept no responsibility for loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or irregularity, expense or liability caused by the defect of any vehicle or negligence or default or any independent contractors, their employees, agents, or representatives. Nor do we accept responsibility for losses or delays arising from sickness, thief, acts of terrorism, weather conditions or acts of God. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the tour participant. We reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We likewise reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any tour participant at any time without being under any obligation to assign any reason therefore. In the event of the exercise of this right, we shall be under no liability to such person(s) except to refund such amount as our absolute discretion deems reasonable to attribute to the uncompleted portion of the tour. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that air, ship, or train tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the

carrier concerned. All transportation companies involved in this tour are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their conveyances. The tour participant agrees on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the above conditions and to release and hold harmless, Insider Cultural Tours, Occidental College Alumni Association, and any of their representatives from any and all liability for any delays, damage, loss, injury or death occurring in relation to the tour.

Cancellation and Refunds
All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Insider Cultural Tours, and are subject to 50% of deposit (\$500) to cover administrative costs and handling regardless of reason for cancellation. If cancellation is within 91 days of departure, it may result in additional fees, to cover liquated damages, penalties, and attrition costs incurred by Insider Cultural Tours on your behalf. Cancellation on the day of departure or after tour departs: no refund. No refund for unused portions of tour, including, but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing. Cancellation by Occidental College Alumni Association and Insider Cultural Tours after departure: full refund of all land fees, less the cost of service up to the time of the group's return. The trip is limited to 35 paying travelers and is contingent upon meeting a minimum of 20 participants. In the event an insufficient number of persons desire to take the tour, Occidental College Alumni Association, or Insider Cultural Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour and refund all deposits without penalty. **We strongly urge applicants to consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance.**

Single Rooms
A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost (\$1,424).