

# 2024-2025 London Update Newsletter

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As always, you can find most information on the Music Website on the London page.

#### **Silent Auction**

We're asking you to consider helping us with our Silent Auction. We're hoping to broaden our base of support with a lot of different things to bid on, and we need your help! If you have something to contribute please let us know! We would love to work with you on anything you're able to help with.

The time to start is TODAY, we need to secure items by mid-March so we can launch for an end date of mid-April (Viking Band Show time). Please coordinate with Mr. Dorner if you can help!

We are looking for two categories for auction: Items and Services/Skills.

#### Services/Skills

We've already had a lot of fun with part of the auction, and we're confident we can bring in a lot of money with this portion! This simply requires us to get creative on how you can help us monetize your unique skills or talents.

#### Services we've already secured include:

- vocal lessons with Tony-nominee Kate Baldwin
- jazz combo at your event with John Mesoloras
- fire truck ride to school from the Mt. Horeb Fire Department

#### Items

We are looking for interesting items for all ages and demographics.

### Items we've currently secured include:

- signed Nirvana album by producer Butch Vig
- unique geode lamp from Cave of the Mounds
- signed books on British royalty from author Margaret George

# Concessions = Get ready!

A huge thank you to Amy Kellesvig for working so hard to get all of these launched for us.

We will have quite a few Concessions opportunities coming up! We would love to get these completely ready to go, then put out one giant sign-up, but the reality is these don't all get finalized at the same time.

Please check out the <u>new Concessions webpage</u> for all upcoming opportunities.

(Be careful, there is a surprise somewhere on the page...)

## JBF Sale Help

Jenn Forman has an opportunity for people to check out! <u>Click here</u> to see the flier for the event (there is a <u>sign up link</u> in the flier).

### ETA authorization?

Many of you have noticed a new authorization required for travelers to the United Kingdom. Our representative from London suggested we don't worry about this requirement just yet. Stay tuned for more!

### **Next Payment!**

The next payment of \$400 is due Thursday, April 10, 2025 by 3:30 p.m.

We will send a balance notification by March 31, 2025, which will include fundraising funds and general fund additions from group fundraisers.

## Time to get your passport!

Please get started on getting your passport! It may take several months to get the actual passport once you have submitted all the required materials.

You will most likely fall into one of three categories, each has a unique set of requirements:

- 1. Adult applying for the first time.
- 2. Applying for children under age 16 OR children age 16-17.
- 3. Adult applying for renewal by mail OR renewal online.

Please visit the U.S. Department of State website to learn more about applying for your passport.

### **Brilliant Recommendations!**

In each edition of the update, we will give you a few things to check out before we go. If you know more, you'll enjoy it more! This month, we feature staff movie recommendations!



"Skyfall is one of the most popular James Bond movies of all time. I really like it because the film has SO MANY shots of London (aerial shots, scenes set at famous sites, views of River Thames). When the band went to London last time, one of the highlights for me was seeing the MI6 building in person (the building plays a huge role in the plot of Skyfall). Check out this link for more London locations from the movie."

- Mr. Dorner recommends **Skyfall** (2012)

"Mary Poppins is a practically-perfect-in-every-way example of a musical that was a movie long before it ever premiered on a Broadway or West End stage. (Also, similar to Wicked, it's a great example of a musical that is extremely different from the book on which it is based!) Although the locations are based on real places in London such as St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England, the film was entirely shot at Walt Disney Studios in California, using painted backgrounds. The 2018 sequel Mary Poppins Returns was filmed in London and showcases several landmarks including, Buckingham Palace."



- Ms. Ingebritsen recommends Mary Poppins (1964)