

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Bahrain 2017

*\*Updated February 1, 2017\**

#### **Q: What is this trip all about?**

A: Ascend Performing Arts has been commissioned to produce a major performance ensemble for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2017 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix. The trip, scheduled from April 12th - 18th, will take place in Manama, Bahrain during the Formula 1 race week and is expected to showcase race car drivers from 42 nations, for over 10,000 on-site spectators with an estimated 500 million worldwide television viewers, and onsite media and broadcast entourage of approximately 2,000 personnel.

#### **Q: I'm interested in being a part of this, how do I join?**

A: Ascend Performing Arts is seeking additional brass performers in the Denver-area for this opportunity. Brass performers interested in being considered should complete the online form below to receive additional information. Due to limited preparation time, interested brass performers should be at least 18 years old, in good physical condition, have a strong marching background, and have a valid passport that expires no sooner than October 18, 2017. Performers are expected to attend all or most rehearsals, if at all possible.

Open auditions and rehearsals are being finalized for the coming months to prepare for the international tour. A schedule will be sent out to those who apply for consideration for the trip. *Click [HERE](#) to be considered as a Performer.*

For percussion, color guard, and winds performers who are interested in being an Alternate Performer and/or wish to be considered for future Ascend Entertainment opportunities, please complete an online application. *Click [HERE](#) to join Ascend Entertainment.*

#### **Q: What are the Passport requirements?**

A: Everyone participating on this trip will need to have a valid Passport (good through October 18, 2017). A copy of the Passport photo page will need to be submitted to the Ascend Performing Arts office ASAP so a Visa can be acquired.

#### **Q: What are the age requirements to join?**

A: All participants on the trip should be at least 18 years of age by start of the trip on April 11, 2017.

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#### **Q: How much will it cost to participate?**

A: Each participant will pay a \$100 uniform rental fee. All other expenses (airfare, hotel, bus transportation, meals, etc.) will be covered for everyone on the trip.

#### **Q: Can I bring my spouse or family member?**

A: Due to limited space with our host's travel and lodging arrangements for our performers, we are unable to accommodate space for additional personnel. However, it is okay for family members to meet with the performers in Bahrain during the trip.

#### **Q: Is Bahrain a safe place to travel to?**

A: Yes. While there are no travel warnings currently issued by the US Department of State, there are always precautions to take, just as you would at home.

#### **Q: Are there any other requirements?**

A: Each person will need to submit a clear headshot photo in a .jpg file of at least 500kb size (e.g., passport photo, drivers license photo, etc.). This photo will be used for credentials at the performance venue.

#### **Q: What are the dress requirements for this trip?**

A: As with any international trip, it is important to present a professional image that represents yourself, Ascend Performing Arts, and the United States in a positive way. More detailed information on what to wear and expected behavior will be provided to selected Performers prior to the trip.

Have other questions? Email: [entertainment@ascendperformingarts.org](mailto:entertainment@ascendperformingarts.org).