

## VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

### 5 DAY TOUR TO THE 27th ANNUAL CON BRIO WHISTLER

April 22nd, 2026 - April 26th, 2026 (Tour #704-26)

Group leader needs to register with the Con Brio Festival, on Thursday, April 23rd, at the **festival desk** located in the **Grand Foyer** of the **Whistler Conference Centre**. Please see the festival schedule for festival desk hours.

Welcome to **Whistler, British Columbia!** Home of the traditional territories of the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation. The Lil'wat7úl are Ucwalmícw, which translates to "the people of the land". Squamish (SKwXwú7mesh) is translated as "Mother of the Wind" and "people of the sacred water".

#### Day 1: Wed - Apr 22, 2026

**10:00AM TRAXX / Charter Coachlines LTD.**

Meet your 3-52 passenger motorcoaches for loading of luggage, instruments / equipment; a motorcoach safety briefing including the use of seat belts when available, will be completed prior to departure (always use seat belts when available and locate the emergency exits if your coach changes during your tour)

**10:30AM Depart for Sea to Sky Gondola, BC**

**12:00PM Sea to Sky Gandola**

Arrive and check-in for your self-guided visit

The Sea to Sky Gondola in Squamish, BC is a scenic aerial lift that carries visitors high above Howe Sound to breathtaking mountain views, hiking trails, suspension bridge, and outdoor experiences year-round.

**01:00PM Lunch at own expense**

Enjoy a picnic-style lunch with pre-packed sandwiches (brought from home) at the top of Summit Lodge

**02:00PM Depart for Eagle Run Vista, BC**

**02:15PM Eagle Run Vista**

Enjoy a quick stop to take in the scenery

**ENDS 02:45PM**

**03:00PM Depart for Whistler, BC**

**04:00PM Arrive in Whistler, BC**

**Tantalus Resort Lodge**

Arrive and check in for a four night stay

**Dinner at own expense**

**Retire to your rooms for the evening**

#### Day 2: Thu - Apr 23, 2026

**Purchase meals at own expense when not participating in festival activities**

**10:00AM Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre**

What We Treasure is the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre's signature tour and part of the Canadian Signature Experiences collection – a unique cultural experience offered only in Canada. Led by Cultural Ambassadors from the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations, this guided experience includes a traditional welcome song, a 15-minute introductory film, a curated tour of the museum's exhibiting authentic artifacts, and personal storytelling. Given the group's size, there will be staggered touring, with 4 groups each given a 1 hour experience.

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**ENDS 02:00PM**

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**Con Brio Festival Registration**

Register your ensemble(s) for the 27th annual Con Brio Whistler

**07:30PM Student Welcome Event**

**Scavenger Hunt Student Welcome Activity kicks off!**

Use the QR Code provided by your teacher to embark on a team Scavenger Hunt where you'll solve riddles, meet new people, and search for unique items around the village!

The hunt will run from 7:30pm tonight until 10:00pm tomorrow.

**The first 150 students to complete the hunt will receive a FREE pizza meal deal including a slice, drink and chips from Avalanche Pizza!**

**\$25, \$50 and \$100 gift card prizes will also be awarded for the most points, best photos and best dance!**

See your teacher for more details.

**08:00PM Directors' Reception**

Ellison Travel & Tours cordially invites the Directors to the annual Directors' Reception located in the Whistler Conference Centre Foyer. Enjoy refreshments and meet the adjudicators and other Directors.

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**ENDS 10:00PM**

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**Retire to your rooms for the evening**

**Day 3: Fri - Apr 24, 2026**

**Purchase meals at own expense when not participating in festival activities**

**Your scheduled festival activities start for the day**

Please refer to your Con Brio Schedule and venue map for detailed information

**Concert Band and Orchestra Adjudicated Performance(s) and Workshop(s)**

Located at the Whistler Conference Centre OR Westin Resort. Please arrive **15 mins ahead** of your warm up time.

**Jazz Band Adjudicated Performance(s) and Workshop(s)**

Located at the Whistler Conference Centre. Please arrive **15 mins ahead** of your warm up time

**Choir Adjudicated Performance(s) and Workshop(s)**

Located at the Maury Young Arts Centre. Please arrive **15 mins ahead** of your warm up time

**Scheduled Audience(s)**

Please arrive **5 mins ahead** of your Concert Band/Orchestra/Choir scheduled audience of another group's performance

**Your group(s) scheduled festival activities conclude for the day**

Enjoy the remainder of the day - watch and listen to other groups perform

**Friday Evening Concert: The Naden Pacific Blue Big Band**

All festival participants are invited to take in this optional concert presented by **The Naden Pacific Blue Big Band** at the Whistler Conference Centre.

Show times TBA

(seating is on a first come first served basis with doors opening 15 minutes prior to show start)

*Don't forget your Con Brio Whistler Music Festival Passes!*

## Retire to your rooms for the evening

### Day 4: Sat - Apr 25, 2026

#### **Purchase meals at own expense when not participating in festival activities**

#### **Your scheduled festival activities start for the day**

Please refer to your Con Brio festival schedule and venue map for detailed information

#### **Concert Band and Orchestra Intensive(s)**

Located at the **Whistler Conference Centre Lower Level OR Westin Resort**. Please arrive **10 mins ahead** of your ensemble intensive(s)

#### **Jazz Band Adjudicated Performance(s) and Workshop(s)**

Located at the **Whistler Conference Centre**. Please arrive **15 mins ahead** of your warmup time for the adjudication and workshop

#### **Voice Workshops (SATB)**

Located at the **Westin Resort Ballroom**. Please arrive **5 mins ahead** of your scheduled workshop; *students are to bring massed choir music with them for common reference*

#### **Massed Choir Rehearsal**

Located at the **Whistler Conference Centre Ballroom B/C**. Please arrive **5 mins ahead**; *students are to bring massed choir music with them for common reference*

#### **Massed Strings Rehearsal & Performance**

Located at the **Westin Resort Ballroom**. Please arrive **5 mins ahead** of your rehearsal; *students are to bring their massed strings music with them.*

*All music is property of Con Brio Festivals and will be collected immediately following the massed performance.*

#### **Your group(s) scheduled festival activities conclude for the day**

Enjoy the remainder of the day - watch and listen to other groups perform

#### **Walk as a group to the Whistler Conference Centre Ballroom for the Gala Concert**

Don't forget your Con Brio Whistler Music Festival Passes! Please see the festival schedule for detailed information

#### **Con Brio Gala Festival Concert Begins**

Enjoy the Con Brio Gala Festival Concert featuring the full **Naden Concert Band** of the Royal Canadian Navy

#### **Concert Ends**

08:30PM

#### **Directors to collect adjudication materials from the Festival Desk from 8:30pm**

A link to your performance recording and any recorded remarks will be sent to you in advance of the festival which will become active before the conclusion of the festival weekend

#### **The hotel has indicated a late check out will not be available tomorrow**

Luggage can be stored at the hotel until after the massed band performance. Please approach the front desk of your hotel on Saturday evening to make arrangements to store your luggage tomorrow, or check with an Ellison Travel staff member

#### **Retire to your rooms for the evening**

### Day 5: Sun - Apr 26, 2026

#### **Check out and store your luggage at the hotel**

#### **Purchase meals at own expense when not participating in festival activities**

#### **Meet as a group and walk to the Massed Choir**

Located at the **Whistler Conference Centre**; *students are to bring their massed choir music with them*

### **Massed Choir Begins**

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### **Massed Choir Ends**

### **Meet as a group and walk to the Massed Band**

Located at the **Whistler Conference Centre**; *students are to bring their massed band music with them*

### **Massed Band Begins**

**Percussionists** are to bring their own snare drum/stand, cymbals/stand, mallets, beaters, sticks and **auxiliary percussion instruments** as required by the massed performance pieces;

**Electric Basses** - a limited number of bass amps available. If you have a small portable bass amp you are encouraged to bring it with you. **Remember your patch chord!**

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### **Massed Band Ends**

#### **12:00PM TRAXX / Charter Coachlines LTD.**

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#### **12:30PM Depart for Home**

#### **02:45PM Arrive at Vancouver Technical Secondary School**

### **Welcome Home!**

Itinerary is tentative and subject to final confirmation

Legend: **B** Breakfast **PB** Packed Breakfast **L** Lunch **PL** Packed Lunch **D** Dinner **PD** Packed Dinner **S** Snack **M** Airline Meal