



DIRECTIONS FOR FESTIVAL PERFORMING GROUPS for SOUNDSTAGE #33 AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO & other important information

Please put the name of your school in the bus front window

BUS(ES) ARE TO STAY WITH YOUR SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERFORMANCE ENDS then DRIVE GROUP AROUND TO BUS PARKING FOR GROUP TO ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT GATES

- **I-4 to Exit 74A (Sand Lake Road).** At end of ramp follow signs to Universal Orlando.
- Turn **right** on to **Turkey Lake Road**. Stay on Turkey Lake Rd until you see the **Hess** on right.
- Turn **right** at the **stoplight (Production Plaza)**. Proceed forward to Gate 3. Give Security name of your school and that you are attending Music U.S.A. Festivals in **Soundstage 33**.
- Drive **straight ahead from the guard gate** and continue **straight at the four way stop**.
- Turn **left on this side of the second building—Soundstage 25**—this will be into a parking lot area. The building straight ahead of you is **Soundstage 33** although it is not marked on the side you can see.
- Drive **straight ahead toward the fence at the far end**. There will be Universal Orlando staff near the opening in the gate (at the far end of the parking lot) to direct where your bus(es) can temporarily park for off loading. Security will then direct your bus(es) to a staging area during your performance and they will come back to pick you up after the performance.

Important – For your security and safety, Universal Orlando will require **all adults to have a picture ID** and will likely have to leave it with the guard at check in until they depart the backstage area. All buses entering the backstage area will be searched...this includes luggage bays, overhead bins, instrument cases, and uniforms, etc...Please plan for additional time (30 min.) to accomplish this task.

Make sure everyone (students, adults & directors) has a wristband. Wristbands will be sent out in advance. People without wristbands will NOT be allowed in the soundstage. Admission to the festival events must be purchased in advance. There will be no “at the door” sales.

There are no longer any changing facilities.

All groups should arrive dressed to perform. If groups need to change, it will have to be on their bus(es). The restrooms in Soundstage 33 CANNOT be used as a changing facility. Groups may change after their performances on their buses or in the restrooms at the top of the escalators from bus parking. Restrooms are to the right.

NO CARS ALLOWED BACKSTAGE: All parents must be on buses or have tickets to Universal Studios and come through that park to Soundstage 33 after 9:00am. The parking lot across from the Hess Station is no longer Universal Orlando property and as such, we can no

longer park there. If you have some family members arriving by car, the cars should park in the regular parking garage and do one of the following:

- If the park is open and if the parent wants to use their ticket for Universal Studios, they can go through the front gate of Universal Studios and back to the Soundstage via the gate in the wall to the left of the New York Library Steps. With the proper wristband the security guard will let them in. Soundstage 33 can only be accessed through the park during regular park hours. Wristbands, provided with each ticket purchased, will grant entrance to the festival. Wristbands do not serve as tickets and cannot provide admission to either park. Remind everyone that if they enter through Universal Studios with a one-day ticket, that will be the only park they may visit for the day.
- Parents park in car parking, walk to the escalator at the “Hub” (where the restrooms and elevators and escalator are located) and take the escalator down to bus parking. Arrange for your bus driver to pick up the group of parents and bring them around to backstage as he did the performers earlier. The procedure will be reversed after the festival when the driver will bring the students to bus parking and then make the same trip with the parents.

The bus is to stay with the group until after the performance and then transfer the group to bus parking at the front of the park. This is where the group will find buses at the end of the evening.

For groups arriving prior to 9 AM, all people must be on the bus since Universal Studios will not be open. GROUPS ARRIVING WITH TWENTY OR MORE PEOPLE, MUST BE ON BUSES. Groups with less than twenty people who are arriving in cars or vans must make prior arrangements with Music USA. Please call immediately 1-800-654-3018 to your coordinator.

Bus and Car Parking Directions from Backstage: Turn left on Turkey Lake Road and turn left at the Universal Orlando sign (2nd light). Follow the signs to bus and car parking. From bus and car parking, follow signs to park of choice. **Please note—bus and car parking are separate areas. There is a charge for bus parking for the day. If the bus is not staying, there is not a fee for dropping off and picking up the group. There is a charge for car parking.**

Grand Awards Ceremony: Please see your itinerary for time and location. All participants must have wristbands for admission and to stay in the Universal Studios park after closing. If the group is in Islands of Adventure, depart thirty minutes prior to the Grand Awards Ceremony time and walk to Universal Studios. Wristbands will permit entry up to fifteen minutes prior to Universal Studios closing. Wristbands will be sent out in advance of the festival. **Please make sure every person in the group wears their wristband all day on festival day. A wristband is provided for each ticket purchased.**

If your school is not at either park that day, admission to Universal Studios will be allowed 15 minutes prior to park closing with the wristband. Every person must have on a wristband.

For the safety of your students, all group leaders MUST check in at the First Aid Station in all parks. Also, one leader MUST check in with the First Aid Station on an hourly basis or stop by and give them a cell number where a group leader can always be reached.

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Festival only: EMERGENCY CELLULAR PHONE: 1-407-947-4739

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