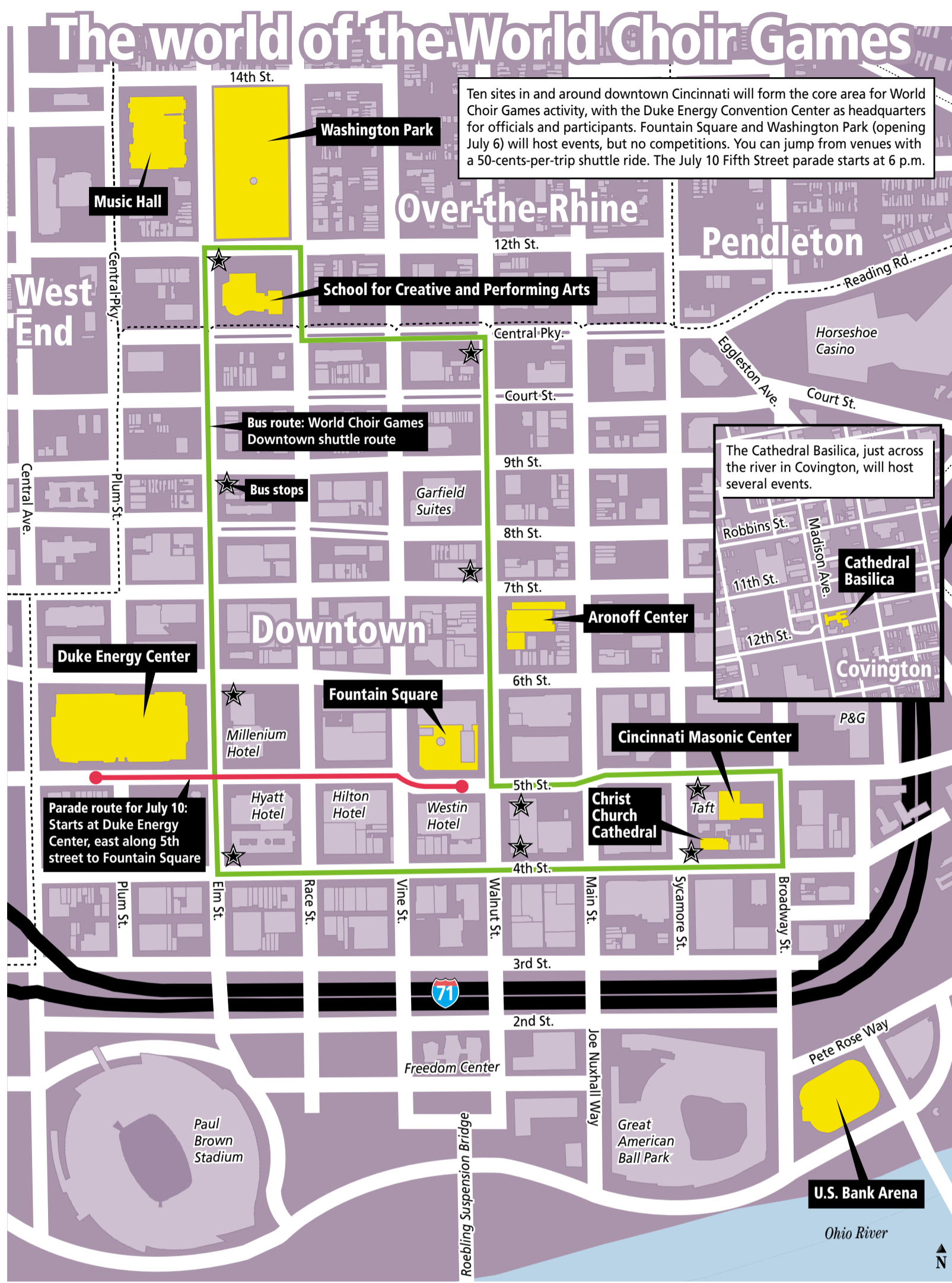


# 2012 WORLD CHOIR GAMES GUIDE



## Tips for getting around

### Parking

All of the regular available parking options (about 30,000 spots Downtown) will be available during the World Choir Games. Consider that July 13 and 14 could be crowded with the World Choir Games, Reds and Bunbury Music Festival on the Riverfront, and the Queen City Sausage Festival in Newport.

Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (DCI) suggests parking in these garages:

- » Banks Garage: A new garage with seven entrances and exits
- » Fountain Square: North and South garages
- » Washington Park: A new garage with 450 spaces
- » Fifth and Race Lot: Across from Saks Fifth Avenue

The following are garages have \$1-per-hour parking:

- » Garfield Garage: Enter from Ninth (westbound) between Vine and Race streets
- » Gramercy Garage: Enter from Seventh (eastbound) between Elm & Race streets
- » Westin Garage: Enter from Vine (northbound) between Fourth & Fifth streets

For a list of all parking options, visit [www.downtowncincinnati.com/PlanYourVisit/parking](http://www.downtowncincinnati.com/PlanYourVisit/parking)

### Metro bus routes

Metro is expanding service during the World Choir Games.

Consider these routes for \$1.75 one way:

- » Route 4 from the Quality Hotel & Suites, Xavier University and Spring Hill Suites
- » Route 17 from University of Cincinnati
- » Route 33 from Ramada Downtown
- » Route 78 from Hampton Inn & Suites

A 50-cent Riverfront Parking Shuttle (Route 85) has extended hours between riverfront parking lots and central business district downtown.

For more specific Metro information, visit [www.go-metro.com/riding-metro/world-choir-games](http://www.go-metro.com/riding-metro/world-choir-games)

### Opening Ceremony:

An express shuttle is available from Xavier University to the Metro's Riverfront Transit Center (RTC) near the U.S. Bank Arena July 4. Buses leave from Xavier at 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. Return trips are 9:30-11 p.m. Free for World Choir Games participants with passes, others pay \$1.75 each way.

### Downtown Shuttle:

Buses will run every 10 minutes at the following days and times. Passengers pay 50 cents each way. Free for World Choir Games participants with passes. (See map for the route.)

- » July 4: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- » July 5: 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » July 6: 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » July 7: 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » July 8: No shuttle
- » July 9: No shuttle
- » July 10: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- » July 11: 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » July 12: 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- » July 13: 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Closing Ceremony:

A shuttle service between the U.S. Bank Arena and downtown hotels will be available July 14. Guests pay 50 cents each way. Free for World Choir Games participants with passes.

Buses run every five minutes until 7 p.m., every 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m., and then every five minutes.

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## TWO WEEKS OF COMPETITIONS, CONCERTS

The World Choir Games are organized in two, five-day festivals. There will be three days of competitions each week. Celebration concerts will feature choirs performing in a variety of genres.

Event	Dates	Venues	Ticket prices
Competitions	July 5-7, 11-13	Music Hall, Aronoff Center, Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati Masonic Center, School for the Creative and Performing Arts	1-day flex pass \$15; 3-day flex pass \$40
Award ceremonies	July 7-8, 13-14	U.S. Bank Arena	\$15, \$20
Championships	July 8, 14	Aronoff Center, Music Hall	\$35, \$46, \$60
Celebration concerts	July 5-6, 8, 11-12	Music Hall, Aronoff Center, Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Cincinnati Masonic Center, School for the Creative and Performing Arts	\$28, \$36, \$42
Friendship concerts	July 5-9, 11-13	More than 50 concerts around the area. See <a href="http://www.2012worldchoirgames.com">www.2012worldchoirgames.com</a>	Free

### SPECIAL EVENTS

These will feature the Cincinnati Pops and the May Festival Chorus. The official song of the games will be performed by gospel star Kirk Franklin at the opening. Broadway and TV star Idina Menzel headlines the closing ceremony.

Event	Dates	Venue	Ticket prices
Opening Ceremony	July 4	U.S. Bank Arena	\$25, \$45, \$75, \$150
Closing Ceremony	July 14	U.S. Bank Arena	\$20, \$35, \$50

## Going Downtown for choirs? There's even more fun on tap

Expect a crowd around Downtown during the World Choir Games - especially July 13-15, when sports, music and food all meet near the riverfront. Here's what's happening while the world is here:

### Reds vs. Cardinals at Great American Ball Park

Support the Reds as they play the Cardinals July 13-15. The weather is sure to be hot and the game even more heated. Postgame Friday night has fireworks. [www.reds.com](http://www.reds.com)

### Bunbury Music Festival at Sawyer Point

Weezer, Jane's Addiction and Death Cab for Cutie headline the 2012 music festival July 13-15 at Sawyer Point. Other performers: Airborne Toxic Event, The Gaslight Anthem, Passion Pit and others. Yeatman's Cove lawn and the Serpentine Wall will have vendors offering veggie foods and sustainable products. July 13-15 at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove. \$46 for one-day tickets, \$93 for three-day tickets. [www.bunburyfestival.com](http://www.bunburyfestival.com)

### Butterfly Exhibit, 'On Wings of Harmony'

Extended through July 15 for visitors, the show, "On Wings of Harmony," showcases thousands of butterflies from around the world. Krohn Conservatory. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4



This Mayuri, mid-19th century instrument will be on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum during the World Choir Games. PROVIDED/CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM

children, free for children under 4. [www.butterflyshow.com](http://www.butterflyshow.com)

### Museum Center 'A Day in Pompeii'

More than 250 ancient artifacts from the Roman city of Pompeii after Mt. Vesuvius' eruption more than 1,700 years ago are included in the exhibit. Open now through Aug. 12. \$19.50 for adults, \$17.50 seniors, \$12.50 children. [www.cinmuseum.org](http://www.cinmuseum.org)

### Queen City Sausage Festival on Levee

Sample more than 20 types of Queen City sausages, brats, metts and more. This three-day cele-

bration includes a brat-eating contest, games, children's rides, live entertainment and a beer garden.

July 13-15 at Newport's Riverfront Levee. Free. [www.queencitysausage.com](http://www.queencitysausage.com)

### Art Museum's 'The Art of Sound'

See 150 pieces of the Cincinnati Art Museum's 800-piece musical instrument collection. Containing detailed art from four continents and more than 30 music cultures, the collection is one of the best in the world.

Through Sept. 2. Free admission, parking \$4 per vehicle. [www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org](http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org)

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