

Music is Life: A Cultural Safari

Voyager presents a program of world music; a voyage of musical discovery.



Travel the world with Voyager, a fresh and original voice in World Music. Midwestern roots and travels to Bali, Morocco, Ireland, Jamaica, Mali, and India give Marianne Payette Carter's music a unique perspective and a rockin' world beat. With a coterie of fine musicians (dynamic accordionist John Thompson, inspired banjo and slide guitar artist Leo Posch, and expressive world percussionist Derek Sharp), Marianne's guitar and violin weave perceptive lyrics and artful melodies into global rhythms and textures to form a cultural fusion that finds the common ground in us all. Sometimes quirky, always eclectic, Voyager is adventurous, eloquent, and just plain fun.

Voyager will guide your students on an exciting and engaging musical tour of world cultures. Your students will hear and then help produce the exotic rhythms of Spanish flamenco and discover the origins of familiar instruments such as guitar, fiddle, and banjo as well as many unusual instruments. They will join us on board a sailing ship from England and visit France, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Portugal, and Brazil before returning home. At each port they will have an opportunity to discover the cultural significance of indigenous and transplanted instruments and styles, see how the music of every culture reflects the daily lives of its people, and come to understand how their own lives and culture might be similar or different.

TEACHERS PACKET INCLUDES:

- 1) Notes on the instruments we will present/ play and the predecessors of these instruments. Notes on the methods of transplanting instruments such as the Silk Road.
- 2) Tickets for the voyage (please copy one for each student).