

**artsbus risk release form**

YES, I AM A GMU AVT MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST INITIAL** \_\_\_\_\_

YES. I AM SIGNED UP FOR AVT 300 \_\_\_\_\_

I'M A NON-MAJOR TAKING THE TRIP FOR CLASS CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

I'M RIDING THE BUS FOR FUN, NOT CREDIT \_\_\_\_\_

The GMU Art and Visual Technology Department will keep this form as a record for the **artsbus/AVT 300** requirement for AVT majors. Information on the **artsbus** requirement is available in the AVT Department Office, C200 College Hall, on the **artsbus** Web site, <http://artsbus.gmu.edu>, or from your academic advisor.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

NAME (last name first) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

Participants on **artsbus** trips sometimes take photographs of other participants, which may be published on the GMU **artsbus** Web site and/or in printed publications such as **artsbus** brochures.

I give my permission for photographs of me to be used on GMU **artsbus** Web site and publications \_\_\_\_\_

I **do not** give my permission for photographs of me to be used on GMU **artsbus** Web site and publications \_\_\_\_\_

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this form is to inform you of certain risks and responsibilities that you will be assuming as a participant in the **artsbus** trip to New York City.

**I. RISKS AND DANGERS**

a. There are the normal dangers found in any type of travel and tourist activities to a large city including, but not limited to, transportation delays or accidents, accommodation mishaps, victimization by criminal activity, illness, and general mishaps. **In New York, participants will be unsupervised and unescorted.** Please consider these risks and dangers carefully before deciding to continue with the trip.

b. Risks and dangers include the possibility that you may be left behind if you fail to report to the appointed place at the appointed time. Departure times and locations will be included in printed material distributed on the bus, however they are subject to change. Announcements about departure times and locations will be made on the bus. **It is your responsibility to know where and when to meet the bus, and to meet the bus in the designated locations at the designated times.** The bus will not wait for people who are late.

c. **Please initial here to indicate that you have read and fully understand this paragraph:**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

a. Prior to your departure, general information on recommended exhibitions and itineraries will be available on the **artsbus** Web site <http://artsbus.gmu.edu>. Videos and more information will be presented on the bus. **artsbus** staff will be available to answer individual questions on the bus, and will offer short tours to small groups while in New York City. You are urged to read the printed material provided, and to pay careful attention to your guide and follow any instructions very closely

b. Transportation to and from New York City will be provided by New World Tours Inc, PO Box 400, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Travel while in New York City is your responsibility.

d. Professor Peter Winant or other representatives of the George Mason University faculty will be accompanying the group on the trip and will act as a coordinator of the buses. Otherwise, participating students will be unsupervised.

**III. HEALTH INSURANCE, EMERGENCY INFORMATION, AND AUTHORIZATION**

a. Participants are responsible for providing their own health insurance.

b. The following person should be contacted in case of emergency:

Name:

Relationship:

Address:

Telephone:

c. If you become injured or ill while participating in the program, you authorize:

\_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

to act on your behalf in obtaining medical treatment (this should be someone participating on the trip). Please be advised that you are fully responsible for all expenses incurred for any medical care you receive during the program.

**IV. RELEASE AND WAIVER**

George Mason University assumes no responsibility or liability for any injuries to your person or property caused by the acts or omissions of others during this trip. Further, George Mason University makes no recommendations or guarantees as to any travel agencies or lodging and transportation providers you may deal with in making your travel arrangements. To protect yourself from these types of losses, you may wish to purchase appropriate insurance.

- By signing this form you are acknowledging that you have been informed about certain risks and responsibilities involved in this program and that you are knowingly and voluntarily assuming them.

= By signing this form you also agree, for yourself, your heirs and assigns, to release and hold harmless George Mason University, its employees and agents, from any legal claim or liability for any bodily injury and personal property damage that is caused to you by the negligent act or omission of third parties while you are participating on this trip.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the participant is under 18, a parent or legal guardian must also sign.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_