**Artist Travel Consultants debuts at #1 in Top Travel and Hospitality Companies on *INC.* Magazine’s**

**list of America’s 5000 fastest-growing companies**

*For immediate release - NEW YORK, August 23, 2016 –***Artist Travel Consultants (ATC) has debuted at #1 in Travel & Hospitality Companies on *Inc.* magazine’s 35th annual Inc. 5000 list**, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. ATC was **additionally recognized with #6 and #8 rankings as Top NY and NYC Companies and #69 in overall ratings.** According to the Inc. 5000, ATC, which is in its 6th year of doing business, has shown an extraordinary three-year growth of 4,121%.

The list represents the most comprehensive look at the most important segment of the economy—America’s independent entrepreneurs. Companies such as Yelp, Pandora, Timberland, Dell, Domino’s Pizza, LinkedIn, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained early exposure as members of the Inc. 5000.

In a joint statement, **co-founders Iris Derke**and **Jonathan Griffith** said: “We are thrilled for ATC’s recognition by the business world, most especially as #1 in Travel, a description we think exhibits the passion and care we extend to our clients.  The future and potential in the travel industry remains strong for those who choose to invest in their clients and respect them with white glove treatment as one would treat a revered artist.  We feel that we have been able to accomplish this achievement due to providing first class service to our clients at a cost-effective price.  We are humbled by the success and look forward to the positive momentum created by this wonderful accolade.”

ATC’s sister company **Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY)** has also, for the third time, been selected to the Inc. 5000 list, this year at #4353, with a three-year growth of 60% at a time when many classical and opera organizations are struggling financially.

**View the ATC Inc. 5000 listing: [Click Here](http://www.inc.com/profile/artist-travel-consultants?cid=full500016-list-69" \t "_blank)**

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**About Artist Travel Consultants (ATC)**

Artist Travel Consultants is a full service travel company specializing in customized niche tours for a wide variety of clientele. ATC’s keen focus on group travel results in unique and often life-changing experiences.  Using their expertise in lodging, transportation, sightseeing and entertainment, ATC provides an unforgettable experience for their travelers. As the preferred travel provider for Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY), ATC has the unique opportunity to open the gateway to main stage performances, Broadway, and VIP experiences for talented amateur, pre-professional and student ensembles. Founded in 2010, ATC has grown quickly to serve the growing demand for their special talents, handling the needs of hundreds of groups and close to 7,000 satisfied travelers yearly.

**About Distinguished Concerts International New York~~(~~DCINY)**

Founded in 2007 by Iris Derke and Jonathan Griffith, with its first public concert presented on January of 2008, DCINY is a leading producer of dynamically-charged musical entertainment in renowned venues. With its unforgettable, world-class concert experiences, empowering educational programs, and global community of artists and audiences, DCINY changes lives through the power of performance. Commemorating their 10th Anniversary season in 2018, DCINY is proud to have presented life-changing performances for over 40,000 performers and 170,000 audience members since its inception.

In addition to being selected three times to the Inc. 5000 listing, DCINY also recently received national recognition with the 2014 and 2015 American Prize in conducting – professional orchestra division to DCINY Artistic Director Jonathan Griffith and the Distinguished Concerts Orchestra, and the 2015 American Prize in Arts Marketing to DCINY General Director Iris Derke and the DCINY Team.

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