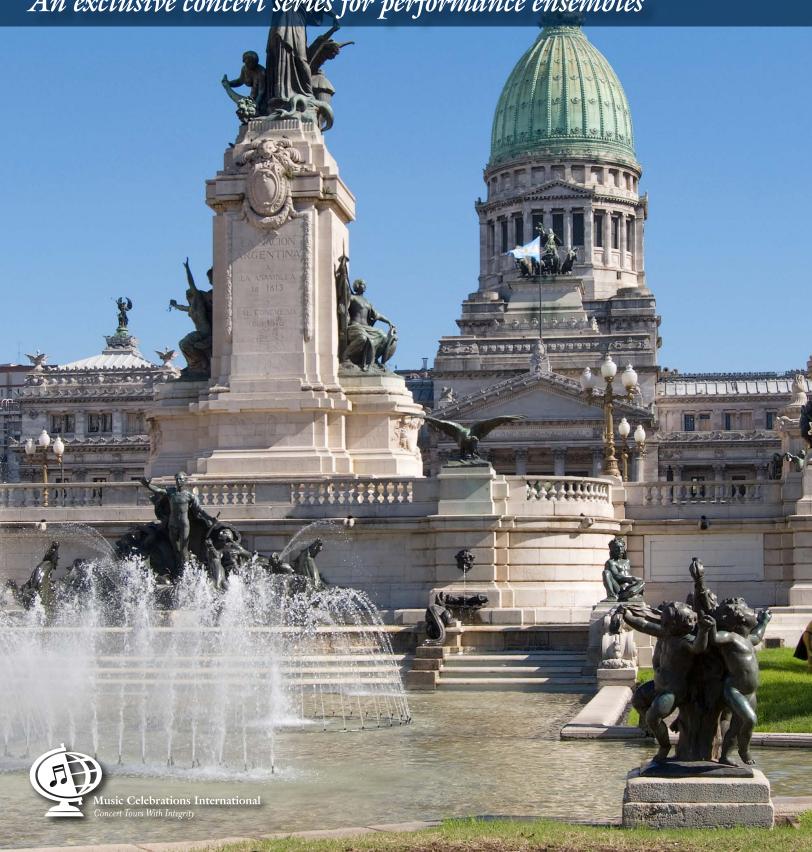
American Celebration of Music in

# Argentina

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles





nyone who visits Argentina is spoiled for the amount of sights to explore. This vast country, one of the largest in the world, offers a staggering diversity of landscapes, ranging from snow-covered mountains in the south, steamy jungles in the Northeast, bone-dry highland steppes in the Northwest, the fertile Pampas and windswept Patagonia, and the end-of-the-world archipelago of Tierra del Fuego.

Buenos Aires, the capital city, which in Spanish literally and appropriately means "good air," reminds one of the heavy European influences on the area. These effects are most evident in the classical architecture that hovers over the city. It is also home to legendary figures, past and present, such as Eva Perón, Queen Máxima of the Netherlands, and Pope Francis.

This breathtakingly beautiful metropolis along the Atlantic coast boasts a rich cultural milieu. Theaters may be found on nearly every corner. Tango dancers have given the city a certain mystique. In fact, the music of Argentina is known mostly for Tango, but other forms have made their mark in recent decades as well, including Argentine Rock and a unique blend of Latin American Jazz, Mambo, and Tango.

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful concert arrangements, and the

ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.



## Sample Itinerary

### BUENOS AIRES / MAR DEL PLATA

DAY ONE: ARRIVE

Depart via scheduled air service to Buenos Aires, Argentina

DAY TWO: BUENOS AIRES

Arrive in Buenos Aires

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer to the hotel via panoramic tour of

Buenos Aires highlights en route Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

#### DAY THREE: BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a half-day comprehensive sightseeing tour visiting the Plaza de Mayo, the Government House, the Cathedral, Columbus Square, La Boca district with its "Caminito" (well known for the tango), San Martín Square, Recoleta Cemetery (where Eva Perón's tomb is), Grand Bourg Square, Palermo Chico district, Horse Race Track, Palermo Park, Rose Garden, Libertador Avenue, Congress Hall, and 9 de Julio Avenue

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DAY FOUR: BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel

Today's tour of Buenos Aires includes entrance to the Eva Perón Museum, once a mansion designated in 1948 by Eva Perón as a shelter for women and children with no resources, and now a museum designated to one of the most important woman in Argentine history

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DAY FIVE: BUENOS AIRES / MAR DEL PLATA

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Mar del Plata for hotel check-in

Lunch on own

Afternoon time at leisure to relax

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY SIX: MAR DEL PLATA

Breakfast at the hotel

Today visit the coastal landmarks in Mar del Plata. Golden sands, white foam, cliffs, millennial rocks, parks and promenades stretch over 29 miles along the Atlantic coastline. Some sites you may see in Mar del Plata include Asilo Saturnino Unzué, La Perla Spa, Palacio Municipal, Palacio Árabe, Casino de Mar del Plata, Torreón del Monje (with its medieval architecture), Torre Tanque, Mirador Cabo Corrientes, etc. Performance in Mar del Plata as part of the American Celebration of Music in Argentina

DAY SEVEN: BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel

Return transfer to Buenos Aires

Evening dinner and Tango Show (including a tango lesson). The first Tango emerged at the end of 19th century from a mixture of various rhythms which were danced in the poorer quarters. Enjoy a special









"porteña" music night at one of the excellent tango places, where typical songs and dances are performed

#### DAY EIGHT: BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast at the hotel

Full day ranch tour. This lovely excursion is a unique opportunity to have close contact with Argentine Gaucho, its traditional music and dances, taking part in a real gaucho festival. The party is held at a beautiful country residence, an old ranch in the outskirts of Buenos Aires. There will be time to walk around, admiring the Argentine "pampas." Afterwards, lunch will be served, with a complete "asado cariole" (B.B.Q.). After the meal, a folkloric musical show will take place, with dances and songs. Later, watch the "carrera de sortijas" (ring-race) and the "carrera cuadrera" (horse races)

Evening dinner and overnight

#### DAY NINE: BUENOS AIRES

Breakfast and hotel check-out

Leisure time

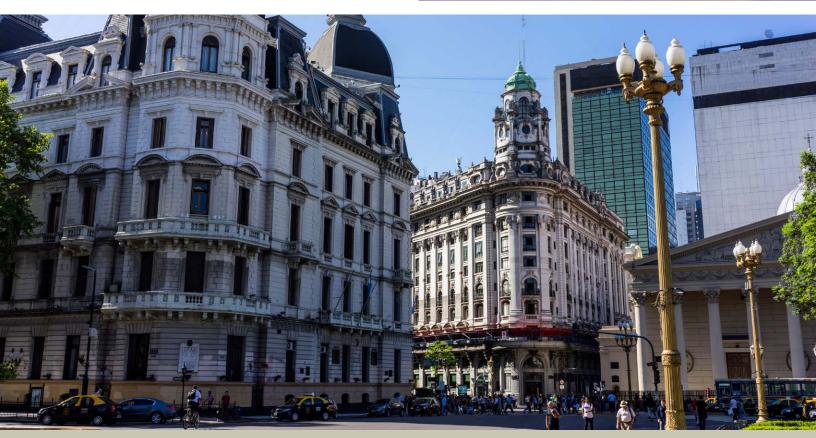
Transfer to Buenos Aires International Airport for overnight flight

#### DAY TEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Arrive home







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