American Celebration of Music in

Brazil

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles





into a primordial, tropical paradise. From the mad passion tomizing the perfect itinerary for your ensemble! of the Carnival, the vastness of the dark Amazon, to the beaches of Rio, Brazil is a country of mythic proportions.

It is located in the east coast of South America on the Atlantic Ocean. Geographically, it nearly equals the size of America's 48 lower states. It possesses vast natural water resources, a gigantic rain forest and rich mineral deposits. Its 169 million inhabitants are distributed in 26 states and a Federal District, the modern capital of Brasilia.

Our office in Brazil has proven to have superior connections with many of the finest venues and conservatories. Musical groups we have sent there come back raving about their performances, whether joint concerts, Masses in the great cathedrals, or more informal opportunities such as school concerts/exchanges.

The American Celebrations 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. Selected American groups are invited to share their talents with

o country ignites the Western imagination as Brazil does. appreciative audiences in glorious venues and spectacular settings For hundreds of years, it has symbolized the great escape throughout Brazil. We look forward to working with you on cus-



Sample Itinerary

SÃO PAULO / RIO DE JANEIRO

DAY ONE: SÃO PAULO

Departure via scheduled airline service to São Paulo, Brazil

DAY TWO: SÃO PAULO

Arrive in São Paulo. Meet MCI Tour Managers who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoaches

Transfer to hotel with a panoramic tour of São Paulo en route

DAY THREE: SÃO PAULO

Sightseeing in São Paulo includes entrance to the Museum of Modern Art In the afternoon, visit the Sacred Art Museum

Evening concert in São Paulo as part of the American Celebration of Music in Brazil

DAY FOUR: SÃO PAULO

Morning sightseeing in São Paulo includes Ibirapuera Park. With an area of 1.8 million sq.m (2.2 million sq.yds), the park is a leisure paradise for the people of São Paulo, with a lake, fountains, children's playgrounds, trails, a roller-skating rink and an open-air theatre for concerts and other musical events; but with its numerous monuments, museums and administrative buildings it is also of great architectural and cultural interest Afternoon at leisure for exploration and shopping

Attend an evening show or concert

DAY FIVE: SÃO PAULO

Sightseeing in São Paulo includes visits to the Parque da Aclimacao, the historic center, the Centro Cultural in the Paraíso District, and the national monument of Sitio da Ressaca, founded by the bandeirantes, in the Jabaquara quarter

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DAY SIX: RIO DE JANEIRO

Transfer from São Paulo to Rio de Janeiro via motorcoach. Stop en route at the village of Mangaratiba for a boat cruise to the tropical islands along the Green Coast, south of Rio

Afternoon beach time

Continue on to Rio and check into the hotel for overnight

DAY SEVEN: RIO DE JANEIRO

Morning free for time on the beach

Dinner at a "Carioca's" (Rio native) favorite restaurant - the Churascaria. Truly a meat eater's delight - a Churascaria is a barbecue restaurant where waiters bring over choice meats on skewers and cut slices of your choice. Beef, pork, and chicken are served. A buffet of vegetables, salads and even sushi rounds out your meal

Return to the hotel for overnight

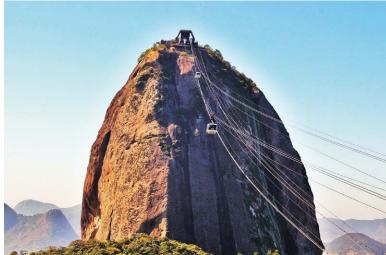
DAY EIGHT: RIO DE JANEIRO

Today visit the famous Rio landmark "Pao de Acucar" ~ Sugarloaf Mountain, set dramatically at the mouth of Guanabara Bay. Board the first of two cable cars to the smaller of these two mountains off the coast of Rio Then continue up on yet another cable car to the summit of the second mountain. The view from this peak of the city of Rio, the bay, and the









ocean is breathtaking. Take your time admiring the gardens, walkways and magnificent panoramas. Get an understanding of the layout of this bustling city and marvel at how it has grown nestled between the sundrenched shores of the south Atlantic and the towering peaks of the coastal mountain range

Take a trip up to the top of Corcovado Mountain, high above Rio, most famous for its 100 foot tall statue "Christ the Redeemer" Evening concert in Rio de Janeiro as part of the American Celebration of Music in Brazil

DAY NINE: RIO DE JANEIRO

A half-day tour of Rio, in which an expert guide will lead you through the historic avenues, squares and back streets, explaining the important historical, political, artistic and social events that shaped Rio into South America's most vibrant city. Not a dry "museum tour" but instead an offbeat, somewhat irreverent look at this most interesting city

Afternoon visit to the Botanical Gardens

Evening Farewell Dinner

DAY TEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to Rio's International Airport for return flight Arrive home on the same day







These and all other Standard Tours may be viewed on our website at www.musiccelebrations.com. Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.

