

Texas Youth Orchestra

2006 American Celebration of Music in Italy and Austria Celebrate Mozart Orchestra Festival

(12 nights / 14 days)

Saturday July 8, 2006

Departure from Dallas via scheduled air service, including full meal, beverage service and in-flight entertainment during this trans-Atlantic flight. The destination is Rome, Italy.

Sunday July 9, 2006 Rome

Airport arrival assistance in Rome. Meet MCI European Tour Manager who assist group through passport control and customs to the awaiting motorcoaches for a transfer into Rome. A half-day guided tour of *Imperial Rome* includes the Roman Forum, Spanish Steps, Colosseum, Victor Emmanuel Monument, Capitoline Museum, Quirinale Palace, Pantheon, Castel Sant'Angelo and Trevi Fountain. Transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.



Rome - myth has it that Rome was founded around the Seven Hills in 753 B.C. by Romulus and Remus. During the centuries that followed, Rome became the central figure of western history as the Roman Empire flourished throughout the Mediterranean and Europe. After the fall of the Empire the city prospered again during the Renaissance under the influence of such geniuses as Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Bernini. The inspiring treasures of their achievements await your visit.



Monday July 10, 2006 Rome

Morning two-hour rehearsal. Afternoon guided tour of *Religious Rome* includes Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescoes and The Last Judgement). Rome's center, with its churches, ancient palaces and monuments, spacious parks, tree-lined boulevards, fountains, outdoor cafes and elegant shops, makes it one of the world's most attractive cities. *Evening concert in Rome as part of the 2006 American Celebration of Music in Italy.*

Tuesday July 11, 2006 Florence

Transfer to Florence. En route, stop in Siena, Tuscany's most fascinating city, due to its medieval atmosphere and the number and richness of its artistic possessions. A guided tour of Siena includes the Duomo (cathedral) and the Palazzo Pubblico. Following lunch, continue on to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Florence was once a Roman colony, but began her real development during medieval times and was at her prime during the Renaissance under the reign of the Medicis. Dante, da Vinci, Ghiberti and Michelangelo all were either born or worked extensively in Florence. The preservation of their works and that of others has made Florence the greatest museum of the Renaissance.



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Wednesday July 12, 2006 Florence

Half day guided tour includes the Academy of Fine Arts (housing Michelangelo's *David*), Santa Croce, the Baptistery with Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, the Campanile, and the Duomo de Santa Maria del Fiore. ***Evening concert in Florence as part of the 2006 American Celebration of Music in Italy.***

Thursday July 13, 2006 Venice

Transfer to Venice via Cremona. A half-day guided tour of Cremona includes the Civic Museum, Duomo (Cathedral), Town Hall, and most importantly, the Stradivarius Museum which exhibits plans, models, molds and tools belonging to violin-maker Antonio Stradivarius. Continue to Venice for dinner and overnight accommodations.

Venice is eternally preoccupied with the contemplation of its own beauty. Founded on marshes, it rose to dominate the Adriatic and hold the gorgeous East in fee. At the height of her power in the 16th century, Venice was a wealthy city-republic glorying in feasts and pageants, reveling in the splendor of her painting, sculpture and architecture. Those days of glory are gone, but her art survives and the grace and refinement remain. A visit to Venice will fill your soul.



Friday July 14, 2006 Venice

Transfer to the main island of San Marco via public boat. A morning walking tour includes St. Mark's Square. See the soaring Bell Tower, incredibly rich Basilica of St. Mark and the Palace of the Doges where the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice ruled their far-flung empire at its height during the 15th century. Afternoon and evening at leisure in Venice.



Saturday July 15, 2006 Innsbruck, Austria

Transfer to Innsbruck, Austria. Half day guided tour of Innsbruck includes the Old City, Maria Theresien Straße, the Golden Roof, the Hofkirche (including the tomb and famous statues surrounding the tomb of Emperor Maximilian), the Olympic Ski Jump, Wilten Basilica and the Arch of Triumph.



Innsbruck, venue of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics, is one of the most beautiful towns of its size (100,000). This 800-year-old university city is bounded on the north by the shimmering wall of the Nordkette Range of the Alps, on the south by the Tuxer Range rising to heights of 10,000 feet. The Empress Maria Theresia loved the Tyrol and Innsbruck, like her ancestor Emperor Maximilian I which accounts for the city's many beautiful buildings.



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Sunday July 16, 2006 Salzburg

Transfer to Salzburg. Enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg including Mirabel Palace & Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom (Cathedral), University Church, the Mozarthaus (birthplace) and a cable car ride up to the Fortress (for an unparalleled view of the city below).



Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, is a delight from the first sight of the outline of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the symbol of the power of the prince-archbishops. The city's picturesque streets with their wrought-iron signs, its spacious squares with sculptured fountains and the noble architecture of its buildings inspired by bishops with a passion for construction, leave memories which linger for years.



Monday July 17, 2006 Salzburg

Morning orchestral clinic/workshop at the Mozarteum. Afternoon at leisure. Motorcoach and Tour Manager at group's disposal. ***Evening concert in the Salzburg area as part of the 2006 American Celebration of Music in Austria.***

Tuesday July 18, 2006 Vienna

Transfer to Vienna. A guided tour of *Historical Vienna*, includes the Ringstraße, Parliament Building, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Kärtnerstraße, the State Opera, Rathaus, Stadtpark (to see the Strauß Statue) and entrance to Schönbrunn, the magnificent Palace built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles.

Vienna is still considered the music capital of the world. It is a city of refined tastes, grace, style and unmatched artistic accomplishments. For a thousand years, Vienna was the capital of the far-flung Holy Roman and Hapsburg empires. Though its people and ways have changed, Vienna has retained its imperial monuments, not as reminders of past glories, but as living symbols of its present freedom.



Wednesday July 19, 2006 Vienna

Morning clinic with Professor Dahlinger from the Music University of Vienna. Afternoon guided tour of *Musical Vienna*, including entrance to Mozart's "Figaro" House (Mozarthaus) and also the Collection of Musical Instruments in the Hofburg, which displays the history of musical instruments as well as personal instruments of composers such as Haydn, Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Strauß, Brahms, Mahler and many others. ***Evening concert in Vienna as part of the 2006 American Celebration of Music in Austria.***



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Thursday July 20, 2006 Vienna

Morning excursion to Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Haydn. Entrance is included to Esterhazy Palace with its Haydnsaal, where many of Haydn's works were premiered, and also to Haydn's House, which is now a museum. Return to Vienna in the mid-afternoon. Evening farewell dinner.

Friday July 21, 2006 Depart for home

Transfer to Vienna's airport for the return flight to Dallas. Arrive home on the same day.

Concert Tour Inclusions

TEXAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

- <1. **Airline transportation**, provided by scheduled air carrier, including all services such as luggage handling, meal/beverage catering and in-flight entertainment. The listed prices include an estimated \$175 per person towards airline-related taxes, surcharges or applicable fees that will be assessed at time of ticketing (at which time the group will be advised of refund or additional charges). Airline surcharges for weekend (Fri, Sat, or Sun) and holiday travel may apply.
- <2. **Transportation within Europe** by modern deluxe motorcoach or other modal transportation as listed in the itinerary. An equipment trailer is included.
- <3. **Concert arrangements** are provided as authorized by local and national authorities and are part of official celebrations. As such, the performance venue and schedules are subject to their discretion. Sightseeing and cultural activities are scheduled around these significant performances. *(MCI is not responsible if inclement weather, local political situations, or changes made by the host concert site are cause for the last minute cancellation or change of a concert.)*
- <4. **Accommodations** in excellent 3- and 4- star hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities.
- <5. **Two meals/day** (unless otherwise specified in the day-by-day itinerary) including buffet or continental breakfast and a three-course dinner.
- <6. **Guided excursions**, guided by **licensed, professional guides** as outlined in the day-by-day itinerary. Guides are also selected based upon experience, referral, knowledge and ability to deal with people.
- <7. **Entrance fees** are included to all museums and attractions listed in the day-by-day itinerary. **Tickets** to listed cultural events (opera, theater, special events) are also included.
- <8. **Assistance** from MCI's European staff as requested. Meeting and greeting at arrival and departure points is always included. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed. A full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager (one per motorcoach) will be with the group throughout the concert tour.
- <9. Pre-departure **Travel Notes** are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- <10. **Printed itineraries** for each individual listing hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers.
- <11. **Tips** to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to licensed guides and long-distance bus drivers are not included.
- <12. **Flight bag, luggage tags, a souvenir Photo Video and a t-shirt** are provided to each participant.
- <13. **Individual insurance coverage** is included in all MCI programs. For specific limitations and exclusions, refer to the policy on file at our office.

Summary of Coverage

\$10,000	Travel Accident
\$ 1,000	Medical Expense (accident or illness)
\$ 300	Baggage Coverage
\$ 600	Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay

Travel Assistance Services include a 24-hour Emergency Hotline Service covering Emergency Cash, Medical Referral, Legal Assistance, Lost Ticket and Passport Assistance and Emergency Medical Transportation (evacuation, repatriation, medical escort, etc) to \$5,000.

Please note that cash is not covered. Additional optional health and accident, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance is available

Additional coverage is available and is described in **Travel Notes**.



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