

OUR VISION

Music is the universal language. It crosses international borders, unifies cultures, uplifts the spirit, and conveys so much, with so little. The discovery of new countries, cultures, languages, and friends broadens our knowledge and furthers our understanding of our world. The **Texas Youth Orchestra & Choir** endeavor to provide a quality education from top music educators from across our state. We enable Texas students to reach across international borders to further their own study of music and learn about the cultures of Europe.

Our 2012 tour will take us to **England, Wales, and Scotland**, as well as many charming villages in between. We hope that by studying the music centers of Europe, we will gain insight into our own art form and allow our minds and souls to stretch beyond our imagination. Your desire to convey music across cultures makes our global voyage within your reach.



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TEXAS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

& CHOIR

*2012 Summer European
Music Study*

Frequently Asked Questions

*Touring England,
Wales & Scotland*

Home camp: July 5-8, 2012

Tour: July 9th - 21th, 2012

So, you're thinking about joining the tour?

Here are some **Frequently Asked Questions.**

How can I join the Texas Youth Orchestra & Choir?

Not just anyone can go on the Texas Youth Orchestra and Choir Tour in 2012. To be a member of one of these outstanding ensembles requires outstanding musicianship, as well as high character. Also, student members must be recommended by their directors. All musicians, aged 15 through 21, are invited to participate, but younger travelers are required to be accompanied by an adult family member. Parents and family members are welcome as well. All musicians may join the String Orchestra and Choir, but membership into the Symphony is by audition only.

Who do I call with questions? The fastest and best way for you to have your questions answered is to call or email one of the TYO Directors.

Who is Music Celebrations International? MCI is our tour company who provides unique performance and educational opportunities to performing groups. Visit them on the web at: <http://www.musiccelebrations.com>.

Where are we going and what does our tour include? For our 2012 tour, we are touring the beautiful countries of England, Wales, and Scotland. Please check the website for inclusions.

Who has traveled with or sent students with TYO in the past?

Here is a list of Texas Music Educators who have traveled with or sent students with **TYO**: Jo Wallace-Abbie, Dr. Michael Alexander, Michelle Brians, Margaret Brown, David DeVoto, Sue Ewing, Priscilla Holt, Brian Peacock, Linda Proch, Mamie Morlacci, Kate Moore, Stanley Oakes, Dr. John Ricarte, Cynthia Robicheaux, Kirk Smith, Sarah Sproul, Corky Watkins, Mary Alice Rich-Wittrig, Kari Zamora

What should I expect on this tour? First, you must be okay with group travel – we go everywhere as a family. We travel together, eat together, perform and sightsee together. Punctuality is a **MUST!** You will have to think about someone besides yourself (often!). You can expect to reach personal highs in many areas of your life- personal growth, relationships, musical experiences, and overall natural peak experiences from seeing breath-taking sights. We can honestly say that you will come home a changed person- from your TYO experience.

How do I sign up?

Step One: Download and complete the registration form (which also includes the tour costs), OR complete the registration online at <http://www.musiccelebrations.com/tyo>

Step Two: Include a \$500 deposit check made payable to *Music Celebrations International* (or make sure your credit card information is on the form), OR submit your \$500 online (subject to a 3% processing fee).

Step Three: If mailing your registration and deposit, send the registration form (and check when applicable) to the Music Celebrations address below.

What about chaperones, rules, and regulations? The chaperone ratio will be 8 to 10 students per adult chaperone. Students will be expected to stay in groups of 4 or more when out and about and in groups of at least 2 in the hotels. Students will be expected to use good judgment and follow TYO rules to the letter. Safety is our first concern so we expect all participants to make good decisions.

Is Individual Insurance Coverage is included with this tour? Yes! Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs.

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

Please see the **MCI Travel Insurance Booklet** and **Insurance Information and Waiver** for more details

What about a passport? How do I get one? First, make sure that if you do have a passport that it will be valid through August 2012. If not, please renew your passport through the US State Department. First time passport applicants need to apply in person.

What about instrument insurance? Is that provided with the cost of our tour? Instrument insurance is not provided in the cost of the tour. However, there are many insurance companies that will cover your instrument during the duration of the tour. Additionally, check your homeowner's insurance policy for any coverage that you may already have. The TYO directors recommend that you do **NOT** bring an extremely valuable instrument.

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