

Music Celebrations International Presents the

Beethoven 250

Orchestra Festival

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About Music Celebrations



- MCI is a full-service concert and festival organizing company
- John Wiscombe founded MCI in 1993. As a youth, he spent several years as a tour manager throughout Europe. He has now been in the music travel business for over 45 years.
- Our Staff is composed of a unique blend of musicians and travel industry professionals
- We are musicians serving musicians
- MCI staff has a combined 200+ years experience in designing and operating concert tours

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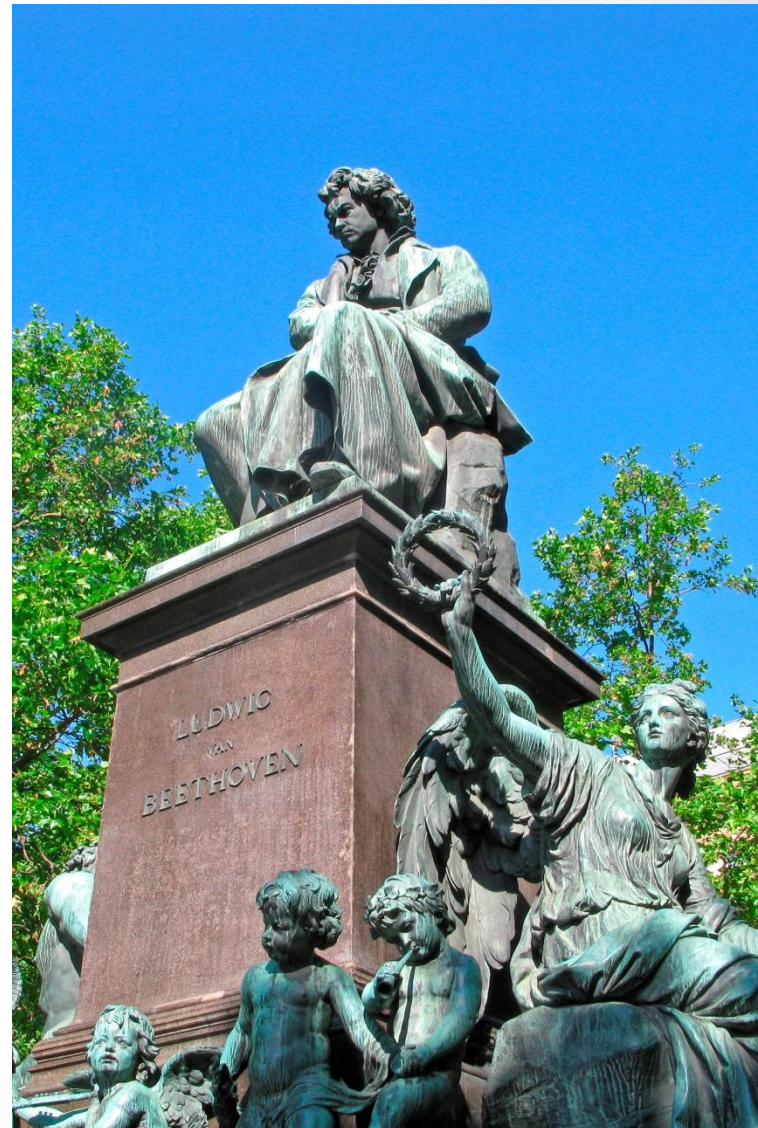
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About the Festival

Music Celebrations International would like to invite your ensemble to perform in the Beethoven 250 Orchestra Festival June 25-30, 2020 in Vienna as part of Beethoven's 250th Birthday Celebration taking place throughout Germany and Austria. Select orchestras will be featured in performance in Vienna's historic Musikverein. All participating orchestras are selected by application process through Music Celebrations.

Vienna, affectionately known as the "Capital of Classical Music", holds a special place in the hearts of musicians as it was here where composers like Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, and Beethoven established their musical careers. Beethoven said of this city, "Perhaps heaven will permit me not to have to give up Vienna as my permanent abode." Countless other composers and musicians have at one point called Vienna home as it has continued to embrace its musical tradition and propel classical music into the present day and future.

Highlights of Vienna include the majestic Schönbrunn Palace, Burgkapelle (home of the Vienna Boys Choir), Vienna City Cemetery, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Beethoven's apartment in Heiligenstadt, and much more! There is no better place in the world to celebrate Beethoven's historic 250th birthday than Vienna and the Musikverein!



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Day One: Monday, June 22, 2020

- Depart via scheduled air service to Prague, Czech Republic

Day Two: Tuesday, June 23

- Arrive in Prague
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach
- Transfer to Prague via Terezin
- Excursion to Terezin (former fortress and Nazi Concentration Camp for children), including entrance to the fortress and Museum of the Ghetto. Terezin offers poignant insights for musicians because of the music written here by prisoners
- Continue to Prague with a panoramic tour of the city upon arrival
- Late afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening Welcome Dinner included, and overnight



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Prague achieved much of its present glory in the 14th century, during the long reign of Charles IV. During the Middle Ages, Prague enjoyed a golden age - a time when Prague was larger than Paris or London! The Hapsburgs also left their artistic and architectural mark. Today, Prague is universally declared one of the most beautiful cities in Europe

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Day Three: Wednesday, June 24

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter. Also visit the Castle District, where entrance is included to Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, the Golden Lane, and Daliborka Tower. Entrance is included to the Lobkowitz Palace to view original scores and manuscripts by Beethoven, including his 4th & 5th symphonies
- Lunch, on own
- *Performance in Prague as part of the American Celebration of Music in Czech Republic**
- Evening dinner included, and overnight



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Church of St. Simon and Jude

Sir Bohuslav from Olbramovice founded a hospital in 1354 in the space where the Church of St. Simon & Jude is located today. As a part of the hospital complex, a chapel was necessary. Before 1620, the chapel was rebuilt and enlarged by the non-Catholic churches to such degree that it became a competitor to the main cathedral of Prague - St. Vitus.

Since its early reconstruction it has undergone numerous renovations. Recent reconstruction has added modern amenities such as floor heating which allows all-year services and concerts in the church. The church is a home to the Prague Symphony Orchestra which uses the space for its chamber music projects. The late Baroque church organ was played by Mozart and Haydn. It is still functional and famous for its excellent authentic sound.

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Day Four: Thursday, June 25

- Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Morning transfer to Vienna
- Lunch, on own
- Stop at the Vienna City Cemetery to visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert and the Mozart Memorial
- Take a short panoramic tour of Vienna that acquaints visitors with the main attractions and landmarks
- Evening dinner included, and overnight



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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

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Day Five: Friday, June 26

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Half-day guided tour of Historical Vienna includes the Ringstraße, Imperial Palace, State Opera, Town Hall, Burgkapelle (home of the Vienna Boys Choir), Palace Stables, Strauß Monument, and entrance to Schönbrunn Palace, built by the Hapsburgs in imitation of Versailles
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon half-day guided tour of Musical Vienna includes entrance to the Haus der Musik (House of Music), a modern interactive sound museum, with floors dedicated to the Vienna Philharmonic and The Great Composers. The Musical Vienna tour concludes with a visit (entrance included) to the Beethoven Heiligenstadt apartment
- Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day Six: Saturday, June 27

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- *Rehearsal in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein*
- Excursion to Kahlenberg to walk the “Beethoven trail” (a route he often walked), and visit the Vienna woods
- Lunch, on own
- Next, visit the Pasqualati House and Museum
- Evening dinner included, and overnight



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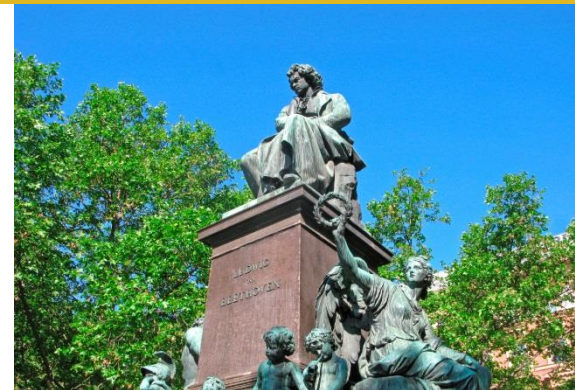
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Day Seven: Sunday, June 28

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon time at leisure
- Evening dinner included
- *Warm-up in the Grand Hall of the Musikverein*
- *Festival Concert in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein*
- Overnight at the hotel

Day Eight: Monday, June 29

- Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Transfer to the Vienna Airport for return flight home



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Musikverein

The Musikverein is a world-renowned venue located in the heart of Vienna and home to the Vienna Philharmonic. Due to its highly regarded acoustics, the Musikverein is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world. For over 146 years, the concert hall has hosted countless stars of classical music. Construction spanned over a three-year period and was made possible through an historic decree by Emperor Franz Joseph in 1857. Inspired by classical Greek architecture, the Musikverein is considered as the most beautiful concert building in the world.



Music Celebrations International Tour Inclusions

Airline Transportation

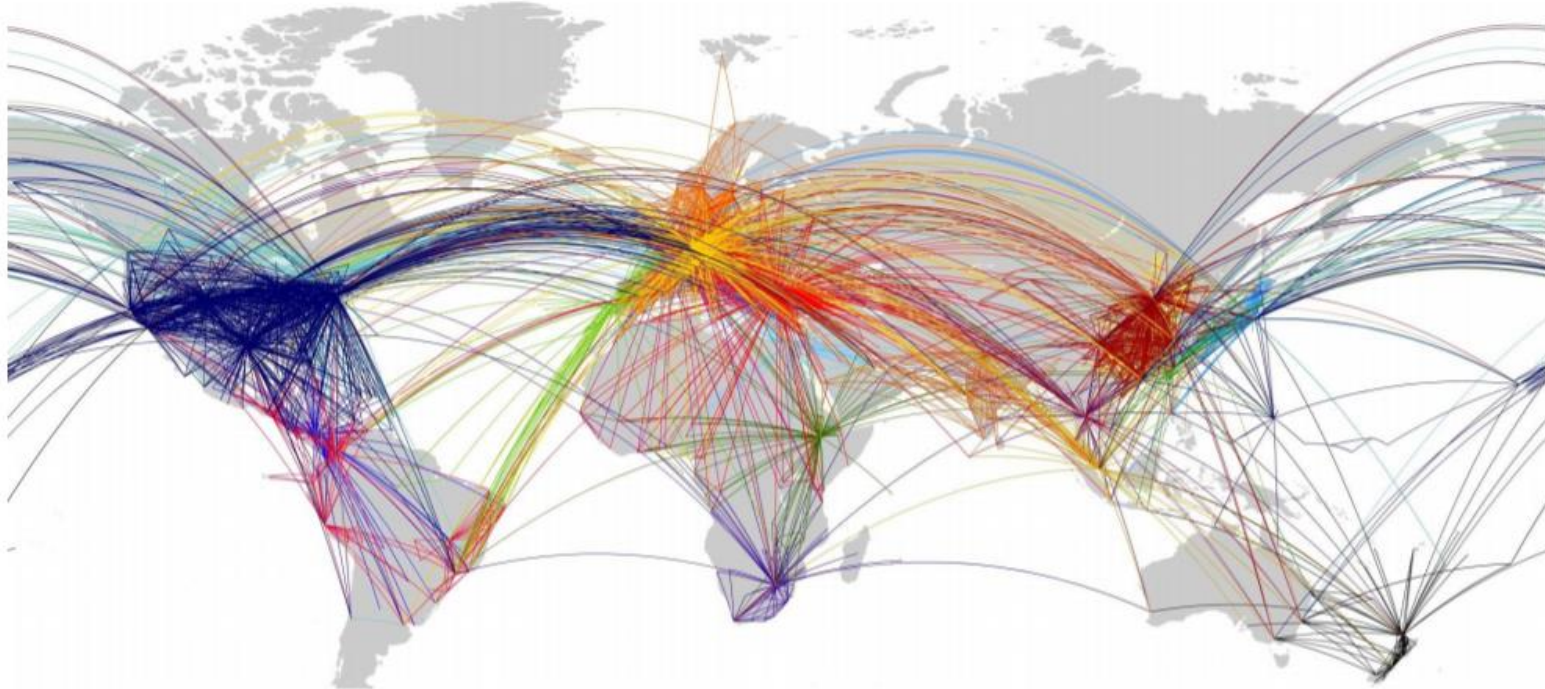
Music Celebrations International (MCI) has contracts with all the major airline carriers. MCI has a dedicated “Air Department” that negotiates group contracts, with the goal to book the best fares for the best schedules, while trying to keep everyone on the same flight.

With the air industry continually changing policies, air schedules, fleet sizes, and dealing with unpredictable weather, the services the MCI Air Department provides has proven invaluable.



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S7 Airlines

Srilankan Airlines

The oneworld alliance brings together a vast network of airlines around the world.
Covering 155 countries and 850 destination airports

Tour Managers & Guides

An experienced, proven, full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be with the group 24/7 (for those who have travelled before you know what a difference a quality Tour Manager can make to the outcome of your tour). MCI Tour Managers are the best.

Excursions on your tour will be guided by licensed, professional guides. Guides are selected based upon experience, referral, knowledge, and ability to deal with people.

Entrances to sites are included in the MCI proposal. At MCI, we feel it is necessary to include these entrances to ensure the cultural and historical aspects of the Tour.



Tour Managers & Guides

Our tour managers are

- Experienced with musical organizations
- Fluent in the languages needed for on-site communication
- Capable of handling daily situations as well as unforeseen crises
- Familiar with the areas which you will be traveling
- Aware of issues regarding border crossings
- Flexible enough to accommodate the interests of your particular group
- Sensitive to issues of age or physical limitations



Coach Transportation

We understand that comfort and safety is important when you travel. We go out of our way to make sure that your private, deluxe coach will be of the highest quality to ensure that the bus is in excellent working condition.

MCI contracts with the most reputable companies (based on feedback we have received from tour groups on equipment and drivers) that service your location.



Accommodations

We use superior tourist-class (3 & 4 Star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. Whether you are looking for a hotel in the heart of the city or away from the hustle and bustle, we have a property that will meet your needs.

Prices included in the proposal are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities.



Meals

Two meals a day are included in the proposal. Breakfast at the hotels are typically buffet style – either “full American” or “deluxe continental”.

3-course dinners (pre-set menus) are included at either your hotel or restaurants.

We use restaurants that are clean, safe, and have a great reputation for working with groups, and to keep your group well fed.

MCI works closely with restaurant personnel to make accommodations for those travelers with dietary restrictions and/or requests.



Tour Supplies

Included for each participant is

- 2 Luggage tags
- 1 Souvenir Photo Video
- 1 Souvenir Tour T-Shirt

We want you to make sure you are prepared and organized for your travels and will provide you with tags for your luggage.

Memories from this tour will last long after it has ended and we will provide each participant with a Photo Video presentation with personal photos from your tour and a T-shirt for every participant.



Performances

Our separate Performance Department is staffed by experienced musicians and travel agents who have an excellent, almost instinctive understanding of the special needs and considerations of music directors and their performing groups.

For every venue, we consider:

- Acoustics
- Size of staging area
- Rehearsal space, changing rooms
- Availability of toilets
- Details of organs, pianos, local orchestras, rental instruments, chairs, stands, lights, tables, etc.

Promotion is important for the success of a concert and MCI promotes concerts through newspapers, radio, and posters.



Insurance

MCI includes liability and travel insurance for each tour.

Liability Insurance

\$3,000,000 MCI Tour Liability insurance coverage

Individual Travel Insurance

\$10,000 – Travel Accident

\$300 – Baggage Coverage

\$1,000 – Medical Expense

\$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay



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Music Celebrations International
looks forward to providing your ensemble
with a truly memorable
musical and cultural experience
of a lifetime!

