

NAPA VALLEY YOUTH SYMPHONY

Tonight's Agenda

- NVYS team building
- Tour Highlights
- Payment due dates
- Passport
- Travel Insurance
- COVID/health requirements
- Questions?
- Things to do

MYS Team Building

- Our orchestra is growing!
- Create a welcoming environment for all
- Helping students establishing connections to one another
- Ideas: Soccer, video games, kickball, game night, mentor program, small group ensembles, outdoor movie night, Kindness Club
- Starting this week, February 13! Students should wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes (rehearsal for ALL students 12-3 pm, Chamber 10:30)

Who's on Tour

- 26 students
- 7 parents/grandparents
- 2 friends/sibling
- 2 NVYS staff (Alan and Shelley)

 Current tour cost is \$4,305 per person based on # of participants

Leipzig



- Performance at beautiful St.
 Peters Church
- Students participate in musical clinic
- Mendolssohn Museum, St Thomas
 Church (Bach was an organist
 here) and Bose House (Bach's
 home)

Prague



- Performance at historic St.
 Salvador Church
- Tour of Castle District,
 Lobkowicz Palace (largest music archive), tour of
 Prague historic sites

Vienna



- Performance at Musikverein (home to Vienna Philharmonic)
- The Viennese school (1750-1820). Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven
- Vienna City Cemetery (graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, and Schubert
- Guided tour of city (including Imperial palace, State Opera, Burgkapelle (home to Vienna Boys Choir)) and Vienna House of Music

Payment Due Dates

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 per person (non-refundable)
 Due: February 1, 2022
- \$1,500 per person
 Due: March 15, 2022
- \$1,500 per person
 Due: April 15, 2022
- Final Payment (remaining balance)
 Due: May 5, 2022

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

- \$500 per person (non-refundable) Penalty Begins: February 15, 2022
- 25% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: April 1, 2022
- 50% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: April 30, 2022
- 100% per person, of total tour costs Penalty Begins: May 10, 2022

Travel Deviation

Travel deviation is if you want a different return flight than the group

- \$200 cost per participant
- Complete Travel Devation form on the website providing MCI with 2 alternative travel dates
- MCI books return separate flight for you
- DUE: March 1 to MCI No late forms accepted

Land Only

Land Only is when you want to pay for and book your own air travel

- Land Only tour cost is approx. \$3,000
- Complete Land Only form on the website and email to MCI
- MUST meet group at airport in Berlin OR hotel in Leipzig at start of tour Wednesday, June 21
- DUE: March 1 to MCI No late forms accepted

Passports

- Check your passport's expiration date ASAP
- Your passport must be valid for another six months before you depart on tour (If your passport expires before **December 21, 2022** you will need to renew your passport to go on tour)
- Routine passport **processing** is 8 to 11 weeks and **expedite processing** (for an additional \$60) is 5 to 7 weeks.
- Renew By Mail: Adults with 10-year passports can <u>renew</u> them by mail instead of appearing in person.
- To apply and renew: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/
- First time passport application? Schedule appt at Rutherford US Post Office

Travel Insurance

- All tours include basic travel insurance
 - Does not include "Cancel for Any Reason" (CFAR)
 - Limited medical quarantine benefit (\$60 per day with \$600 maximum)
- HIGHLY recommend ALL tour participant purchase premium insurance that provides CFAR and quarantine benefit (\$200 per day with \$2,600 maximum)
- if you have received a tour scholarship you are <u>required to purchase</u> <u>premium</u> insurance
- ALL participants must complete a Premium Insurance form (on website) by April 1 (chose to opt in OR opt out)
 - Send by mail to: NVYS PO Box 6594, Napa, CA 9451
- If you chose not to purchase premium insurance and become ill on tour you are responsible for all costs associated with quarantine and illness

Current COVID Travel Rules

AIRLINE TRAVEL TO EUROPE AND RETURN TO THE US FOR US CITIZENS

Option 1: fully vaccinated and negative PCR or Antigen Test within 24 hours prior departure to the US

Option 2: not vaccinated, negative PCR or Antigen Test within 24 hours prior departure to the US

Current COVID Travel Rules

GERMANY

Fully vaccinated rules

- Moderna/Pfizer 2-dose series without booster shot valid for 9 months (270 days).
- Johnson & Johnson 1 dose only is no longer sufficient. Total of 2 doses (2nd dose can be any Covid vaccine) without booster shot valid for 9 months (270 days).
- If the validity of the Covid vaccine lapsed for a traveler planning a trip to Germany, it is important to receive the booster shot (3rd dose) any time prior traveling to Germany.

Fully vaccinated are permitted to enter Germany.

- Must complete an online the digital registration form prior travel and carry along a print out of the confirmation.
- Upload the proof of full vaccination on the digital registration portal and carry along the vaccination card. No mandatory quarantine if digitally uploaded prior travel.

Unvaccinated are not permitted to enter Germany.

COVID Restrictions continued...

MCI strongly encourages all tour members to have the following 4 items with them throughout the tour:

- 1) Proof of full Vaccination. Most cities/businesses define "fully vaccinated" as the following:
 - 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
 - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine
- 2) Government Issued ID showing your full name, date of birth, and a clear photo
- 3) Masks (KN95)
- 4) Health Insurance Card (if applicable)

Covid Safety Protocols

- MCI will provide assistance finding medical care, testing, daily temperature checks, completing online screening forms and testing kits.
- To understand how MCI will support us with health and safety measures please read Safety and Security on Tour and Covid Procedures on Tour documents on the website tour page.
- If a NVYS tour participant contracts Covid on tour NVYS will provide:
 - Arrangements to move to a single room to quarantine in place (costs associated are the responsibility of the tour participant)
 - Testing by a medical professional to document positive test (please note this is <u>required</u> by the airlines)
 - Support and care from a NVYS staff member (access to medical care, test kits, meals, over the counter medicines, check-ins) throughout quarantining

Covid Safety Protocols continued

- Adult participants: NVYS will provide support and care until the adult feels comfortable quarantining and traveling home alone
- **Unaccompanied students:** NVYS will provide support and care throughout quarantining and traveling home
- **Accompanied student:** NVYS will provide support and care until the adult companion feels comfortable quarantining and traveling home with the student
- **Costs:** While NVYS will support and care for a quarantining tour participant, the organization will not pay for any costs (hotel, meals) associated with a tour participant quarantining

Questions?

Things to do

- ✓ Check your passport's expiration date ASAP
- ✓ Send your \$500 deposit to NVYS PO Box 6594, Napa, 94581 TONIGHT
- ✓ Complete online Tour Information form (Check your inbox this week)
 - Dietary needs, t-shirt size, rooming preferences

✓ March 1

- Copy of Passport (info page and front cover) uploaded to MCI portal
- Land Only form (if using) uploaded to MCI
- Travel Deviation form (if using) uploaded to MCI

✓ April 1

 ALL premiere insurance forms and payments due (Shelley will let you know to turn into NVYS or upload to MCI)

Forms can be found on NVYS website tour page or on the MCI portal at

https://portal.musiccelebrations.com/ using Group code: 22220BOF