

# *Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra*

*David Cubek & Jack Taylor, Conductors*

*June 24-30, 2020*

## **Beethoven 250** **Orchestra Festival**



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# About the Festival

Music Celebrations International would like to invite your ensemble to perform in the Beethoven 250 Orchestra Festival 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!

## 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.



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Dear Mr. Cubek & Mr. Taylor,

Music Celebrations International, the Honorable Dr. Michael Ludwig, Mayor of Vienna, and the Austrian National Tourist Office, are pleased to invite the **PASADENA YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** to perform as one of only eight select ensembles in the **BEETHOVEN 250 ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL**, to take place on June 28, 2020, in Vienna's prestigious **MUSIKVEREIN**. Four auditioned orchestras will be featured on the concert program. The Festival is part of the official 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven, one of classical music's most influential and celebrated composers.

By accepting this invitation, you are offering your musicians an opportunity to:

- ★ Perform in one of the world's most prestigious concert halls
- ★ In a significant and meaningful way, pay homage to one of classical music's most celebrated composers.
- ★ Visit Beethoven sites including homes, venues, memorials, gravesite, and the places that inspired his music
- ★ Experience the thrill of performing to a large, enthusiastic, and appreciative audience in Vienna
- ★ Experience unparalleled educational opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime

Music Celebrations International has been organizing concert tours of exceptional quality throughout the world for over 25 years. Our professional and experienced staff will manage all of your travel, concert, sightseeing, and accommodation arrangements – down to the last detail! Rest assured that the prices listed for each tour cover the cost of everything that will enable your group to have an exceptional experience!

We are very excited to partner with the Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra & thrilled about the musical stimulation this tour will undoubtedly provide. My dream, and the purpose of Music Celebrations, is to provide life-changing experiences that will raise the level of musicianship and dedication to the performing arts not only in our own country but throughout the world.

We truly look forward to seeing you in Vienna!

Sincerely yours,

  
John P. Wiscombe  
President





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### Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra

#### Festival Tour #1 (5 nights/7 days)

##### Day 1 Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Depart via scheduled air service to Vienna, Austria

##### Day 2 Thursday, June 25 Vienna (D)

Arrive in Vienna

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

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

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner included, and overnight

*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*

##### Day 3 Friday, June 26 Vienna (B,D)

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 4 Saturday, June 27 Vienna (B,D)

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 (Beethoven residence) and Museum

Evening dinner included, and overnight



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**Day 5      Sunday, June 28                      Vienna                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel

*Warm-up in the Grand Hall of the Musikverein*

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure

Evening dinner included

*Festival Concert in the Golden Hall of the Musikverein*

Overnight at the hotel

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**Day 6      Monday, June 29                      Eisenstadt / Vienna                      (B,D)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel

Excursion to Eisenstadt. Everything in Eisenstadt reminds one of the brilliant composer Franz Joseph Haydn, a mentor and teacher of Ludwig van Beethoven. 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

Lunch, on own

Afternoon return to Vienna for afternoon time at leisure

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 7      Tuesday, June 30                      Depart for home                      (B)**

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Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Vienna Airport for return flight home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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*See you in Vienna!*

