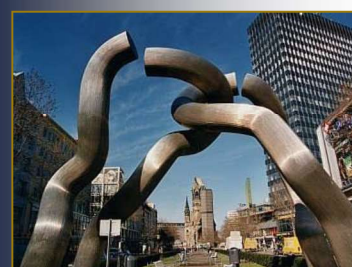


Preucil School String Orchestra American Celebration of Music in Germany & the Czech Republic

June 18-27, 2022 (8 nights / 10 days)

Day 1	Saturday, June 18	
6:50am	Chaperones arrive at North Campus	
7:00am	All other participants arrive at North Campus for check-in	
7:30am	Motorcoaches arrive at North Campus for loading (Preucil booked on own)	
8:00am	Quad Cities Participants arrive at I-80 mile marker 300 rest area	
8:15am	Motorcoaches arrive at I-80 mile marker 300 rest area for pick-up	
	Transfer to Chicago O'Hare International Airport	
3:45pm	Depart Chicago via Lufthansa Flight #437	
Day 2	Sunday, June 19	Berlin (D)
7:20am	Arrive in Munich	
9:00am	Depart Munich via Lufthansa Flight #1928	
10:05am	Arrive in Berlin	
	Meet your MCI Tour Manager, Jessica Stiles, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for a transfer into Berlin	
	Lunch, on own	
	Take a panoramic introductory tour of Berlin's highlights	
3:30pm	Enjoy a Spree River Cruise (explore Berlin's magnificent architectural treasures and experience the city's amazing transformation by boat on a one-hour cruise on the River Spree)	
	Late afternoon check-in to the Abba Berlin Hotel	
7:30pm	Evening Welcome Dinner at Restaurant Schildkroete	
	Return to your hotel for overnight	
Day 3	Monday, June 20	Berlin (B,D)
8:00am	American buffet breakfast at the hotel	
9:00am	Half-day sightseeing of the eastern sector of Berlin with its famous Unter den Linden Strasse, (iconic boulevard of linden trees), the Russian War Memorial, what remains of "the wall," and "Checkpoint Charley" as we pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse, home to some of Berlin's most luxurious stores. Also see Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Berlin Dom, Reichstag, etc.	
	Lunch, on own	
	Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities	
3:30pm	Arrive at venue for set-up and rehearsal	
5:30pm	Change into concert attire	
7:00pm	<i>Performance at Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in Berlin as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany (1 hour)</i>	
8:00pm	Clean-up and load motorcoach	
9:00pm	Evening dinner at your hotel and overnight	
Day 4	Tuesday, June 21	Berlin/Wittenberg / Halle / Leipzig (B,D)
7:00am	American buffet breakfast at the hotel	
	Hotel check-out and load motorcoach	
8:00am	Transfer to Wittenberg	



10:30am Guided tour of Wittenberg including the Schlosskirche. It was to the wooden doors of this church that Luther nailed his 95 “Theses” in October 1517. The original doors were destroyed by fire during the Seven Years War; the present bronze doors, bearing the Latin text of the Theses, were installed in 1858. In the church, is the tomb of Melanchthon and Luther, and on the columns of the nave are life-size figures of Luther, Melanchthon and other Reformers
Lunch, on own

2:00pm Continue to Halle

3:30pm Visit the birthplace of Händel. In addition to the composer’s personal effects, the museum houses an exhibition of musical instruments and history of music in the region
Continue to Leipzig

7:30pm Early evening check-in at Westin Hotel Leipzig
Dinner at Restaurant Thueringer Hof
Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 5 Wednesday, June 22 Leipzig (B,D)

8:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel

9:00am A guided tour of Leipzig includes entrance to St. Thomas Church (famous because Bach was the organist and choirmaster here, and it is the home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir, one of the most famous in the world). Also visit the Bach Museum. The reconstructed Bose House stands in the shadow of the Thomaskirche. It was once the home of the Bach family and now contains the largest Bach archives in Germany, as well as many mementos of the composer
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities

6:00pm Arrive at venue for set-up and rehearsal

7:00pm Change into concert attire

7:30pm *Performance at the Reformed Protestant Church as part of the American Celebration of Music in Germany (1 hour)*

8:30pm Clean-up and load motorcoach
Dinner at a local restaurant
Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 6 Thursday, June 23 Leipzig / Dresden / Terezin / Prague (B,D)

7:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel
Hotel check-out and load motorcoach

8:00am Transfer to Dresden

10:00am Guided tour of Dresden, nicknamed the “Florence of the Elbe,” has an exceptional artistic and architectural heritage. A guided tour includes the world-famous Zwinger Palace with its Old Masters Gallery, the Cathedral, and the Neustadt Quarter
Lunch, on own

2:30pm Continue 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
Evening check-in at Hotel Don Giovanni

8:00pm Dinner at your hotel and overnight

Day 7 Friday, June 24 Prague (B,D)

8:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel

9:00am Morning guided tour of Prague that includes seeing the Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, the Tyn Church, the Astronomical Clock, and the Jewish Quarter
Lunch, on own



Afternoon at leisure for sightseeing, shopping or other activities
 5:45pm Arrive at Museum of Music for set-up and rehearsal
 7:00pm Change into concert attire
7:30pm *Performance at Museum of Music in Prague as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic (1 hour)*
 8:30pm Clean-up and load motorcoach
 9:15pm Dinner at Restaurant Kolkovna Olympia
 Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 8 Saturday, June 25 Prague (B,L,D)

8:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel
 9:00am Excursion to Nelahozeves
 10:00am Morning visits to Nelahozeves Castle, the Dvorak Birth House and St. Andrew's Church
 Lunch, on own
 Return to Prague for balance of afternoon at leisure
 6:45pm Evening dinner at Restaurant Michal
 Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 9 Sunday, June 26 Prague (B,L,D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel
 Covid antigen testing for participants returning home tomorrow at the hotel
 9:00am Guided tour of the Castle District, where entrance is included to Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, and the Golden Lane
 12:00pm Arrive at Lobkowitz Palace and place instruments in storage
 12:30pm Lunch included at the Lobkowitz Palace Café
 2:00pm Audio guided tour of Lobkowitz Palace
 3:00pm Set-up performance space and rehearse
 4:30pm Change into concert attire
5:00pm *Performance at the Imperial Hall of Lobkowitz Palace as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Czech Republic (1 hour)*
 6:00pm Clean-up and load motorcoach
 7:00pm Evening Farewell Dinner at Restaurant Kolkovna Celnice
 Return to your hotel for overnight

Day 10 Monday, June 27 Depart for home (B)

8:00am American buffet breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
 10:30am Transfer to Prague's airport for return flight
 2:10pm Depart Prague via Lufthansa Flight #1397
 3:20pm Arrive in Frankfurt
 5:20pm Depart Frankfurt via Lufthansa Flight #432
 8:00pm Arrive in Chicago
 Load motorcoaches for return home (Preucil booked on own)
 11:45pm Approximate arrival and I-80 mile marker 300 rest area

Day 11 Tuesday, June 28 Return home

12:30am Approximate arrival to North Campus

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. © Music Celebrations International

