



HPHS Wind Symphony
Austria and Czech Republic Tour 2020

Beethoven 250

March 20 – 28, 2020

Overview

As part of the worldwide celebration of the 250th birthday of Ludwig von Beethoven, it is my pleasure to announce the HPHS Wind Symphony tour to Austria and the Czech Republic! This promises to be an unforgettable and life-changing musical, cultural, and social experience! Please read through this packet as a family. Included are: a trip itinerary, a list of inclusions, a payment schedule with information about the trip company's Individual Registration Portal, the details for the included trip insurance, financial aid documents, and the "Participation Intent" form. I hope your student will choose to take advantage of this opportunity!

Wind Symphony Participation

All members of the Wind Symphony are invited to participate, and we hope that you will all choose to be a part of this amazing opportunity! It is not a requirement to participate, however we do need proper instrumentation in order to travel and represent our school at the highest level of musicianship. If there is not enough interest from the group, the trip will be canceled. In order to join the trip, all you need to do is:

- Complete the Participation Intent form (last page of the packet) and Financial Aid forms (if necessary), and return them to the band room by **Friday, May 31.**
- Set-up your Music Celebration International (MCI) account by **Saturday, June 15 and make the \$200 non-refundable deposit.** A link will be posted on the website as soon as the portal is available. This will register you for the trip.

Wind Ensemble Participation

Members of the 2019-20 Wind Ensemble are invited to audition to join with the Wind Symphony for this trip, based on musical readiness and instrumentation. Here is what you should do at this time:

- If your student already took the Wind Symphony audition in February, no further audition is necessary. All you need to do at this time is complete the Participation Intent form (last page of the packet) and Financial Aid forms (if necessary), and return them to the band room by **Friday, May 31.** A complete roster of the selected band will be posted by Tuesday, June 4. If selected, you will then need to set-up your Music Celebration International (MCI) account by **Saturday, June 15 and make the \$200 non-**



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- If your student did not take the Wind Symphony audition in February, they will need to audition for me during their 5th period final exam time on **Monday, June 3.** You must also submit the “Participation Intent” form and Financial Aid forms (if necessary) by **Friday, May 31** (so I know you are interested). Audition music is available online at hphsband.org – “Current Students” – “Audition Music.” A complete roster of the selected band will be posted by Tuesday, June 4. If selected, you will then need to set-up your Music Celebration International (MCI) account by **Saturday, June 15 and make the \$200 non-refundable deposit.** A link will be posted on the website as soon as the portal is available. This will register you for the trip.

Itinerary

Please see the attached (amazing) tentative itinerary. This document includes the various cities where we will perform and the sites that we will visit. This is a working document that will be refined and tweaked over the months prior to the trip. A detailed, final itinerary will be given closer to the trip date when we have all of our performances, events, and tours finalized.

Inclusions

Please see the attached list of inclusions. This details the many costs that are included in the final trip price. Please note that while all breakfasts and dinners are included in the cost of the trip, lunches are typically at student cost. Plan on around 10 Euros per lunch. In addition, any souvenirs that your student wants to purchase will of course be at their own expense. Each family will need to decide how much extra money is appropriate for their student to spend while abroad.

Payment Schedule

The total cost of the tour will be \$3,500. The final number depends on the number of participants, instrumentation, and final itinerary inclusions. We are confident that the final itinerary will provide all participants with the richest experience possible! The payment schedule, which is listed on the MCI sheet included in this packet, will be as follows:

June 15, 2019	non-refundable \$200 deposit
August 30, 2019	\$525
November 1, 2019	\$700
January 3, 2019	\$875
February 7, 2019	remaining balance (around \$1250)

*All fundraising monies and scholarship funds will be applied to the final payment in February



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Payment Method

All payments will be made online through the Music Celebrations International Payment Portal. The attached sheet outlines the instructions for you to create your account and make your payments. Payments will be made via credit card. No checks should be sent to school. A URL is provided on the included sheet, and there is also a link on the band website at hphsband.org – Current Students – Austria 2020. Any questions concerning payment information should be directed to MCI.

Trip Insurance

Due to the ever-changing nature of the world we live in, a complete trip insurance policy is included in the cost of the trip. A copy of the trip insurance policy is attached for you to see. This ensures that all participants are covered in case any major events alter our travel plans. Please read through the details carefully.

Bandstand Scholarships/Financial Aid

Each year, the Bandstand parent organization makes efforts to raise funds in order to provide our students with great musical experiences. One of the goals of this fundraising is to make scholarships available to students who may need some financial assistance to travel with the band. We respectfully ask that you only apply for scholarship money if going on the trip would not be possible without this help. Please note that Bandstand has revised its financial aid application in order to better meet the needs of our families. Please read through and complete the “Financial Aid Guidelines and Application” (attached) by May 31.

Parent Chaperones

We will need parent chaperones for this trip, and we are so grateful for your willingness to make this trip a safe and smooth trip for our students! The number of chaperones depends on the number of students going on the trip, as well as bus and airline seats available. If you are interested in chaperoning, please list your name on the “Participation Intent Form” (last page of the packet). Once the trip roster is solidified, you will be notified if we will need you to chaperone the trip. Thank you in advance for your help!

Please read through all of the included documents carefully, and return the “Participation Intent Form” (last page of the packet), along with the “Financial Aid Forms” (if necessary) by ...

Monday, May 31st (NO money due until June 15)

GO BAND!

Mr. Chodoroff