

# Take your ensemble abroad!

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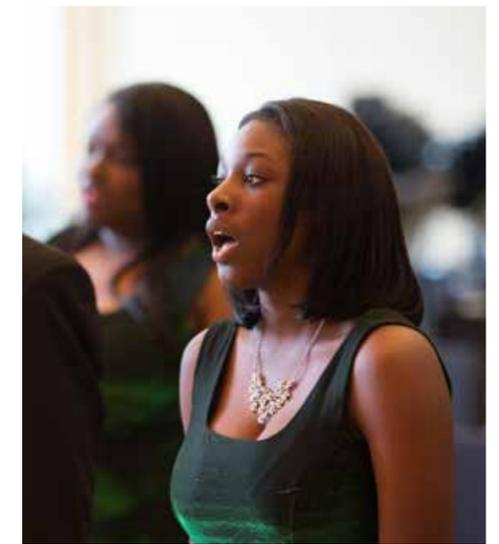


Mozart composed music for the special acoustics of the gothic church where it would be played. That's why his pieces sound different there than anywhere on earth.

Wouldn't it be amazing to have your ensemble perform that piece—those notes—in that very cathedral? In the space of a few seconds they could internalize a tonal concept that might take you a semester to help them appreciate!

These are the “aha” moments that performing abroad delivers, like literally no other event or tour can.

We want you to experience this for yourself, and that's why we're offering you a \$1,000 Early Registration Scholarship and a free inspection trip when you start you planning now. Browse some of our most popular itineraries highlighted here, and then let's connect.



## WorldStrides OnStage has taken student performers abroad for decades.

### Here's what makes us the travel partner of choice

#### Performance travel specialists

- Access to the best, most exciting performance venues abroad
- Guest conductors and clinicians to enhance the program experience
- Veterans at building performance-centered, exciting travel itineraries
- Proven ability to meet musicians' special needs—instruments, rehearsal space, scheduling, and more

#### The highest quality on-tour experiences

- Great hotels located in city centers; authentic cuisine in local restaurants
- Most popular and important cultural and historical sites and activities
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#### The greatest flexibility

- Stay another day, shave a day, request a specific excursion
- Choose your performance venues from our extensive list of choices

#### The most dedicated personal service and peace of mind

- Deeply personalized customer care, from planning through tour execution
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- Time-tested safety and health policies, including 24/7 live call service for emergencies
- Complete travel and accident insurance, plus liability insurance for tour leader and school



Turn the page to hear what a game changer travel abroad has become for this music director...



A **high school orchestra director** shares her story: Performance abroad is a real game changer for her students

# Meet Laura Mulligan Thomas

- 36 years leading the Charlottesville High School Orchestra program
- Accomplished cello player
- Serious advocate for travel abroad as a program builder

*“Performing feels incredibly special. ... Students are filled with awe. ... Playing in cathedrals gives a sense of connecting to a place that is infinitely beyond us. It connects you to the ages. The music you perform may be 100 years old, but the cathedral where you play was built 1,000 years ago!”*

## **Mind-expanding discovery of new people and places.**

Travel abroad empowers students to immerse themselves in new cultures and appreciate different ways of life firsthand. From different languages, to new cuisine, to simply hanging out with locals, this is an educational experience that expands their horizons!

*“It’s so eye-opening for all of us. ... Playing for an audience that has never heard an American youth orchestra before. Architecture, food, culture. ... Discovering it all together!”*

## **Skills improvement and new personal bests.**

There’s nothing like playing in iconic cathedrals and castles to inspire students and give their skills an instant boost. They come home with new personal confidence from stretching their boundaries and doing something challenging.

*“It certainly elevates everybody’s game. Their standard, their competency. My students are willing to take more risks after they’ve put themselves out there. They come home with a new sense of poise. And it stays with them. ... They have stature compared to younger-student peers.”*



## OnStage Student Kyle Washka

Traveler to Iceland

*"I remember walking up to the building (Harpa Hall), violin case in hand, and feeling a sense of inspiration. This was a very special moment. ... the audience was respectful, keen to see what our group had to offer. I remember being in the green room warming up and realizing the gravity of the situation."*

*The whole experience has had a twofold effect on me as a musician—opening my eyes with wonder while also grounding my work ethic and commitment. During my time in Iceland, it became clear that my goal of becoming a professional musician was the right choice."*

## OnStage Parent of senior-high student

London and Munich Program

*"We loved it all! The sights, the tours—especially the guided city tours of London and Munich! The downtown hotels were very convenient and allowed us to see more in each city—which also led to tired feet, but we managed! Wish it was a few days longer!"*



Browse our **International Concert Tour itineraries** on the following pages, then visit the website below to get started.

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# Musical Ireland

A history of legend and folklore. A friendly people with a love of storytelling. A land with emerald green fields and towering stone crags. And the music?—Well, the music is one of Ireland’s richest legacies, from uilleann pipes to dancing fiddles to haunting harps. Come see!

Galway, Dublin | Eight days

Cliffs of Moher

# Musical France

Ah, France! A jewel in the crown of Europe’s most famous arts scenes. Make your music in iconic cathedrals like Notre Dame. Introduce yourself to the Mona Lisa at the Louvre. Shop along the Champs Élysees, or people-watch from your streetside seat at the Café de la Paix. Come see!

Paris | Eight days

Versailles



The organ of St. Patrick’s Cathedral is one of the largest in Ireland with over 4,000 pipes. Today it is the largest church in the country. In 1192, John Comyn, Archbishop of Dublin, elevated St. Patrick’s, one of the four Dublin Celtic parish churches, to the status of a collegiate church. It is located beside a holy well and sits on an island between two branches of the River Poddle.

## Choose where you’ll perform

- Kennedy Memorial Park
- Galway Cathedral
- Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas
- Church of Kylemore Abbey
- Christ Church Cathedral
- **St. Patrick’s Cathedral**
- St. Ann’s Church
- Malahide Castle
- More ...

The Cliffs of Moher are Ireland’s most visited natural attraction. They stretch for 5 miles as the crow flies, along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland, and they reach 702 feet above the ocean.

## Explore these sites

- Bunratty Castle
- Galway Cathedral
- **Cliffs of Moher**
- Bank of Ireland
- Trinity College
- More ...



Legend has it that Dublin writer George Moore lived next to another writer, Oliver St. John Gogarty. It’s said that Moore painted his door green to keep his neighbor from mistaking it as his own house after imbibing at the pub. Gogarty responded by painting his door red. The truth is that residents of this Georgian section of town used colorful doors as a way of setting their stylish homes apart from the neighbors’ similar-looking facades.

## Immerse yourself in these activities

- Shop in Dublin’s Grafton Street district
- Kick back in beautiful St. Stephen’s Green (park)
- **Choose your favorite painted door of Merrion Square, Dublin**
- Learn an Irish dance
- Climb up O’Brien’s Tower
- Take a master class with traditional Irish instruments
- Visit Galway’s Eyre Square and the Latin Quarter
- More ...



Chartres Cathedral is a fabulous example of Gothic art, and one of France’s most precious treasures. Built in 1145, the structure was reconstructed after a fire in 1194. Its flying buttresses provide the support for its incredible stained glass windows—arguably the most magnificent in existence.

## Choose where you’ll perform

- Chapelle Saint-Jean
- **Chartres Cathedral**
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- Église de la Madeleine
- Église Saint-Germain-des-Prés
- More ...

Versailles was the seat of political power in France from 1682 to the French Revolution, under the reign of Louis XIV. Its opulence and grand scale made French style dominant in all of Europe: 357 mirrors; 700 rooms and 67 staircases; a 1,976-acre garden with 210,000 flowers and 200,000 trees planted annually. Magnifique!

## Explore these sites

- Home of Erik Satie
- Harbor town of Honfleur
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- **Versailles**
- Chartres Cathedral
- Eiffel Tower
- More ...



Discover Paris in a wonderfully unique way—from the picturesque banks of the Seine. You’ll glide under one bridge after another and enjoy spectacular views of iconic buildings like the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and the Musée D’Orsay. See how many you can name!

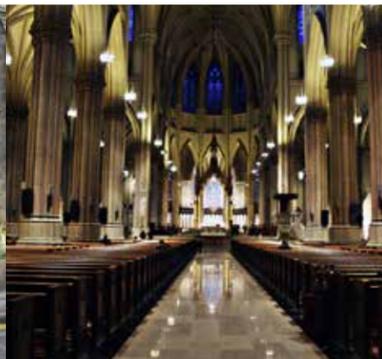
## Immerse yourself in these activities

- Explore the WWII beaches at Normandy, including Omaha Beach
- Visit the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral
- **Take a Seine River Cruise**
- Visit the Musée de la Musique
- Take a master class with a member of the Philharmonie de Paris
- Walk the cobblestoned street of medieval town, Vieux Quartier
- More ...



## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Arrive in Galway; visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park
- Day 3 Tour the Galway Cathedral and City Center; Performance #1
- Day 4 Tour; west coast activities
- Day 5 Galway to Dublin; master class
- Day 6 Tour southeast Dublin attractions; Performance #2
- Day 7 Tour Trinity College and St. Patrick’s Cathedral; Performance #3
- Day 8 Depart for home



## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Arrive in France; tour Honfleur and Caen
- Day 3 Day trip to Normandy beaches; Performance #1
- Day 4 Travel to Paris to visit its major sites, take a Seine River cruise
- Day 5 Master class; Performance #2
- Day 6 Travel to Chartres and tour Versailles; watch a performance
- Day 7 Visit Chartres Cathedral; Performance #3
- Day 8 Depart for home



# Musical Heart of Europe

From the Roman Empire to the famous operas, Germany has produced revolution and artistic masterpieces alike. Austria has given us some of the world's greatest musicians (Mozart, Haydn, Liszt, Strauss), and the Czech Republic has become one of the most prosperous post-communist states. Come see!



Prague Castle

Munich, Bayreuth, Prague, Telc, Vienna | Eight days

Opened in 2000, the Haus der Musik is the first Austrian museum dedicated to sound and music. With an exhibition space of 54,000 sq. ft., it showcases the evolution of music from its earliest human expression to present-day music trends.



Dating from the 9th century, Prague Castle is the official residence of the President of the Czech Republic. It was also the power base for the Kings of Bohemia and Roman emperors. The Bohemian crown jewels were housed in a hidden site within its walls.



The largest cemetery in Vienna and second largest in Europe, Central Cemetery was opened in 1874 outside the city to accommodate its rapid growth. Today its "population" is almost twice that of the living residents of Vienna.

## Choose where you'll perform

- St. Stephen's Cathedral
- **Haus der Musik**
- Prague Castle
- St. Nicholas Church
- St. Vitas Cathedral
- More ...

## Explore these sites

- Franz Liszt Museum
- Baroque Margravia Opera House
- Tyn Church
- **Prague Castle**
- Karlovy Vary
- Opera House, Vienna
- Telc, a renaissance preservation site
- More ...

## Immerse yourself in these activities

- Climb to the top of Old Town Bridge in Prague
- Take a backstage tour of Estates Theatre, Prague
- Stroll through **Vienna's Central Cemetery** (resting place of famous composers)
- Visit the Haus der Musik, "conduct" the Vienna Philharmonic
- More ...



# Musical Scotland & England

Great Britain includes England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. It is a region of myth and legend, ancient and modern, tradition and rebellion. The diverse culture swiftly endears visitors with its fascinating history and artistic heritage, including literary and musical treasures. Come see!



Glasgow

Glasgow, Edinburgh, London | Eight days

The largest and most important castle in Scotland, the beautiful Stirling Castle is built on a towering crag. It has also been used as a royal residence. Several Scottish kings and queens have been crowned there, including Mary, Queen of Scots.



Located in Glasgow, the National Scottish Piping Centre is dedicated to the playing of the bagpipes, including the Great Highland pipes, Scottish smallpipes and the Irish uilleann pipes, plus other traditional instruments. It houses the Museum of Piping.



At Greyfriars Kirk in Edinburgh, burials have been taking place since the late 16th century, and a number of notable Edinburgh residents are interred there. The graveyard is associated with Greyfriars Bobby, the loyal dog who guarded his master's grave—an Edinburgh police officer—for 13 years. The dog's statue stands opposite the graveyard's gate.

## Choose where you'll perform

- Southwark Cathedral
- Church of St. Botolph
- Bishopsgate
- Covent Garden
- **Stirling Castle**
- Cadogan Hall
- More ...

## Explore these sites

- St. Andrews Cathedral
- **National Scottish Piping Centre**
- Glasgow Cathedral
- Edinburgh Castle
- Musical Museum at Kew Bridge
- Buckingham Palace
- More ...

## Immerse yourself in these activities

- Learn about the art of bagpiping
- Walking tour to visit Harry Potter's Elephant House Café
- **Visit Greyfriars Kirkyard**
- Ride the London Eye
- See the collection of self-playing instruments at the Musical Museum at Kew Bridge
- City bus tour to see Abbey Road
- More ...



## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Arrive in Munich; visit Bayreuth
- Day 3 Visit the Liszt Museum & Baroque Margravia Opera House; Performance #1
- Day 4 Sightsee in Prague; learn about instrument crafting
- Day 5 Tour of Estates Theatre and Prague Castle; Performance #2
- Day 6 Travel to Vienna, tour Central Cemetery and famous musician graves
- Day 7 Explore Vienna's cultural treasures; Performance #3
- Day 8 Depart for home



Vienna

## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Tour Glasgow
- Day 3 Visit downtown historic attractions; Performance #1
- Day 4 Get acquainted with Edinburgh, Performance #2
- Day 5 Tour Edinburgh in depth
- Day 6 Travel to London and get acquainted with the city
- Day 7 Tour London's cultural icons; Performance #3
- Day 8 Depart for home



Cadogan Hall

# Musical Italy

Italy's culture exudes a warm atmosphere filled with light and life. Ancient traditions meld with the local pride of its art and food. From Roman artifacts to Renaissance influence, from teeming cities to the peace of country life, experience La Bella Vita. Come see!

St. Mark's Square

Venice, Padua, Florence, Rome | Eight days

Originally called Il Duomo di Firenze, Santa Maria del Fiore is one of Italy's largest churches and the mother church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Florence. Construction on it was begun in 1296 in the Gothic style, and it features the most massive brick dome ever constructed.

## Choose where you'll perform

- St. Peter's Basilica
- Santa Maria degli Angeli
- **Santa Maria del Fiore**
- Basilica di San Marco
- St. Eustachius
- Chiesa di San Moisè
- More ...

The Sistine Chapel is a fixture in the Apostolic Palace, the official residence of the Pope, in Vatican City. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted its ceiling, a project which changed the course of Western art and is regarded as one of the major artistic accomplishments of human civilization.

## Explore these sites

- Teatro La Fenice, Venice
- Rialto Bridge
- Piazza del Duomo
- Florence Academy of Fine Arts
- Vatican City
- **Sistine Chapel**
- St. Mark's Square and St. Mark's Basilica
- More ...

## Immerse yourself in these activities

- **Guided tour of Venice's Teatro La Fenice, where Verdi, Rossini, Bellini worked**
- Visit Venice's famous Grand Canal
- Visit Michelangelo's *David* and *Pietà*
- Tour the Vatican City
- Tour the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine
- More ...



Il Duomo

# Musical Spain

Spain reflects the tastes of its conquerors through the ages, from the Phoenicians and Romans to the Moors and Christians. It's a country of expansive mountains, deserts, and glorious beaches. Experience Spain's passion through flamenco rhythms, bullfight dramas, and its spicy cuisine. Come see!

Park Güell

Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona | Eight days

Located in Barcelona, La Sagrada Família is the largest unfinished Roman Catholic church in the world. Famous architect Antoni Gaudí took over as chief designer early in its construction, transforming the project with his architectural and engineering style. When he died at age 73, less than a quarter of the structure was complete.

## Choose where you'll perform

- Cathedral of the Holy Cross of St. Eulalia
- **La Sagrada Família**
- Pere Pruna Cultural Center
- San Millán y San Cayetano
- Church of San Santo Cristo del Olivar
- Basilica of Jesus de Medinaceli
- More ...

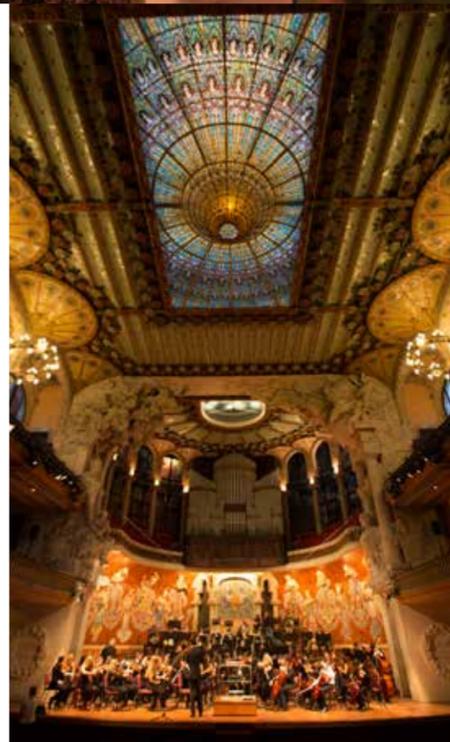
Prado Museum is the main Spanish national art museum, located in central Madrid. It has one of the world's finest collections of European art, dating from the 12th century to the early 20th century. Artists represented include Goya, Titian, Valazquez, and more. Its collection houses approximately 7,600 paintings.

## Explore these sites

- Plaza de España
- Puerta del Sol
- **Prado Museum**
- Centro de Arte Reina Sofía
- Barcelona Cathedral
- La Sagrada Família
- Museo de la Música
- More ...

## Immerse yourself in these activities

- **See the Cervantes and Columbus monuments**
- See the museum masters—Picasso, Goya, El Greco, Salvador Dalí
- Walk the walled city of Zaragoza
- Visit Aljaferia Palace
- Explore the Parque de José Antonio Labordeta
- Take a guided tour of el Palau de la Musica Catalana
- More ...



Located in the Plaza de España, the famous Cervantes Monument features the Spanish novelist, poet and playwright, Cervantes. Its tower portion includes a stone sculpture of Cervantes overlooking bronze sculptures of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Prado Museum



## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Arrive in Venice
- Day 3 Teatro La Fenice, Rialto Bridge, Grand Canal; Performance #1
- Day 4 Tour Florence, Ghiberti's bronze doors, Duomo; Performance #2
- Day 5 Accademia Gallery, Cherubini Music Conservancy; Performance #3
- Day 6 Montecatini Terme, Rome, Vatican City and museums, Sistine Chapel
- Day 7 Rome; Performance #4
- Day 8 Depart for home



## Travel Schedule

- Day 1 Departure day; scheduled flight from North America
- Day 2 Explore Madrid
- Day 3 Visit Madrid's famous museums; Performance #1
- Day 4 Sightsee in Zaragoza, visit Aljaferia Palace; see the Kiosk of Music
- Day 5 Arrive in Barcelona, visit the cathedral and a museum; Performance #2
- Day 6 In-depth tour of Barcelona
- Day 7 La Sagrada Família; Performance #3
- Day 8 Depart for home

# Musical Beijing & Xi'an

China is one of the largest countries in the world, with 20% of the world's population. Its rich diversity encompasses culture, language, and even the extremes of its landscape. China also retains an air of mystery: Its culture is both ancient and modern, with a reverence for the past that haunts visitors long after they've returned home.

Beijing

## Beijing, Xi'an | Ten days

Travel abroad does great things for you and your program. **Win, Win!**

### Boost your support

These are the kinds of high-visibility tours that capture students'—and parents'—imagination. This makes it easier to build your support base and get those all-important contributions flowing. Plus we support your fundraising efforts through scholarships, financial aid, "Gift of Performance" tools, and a fundraising guide packed with easy, useful ideas.

### Get priceless exposure for your students

Students come home from these trips with a unique poise and maturity that is born of the experience abroad—exposure to music on a grand scale, from the world's greatest composers and cathedrals, and new, personal connections to different cultures and ways of life. They get another important benefit too: an educational advantage they can use to build their careers!

### Grow your recruitment power

Spearheading performance and educational travel abroad makes your ensemble innovative in the eyes of peers and the community. It also makes your ensemble an asset that everyone wants to be part of and support, including new student recruits to your program!

### Empower your students to earn college credit

We offer every traveling student three college credits for their tour abroad. They simply complete an online study module after their trip and we'll send the credit transcript to the guidance department.

Beijing's Central Conservatory of Music is the largest school in the country. In recent years, it has developed strong relationships with overseas institutions and individuals. Conservatory students and teachers participate in the China Youth Symphony Orchestra, Chinese Traditional Musical Instruments Ensemble, and the Conservatory Students Chorus.

### Choose where you'll perform

- Central Conservatory of Music Concert Hall
- Gold Sail Concert Hall
- International School of Beijing
- Western Academy of Beijing
- Beijing University Centennial Memorial Hall
- More ...

The Giant Wild Goose Pagoda is a famous Buddhist shrine located in the Xi'an province. It stands seven stories high and leans perceptibly to the west.

### Explore these sites

- Tiananmen Square
- Forbidden City
- Temple of Heaven
- Great Wall of China
- Summer Palace
- Giant Wild Goose Pagoda
- More ...

In your Beijing Hutong Tour, you'll get to see what Chinese communities have looked like in the past. Hutongs are alleys formed by lines of siheyuan, traditional courtyard residences. Many neighbourhoods were formed by joining one siheyuan to another to form a hutong, and then joining one hutong to another.

### Immerse yourself in these activities

- Attend the famous Beijing Opera
- Watch the Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show
- Learn about Chinese communities in the Beijing Hutong Tour
- Visit local families and ride a rickshaw
- Go boating on the Kunming Lake
- See the Monument to the People's Heroes in Tiananmen Square
- More ...



## It pays to plan early!

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### Travel Schedule

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|-------|---|--------|--|
| Day 1 | Departure day; scheduled flight from North America  | Day 5  | Continue touring; Performance #2           |
| Day 2 | Introduction to Beijing, dine at a local restaurant | Day 6  | Transfer to Xi'an; orientation to the city |
| Day 3 | Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven  | Day 7  | Museums; Performance #3                    |
| Day 4 | Great Wall of China; Performance #1                 | Day 8  | Performance at Beijing Opera               |
|       |   | Day 9  | Flight to Beijing                          |
|       |   | Day 10 | Depart for home                            |



Hutong in Beijing



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