

The Central European Cultural Experience

**VIENNA, SALZBURG, PRAGUE, BRNO
THE CZECH REPUBLIC & AUSTRIA**

Stephen F. Austin High School Orchestra and friends from
William B. Travis High School Orchestra.

CAROLYN VANDIVER, CONDUCTOR

MARCH 7-16 2007

FINAL ITINERARY

Wednesday, March 07

HOUSTON to SALZBURG

4.15 pm The **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND FRIENDS FROM WILLIAM B. TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA** depart from Houston (IAH) per Lufthansa flight LH 441 arriving Frankfurt the next morning, March 08, 2007 at 9.10AM
Dinner and breakfast will be served on board.

Thursday, March 08

SALZBURG

09.10 am Arrive at Frankfurt airport
11.10 am 58 passengers continue to Vienna, Austria per Austrian Airlines flight OS 122 arriving Vienna at 12.40PM
12.00 pm Second contingent will continue to Vienna, Austria per Lufthansa Flight LH3534 arriving in Vienna at 2 PM.

The entire group will be met by Concerts Austria staff, your guides Mr.Ondrej Strejcek and Ms.Zuzana Milková.

Load the instrument truck

Board the buses and continue for a final ride through the lovely Austrian countryside to Salzburg!

Arrive in Salzburg in the afternoon

Lunch on your own en route (This is the perfect time to exchange money)

Check-into hotel; time to rest (recommended time: no longer than 2 hours, this will ensure that participants will adjust to Western European time and overcome their jet lag quickly.)

7.00 pm Welcome dinner at your hotel and briefing with your guides

8.30 pm Start rehearsal at hotel

9.00 pm End of rehearsal

Overnight Salzburg (1)



Friday March 9

SALZBURG

- 8.00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 9.00 am Board the busses and start a morning guided city tour of Salzburg including a visit to Mozart's birthplace. (Entrance fee included)
- 12.00 pm End of city tour
Lunch on own arrangements
Board bus and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Salzkammergut Lake district and enjoy the landmarks of the famous film '**Sound of Music**'
- TBD Return to Salzburg and prepare for concert
Instrument truck departs
- 5.00 pm Depart for concert (concert attire and music)
- 6.00 pm Sound check
- 6.30 pm End of sound check
- 7.00 pm **EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#1) BY THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS ORCHESTRA AND FRIENDS FROM WILLIAM B. TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY CAROLYN VANDIVER IN THE PARISH CHURCH ITZLING IN SALZBURG**
- 8.00 pm End of concert
- 9.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel
Return to your Hotel
Arrive at the hotel
Overnight Salzburg (2)

Saturday March 10

SALZBURG to PRAGUE

- 7.00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 8.00 am Depart for Prague.
Lunch on your own en route.
Arrive in **Prague** in the afternoon, check into your hotel
- 4.30 pm Depart the hotel with your local guide and start a city tour including the **Prague Castle**, walking tour of the **old town, St. Vitus Cathedral**, and the **Charles Bridge**.
Board cruise boat
- 7.30 pm **Dinner cruise** on the Vlatava River (7.00 boarding boat)
- 9.30 pm End of cruise and return to hotel
Overnight Prague (3)



Sunday March 11

PRAGUE

- 9.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 10.00 am Depart from Hotel
- 11.00 am Visit the famous **Villa Bertramka**, with the **Museum of Mozart** (entrance included)
- 12.30 pm Lunch on your own.
In the afternoon enjoy more sightseeing and some time at leisure in the centre of Prague, return to your hotel
- 7.00 pm Dinner provided at the hotel
Overnight Prague (4)

Monday, March 12

PRAGUE to BRNO

- 7.00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 8.00 am Depart Prague, travel through the rolling Bohemian and Moravian countryside to **Brno**, the Moravian Capital, at one-time headquarters of Napoleon (Battle of Austerlitz in 1805)
- 12.00 pm Lunch on own arrangements in the city-centre.
- 1.00 pm Start **lecture** with a member of Brno's Janacek Conservatory
Visit of Janacek Museum (two groups)
- 3.00 pm end of lecture and visit
- 3.30 pm Check into your Hotel
- 7.00 pm Dinner provided at hotel
Overnight Brno (5)



Tuesday, March 13

BRNO to VIENNA

- 7.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 8.00 am Depart for Vienna (have passports ready)
Arrive in **Vienna** before lunch time
Lunch on your own
- 2.00 pm Check into your hotel
- 3.30 pm Start your guided city tour of Vienna including a visit of **Schoenbrunn Palace**. (Entrance fee included)
See the **Ring Avenue**, the **Hofburg Palace**, the **Opera House**, **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, **Mozart's "Figaro House"**, **City Hall** and visit the **Central Cemetery** (honorary tombs of famous composers)

like Beethoven, Gluck, Schubert, Johann Strauss Father and Son, Lanner and Brahms).

7.00 pm Dinner at local restaurant Wieselburger at the Prater, the oldest amusement park in the world with its famous ferris wheel and plenty of other attractions.
Overnight Vienna (6)



Wednesday, March 14

VIENNA

8.00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
9.00 am Transfer to the city center (bring concert attire and music) and the "**Spanish Riding School**" to visit the traditional morning training of this famous institution, the only one in the world that has practiced for over 430 years and continues to cultivate classical equestrianism in the Renaissance tradition of the "haute école".
10.00 am Start of the morning exercises performed to music!
12.00 pm End of the visit
Lunch on your own
TBD The instrument truck will go directly to the concert venue
1.00 pm Board the buses
Depart for the province **Burgenland** and the evening concert in **Bad Tatzmannsdorf**



Arrive in **Eisenstadt** - where Joseph Haydn lived for 30 years. Eisenstadt is the capital as well as the cultural and educational center of the province of Burgenland. This charming Baroque town - its buildings influenced by the Prince Esterhazy dynasty - is Austria's smallest and youngest provincial capital. Eisenstadt had its heyday in the 18th century when it was ruled by Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy. See the **Esterhazy Palace** where Haydn conducted the court orchestra almost every evening.

Continue to **Oberschützen** and meet with your hosts - **the Oberschützen Institute orchestra**, a branch of the **University of Music and Dramatic Arts** in **Graz** which is the second largest town in Austria and an important center for science and cultural activities.

More information about the Oberschützen Institute:
www.kug.ac.at/oberschuetzen/oschue_english.shtml

- 3.30 pm Arrive **Oberschützen** and musical welcome by the hosts followed by a musical introduction by the **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS ORCHESTRA AND FRIENDS FROM WILLIAM B. TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA**
- 4.45 pm Joint rehearsal
- 5.45 pm Depart for **Bad Tatzmannsdorf** (5 minutes drive)
- 6.00 pm The orchestra will be officially welcomed by a city representative.
Sound check
- 7.30 pm **JOINT CONCERT with the Oberschützen Institute orchestra EVENING CONCERT TOUR PERFORMANCE (#2) BY THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS ORCHESTRA AND FRIENDS FROM WILLIAM B. TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONDUCTED BY CAROLYN VANDIVER IN BAD TATZMANNSDORF**
- End of concert
- 9.00 pm Dinner provided in Bad Tatzmannsdorf at local restaurant Weinstadl
Return to Vienna
Overnight Vienna (7)

Thursday, March 15

VIENNA

- 8.00 am Buffet breakfast at hotel
- 9.00 am Transfer to the city center and time for more sightseeing and exploration.
Lunch on your own. Time for shopping.
In the afternoon visit the outstanding "**House of Music**" to experience the following attractions:
*The Great Masters of Viennese music tradition: Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss.
*The Virtual Conductor *The Waltz Dice Game *The Vienna Philharmonic Museum
*New Year´s Concert Experience (35 min.)
* The Sonosphere
* The Brain Opera
- 2.30 pm Lecture by Prof. Roland Horvath, **Member of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra**
Topics include: "*Vienna a Center of Music in the World*", "*Music History in Vienna*" and "*Perspectives of a Professional Musician*".
- 5.00 pm Return to the hotel
- 7.00 pm Farewell dinner provided at the hotel followed by a **Waltz-performance**. Afterwards you can also try the waltz. Professional dancing teachers from Vienna will assist.
Overnight Vienna (8)



Friday, March 16**VIENNA to HOUSTON**

- 4.45 am Early breakfast and check out of the hotel
- 5.15 am Depart the hotel and transfer to the Vienna International Airport
- 5.40 am Arrive at the airport and check-in for your return flight back to the USA
- 7.40 am The entire group will depart Vienna, Austria per Lufthansa flight LH3543 and arrive in Frankfurt, Germany at 9.15AM. The group will change planes in Frankfurt and continue from Frankfurt, Germany to Houston, USA per Lufthansa Flight LH440 departing Frankfurt at 10.15 AM arriving Houston (IAH) at 3.30PM the same day.
- 3.30 pm Arrive Houston
WELCOME HOME

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