

American Music Abroad Gold Tour January 2019 Newsletter

VIDEOS FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS DUE JANUARY 15TH

For instructions, refer to the second page of the **Introductory Newsletter**. You may upload the video to Dropbox, Google Drive or YouTube. Once uploaded, use the following form to send the link of your recording to us <http://bit.ly/AMAVideoSubmission>.

AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION

The Gold Tour will depart on July 8th on three flight groups and will meet in Budapest on July 9th. On July 24th, all groups will depart from Zurich and return to JFK Airport. You will be notified of your assigned flight group in February. All students from the same school will be in the same group.

OPTIONAL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The tour officially ends at JFK Airport on July 24th. For your convenience, and as an additional service, charter buses will be arranged from the airport to central locations in NJ, MD and CT. There will also be bus transportation from Linwood and Deptford, NJ and Danbury, CT to Millersville University on July 5th. More information will be given in February.

PASSPORTS

- ◆ **Apply for your passport before January 31st.** We must receive your passport copy by April 15th. The airline requires that we have the passport information for the entire group before ticketing.
- ◆ If your existing passport expires before January 25, 2020, it must be renewed. U.S. Immigration can refuse any passport which expires within 6 months of your return date.
- ◆ Send a copy of the picture page of your passport to our office at customerservice@americanmusicabroad.com or P.O. Box 1411, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

INTRODUCTORY NEWSLETTER

The following information can be found in our Introductory Newsletter sent with the acceptance packet and linked below:

- ◆ [Information on Making Payments](#)
- ◆ [Travel and Instrument Insurance](#)
- ◆ [Video Recording Instructions](#) (page 2)
- ◆ [Visa Information](#)

SPRING REHEARSAL

The Gold Tour directors are planning a spring "Reading Session" rehearsal to be held in a central location. At the rehearsal, you will receive your music and other trip information. More information will be given in February.

CONCERT UNIFORM

We remind you to obtain the following concert uniform. If you have difficulty finding the following uniform items, a listing of stores/websites will be given in March. We suggest packing two uniform shirts/blouses to alternate when you have concerts on consecutive days and/or to allow for drying time.

Boys:

- ◆ Navy blazer, single-breasted
- ◆ Medium-gray dress slacks
- ◆ Short-sleeve white dress shirt
- ◆ Red and navy pattern tie
- ◆ Black shoes and socks

Girls:

- ◆ "Flag" red blazer: long-sleeve or 3/4-sleeve, hip-length and single-breasted. For your convenience, we have made an arrangement with Varani Formal Wear to purchase blazers directly through them for \$60.00. To order, go to <http://www.varanitux.com/career-apparel-catalog/womens-red-blazer/red-blazer> or call 610-644-7808. Any blazer matching the description above is also acceptable. More options will be given in March.
- ◆ Navy *dress* pants. Not acceptable: yoga, knit or denim pants
- ◆ White "shell-style" blouse: short-sleeve or sleeveless (straps at least 1" wide), round or scoop neck, no buttons or collar
- ◆ Black or navy *dress* shoes: heels or flats, closed toed, no crocs, boots or clogs

TOUR DEVIATIONS

If you are planning to extend your time in Europe, we must have the details in writing by February 28th. Please contact the office for information and the appropriate forms.

FACEBOOK CONNECTION

All parents and students are invited to join the AMA Gold Tour 2019 Facebook page to stay connected on tour details both during the trip and in the months proceeding. Search for AMA2019GOLD or use this [link](#).

QUESTIONS & INFORMATION

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More information as well as copies of all newsletters can also be found at our website: www.americanmusicabroad.com after logging into the Member section. The login can be either the participant email or the username assigned after applying to the tour. Credit card payments can be made on the website (no login necessary). Please note, payment history is not available online. Contact our office directly with payment questions.