

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Last minute preparations and reminders

May Mailing: Forms, College Map & Blazer Patch

Due to a delay in receiving the patches, the May Mailing will be sent the first week of June. The mailing will contain a Medical Form, Instrument Insurance Information Form, Code of Conduct, college map and a blazer patch. You can access the forms and map [here](#). Please **bring the completed forms to check-in**.

Please sew the patch on your uniform blazer's upper left hand pocket or "over the heart."

Escort & Driver Tip

Your tour's personal European escort (guide) and coach driver are an important part of a successful trip. It is customary for tour participants to give their escort and coach driver a monetary token of appreciation at the end of the tour.

Please bring **\$60.00 CASH** (U.S. Dollars) to check-in on July 5 for collection.

Check-in

July 5, 12:00 PM

Check-in for the Orientation and Rehearsal Session is at **12:00 PM** on **Wednesday, July 5**. Check-in will be in the Winter Visual & Performing Arts Center Lobby at Millersville University.

At check-in we will collect the tip money and forms, weigh your suitcase and carry-on and distribute tour information.

Your first meal on campus will be dinner; please plan to have lunch before check-in. Rehearsals begin at 1:30 PM.

Farewell Concert

July 7, 8:00 PM

The Farewell Concert is at 8:00 PM on Friday, July 7 in the Winter Visual & Performing Arts Center of Millersville University. The concert is free of charge. All participants should be in full uniform. Please refer to the college map at the link above and sent with the May Mailing for the locations of check-in, the meals on campus and the concert.

Banquet Dinner

July 7, 6:00 PM

Family and friends interested in joining participants at dinner before the Farewell Concert may purchase tickets for \$17.00 per person through our [online form](#). Pre-ordered tickets will be given to students at check-in on July 5. Please do not order tickets after June 15. Tickets may also be purchased on July 5 at check-in, but will not be available on the night of the dinner. Participants should plan to go to dinner in concert uniform.

Special Reminders

- American Music Abroad will provide a luggage tag for your European suitcase at check-in. Please tag your suitcase and carry-on with additional identification. Label your music stand with your name on masking tape. Instrument tags will be distributed during a rehearsal.
- An American Music Abroad Polo shirt will be distributed at check-in. The shirts are red for girls and navy for boys. We have ordered the shirt size you indicated when applying for the tour.
- Pack any over-the-counter medicine or prescriptions that you may need on the tour. Please be sure to include cold and allergy medicine if needed, as it is not easily available in Europe. We recommend taking an additional prescription for any prescription medicine.
- You are limited to one piece of luggage, plus a carry-on. Your suitcase **must not** weigh more than 35 pounds and must be no larger than 62 dimensional inches (add height + width + length). Please do not bring a garment bag. When weighing your suitcase, do not include your instrument or stand; do include your uniform. We will weigh your suitcase at check-in. Overweight luggage will need to be repacked before proceeding with the check-in process.
- Carry-on luggage must fit under both the seat of the aircraft and the seat of the coach. A size guideline would be no larger than 22" x 12" x 8" in dimension. Carry-ons should weigh no more than 17 pounds. The luggage area underneath the coach does not contain room for carry-on luggage. Also, many carry-ons with wheels will not fit under the coach seat. *Most students bring a backpack as their carry-on.* **Tip:** Leave extra room in your carry-on for gifts.
- Be prepared to spend about \$400.00-\$450.00 for lunches and small souvenir shopping. We recommend bringing a combination of foreign currency and a Visa or MasterCard. You may also wish to have a small amount of American money to spend at the airport and in college vending machines.

BRING TO CHECK-IN...

- From the May Mailing:
 - Completed medical form
 - Completed instrument insurance information form
 - Signed code of conduct
- Signed passport
- Music
- European suitcase
- Instrument & Folding music stand
- Travel alarm clock & wristwatch
- Camera, media card(s) & batteries
- Concert uniform
- Electrical Converter & European plug adaptors
- Over-the-counter medications
- Band-Aids
- Bug spray/sunscreen
- Spending money and credit card
- \$60.00 for escort and driver tip

Sending Mail

When sending mail to American Music Abroad participants, please use the following format:

Hotel Name
Hotel Address
For <Name of participant>
American Music Abroad GOLD TOUR
Arr. <Date of arrival>

Hotel addresses, telephone and fax numbers were given in the April Newsletter and will be on the hour-by-hour itinerary distributed at check-in.

Dress at the College

Most participants prefer wearing T-shirts, shorts, jeans, etc. at the college.

Tip: Pack a separate suitcase for the college pre-tour session. Send this suitcase home with your parents after the concert.

Dress in Europe

[Click here for dress code guide](#)

Unacceptable:

Clothing revealing back, midriff, excessive shoulders and cleavage; T-shirts with inappropriate or potentially offensive logos; all denim (jeans, skirts, shorts, jackets, etc.); and athletic-style mesh shorts.

Acceptable:

Shorts, skirts and dresses covering the upper thigh (no shorter than fingertip length); Tank tops with straps of at least 1 inch.

Please wear slacks (or dress/skirt) on the flights and not shorts.