

American Music Abroad Gold Tour January 2017 Newsletter

AIRLINE FLIGHT INFORMATION

The Gold Tour will depart the U.S. on July 8th on two flight groups and will meet in Zurich on July 9th. On July 24th, both groups will return from Zurich to JFK Airport. You will be notified of your assigned flight group and the specific flight information in February.

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.
- ◆ Renew your passport if it expires before October 25, 2017. Passports must be valid for at least 3 months following your return.
- ◆ 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.

FACEBOOK CONNECTION

All parents and students are invited to join the AMA Gold Tour 2017 Facebook page to stay connected on tour details both during the trip and in the months proceeding. Search for AMA2017Gold or use this [link](#).

INSTRUMENTAL SEATING & VOCAL EVALUATION RECORDINGS

All participants are required to submit a recording by January 15th. Please refer to the Introductory Newsletter sent to you with your acceptance packet for instructions. The newsletter is also available [here](#) and on our website on the Gold Tour Newsletters page.

- ◆ Recordings must be in MP3 format.
- ◆ Please send the recording to keithhodgson1@me.com.
- ◆ The name format for the recording should be [Last Name], [First Name] - [Instrument/Voice Part].

CONCERT UNIFORM

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

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 Tux to purchase blazers through them for \$55.00. 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: no yoga, knit and denim pants
- ◆ White “shell-style” blouse: straps at least 1” wide, round or scoop neck, no buttons or collar
- ◆ Black or navy dress shoes: heels or flats, no sandals or clogs

SPRING REHEARSAL

The spring “Reading Session” rehearsal is Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 1:00 - 4:30 PM at Southern Regional High School, 600 N. Main Street, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The rehearsal is mandatory unless you have a prior commitment. If you are unable to attend, please contact our office so we can inform the directors. At the rehearsal, you will receive your music and other trip information.

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. When you applied for the tour, a member user name was assigned and you created a password. Once logged in through the Member Login button, you can access the Gold Tour member section through the right menu bar. Credit card payments can be made on the website (no login necessary), however, payment history is not available online. Contact our office with payment questions.