



WorldStrides®

Educational Travel & Experiences

International Concert Tours

Share your music on the world stage

Why Travel Abroad to Perform?

WorldStrides' International Concert Tours expose your performers to centuries of artistic expression: your choir can sing where Mozart married his muse, your orchestra can play Dvořák in the city where he lived and worked, your band can explore the same streets as Holst.

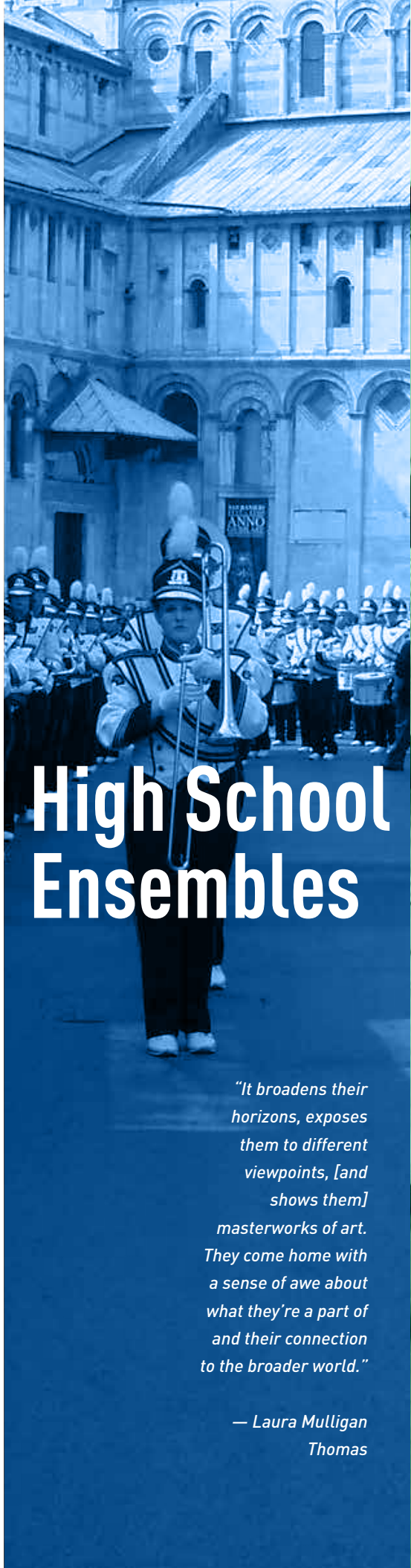
Directors consistently tell us their travelers gain a unique kind of confidence and poise from international tours. They connect personally with iconic stages, diverse cultures, and different ways of life, bringing home new techniques and insights. Additionally, bringing your program abroad creates a real “wow” factor: it encourages your musicians to work harder and can even help you recruit new talent!

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The University of Rochester Yellow Jackets a cappella group enjoy their tour of Kenya and make time for a dance break with local school children.



High School Ensembles

“It broadens their horizons, exposes them to different viewpoints, [and shows them] masterworks of art. They come home with a sense of awe about what they’re a part of and their connection to the broader world.”

— Laura Mulligan Thomas



College & University Ensembles

“...We were performing in a gothic church in Salzburg. We released the chord, and the sound vibrated for 13 seconds. People were crying—it was more than I could ever have taught them in a whole semester of acoustics...”

— Dr. Jason Pulk



Faith-Based Performing Groups

“If I had the words to describe everything! This was such a smooth, beautiful tour. The pace was perfect. Our guide was outstanding. The mix of everything was perfect. Many thanks.”

— Christy Dilisio



Community Performing Groups

“I trust WorldStrides because they deliver what they promise. They listen to me, understand what I want and have excellent local contacts and resources within their network. They are truly experts in their field.”

— Ron

Who We Are

At WorldStrides, we believe that experiences shape our collective humanity and can redefine what is possible. We're dedicated to delivering educational and performance travel experiences that fuel our travelers' dreams and inspire them to compose their own lifelong learning journeys.

What we provide:

- Knowledgeable and creative staff who listen to your needs and wants, then offer suggestions to create a truly life-changing trip
- A commitment to customizing exactly the program you envision
- An exemplary safety record, backed by over 50 years of experience
- Exclusive access to the most impressive, one-of-a-kind performance venues and stages
- Real-world exposure through international concerts and appreciative audiences
- 24/7 Tour Directors who speak the local language and enhance the immersive and educational value of your tour [see details below]
- Masterful logistics coverage that leaves no stone unturned and nothing to chance
- Expertly curated itineraries that provide a great balance of performances and unique touring activities, like learning indigenous dances, painting pictures, and cooking old-world recipes
- Directors' rewards and recognition

Meet your Tour Director

Our Tour Directors are hand-selected in an annual audition process and undergo formal training on our touring curriculum standards. They are bilingual experts who stay with your group throughout your tour, so you and your students can rely on them for local knowledge and safety expertise—any time, any place.



High School Ensembles



There's no better feeling than being able to give young performers this type of experience. One of our favorite Directors said it best: "It's so eye-opening for all of us, playing for an audience that has never heard an American youth orchestra before... discovering it all together." The benefits of bringing an ensemble abroad to perform and explore the world are countless. They'll have you to thank for their growth as a performer and as a global citizen.

Tour favorites:

- Musical Italy
- Home of the greats – Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic
- St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland
- The prestigious Summa Cum Laude Festival of Vienna

College & University Ensembles



Building a performing tour into the curriculum or offering it to select talent in your program is something many universities use as a recruitment and community engagement tool. Put your university in the spotlight by taking your ensemble abroad for a concert tour, an invitational festival, or unique musical experience.

Tour favorites:

- Service and song in Kenya
- LisBon Music Festival in Portugal
- A concert performance in St. Paul's Cathedral of London
- Perform in the unique venues of China

Faith-Based Performing Groups



Explore your heritage and celebrate your faith by sharing your song around the world. Perfect for spiritual and religious choirs, these tours feature authentic fellowship and worship opportunities in destinations that are instrumental to the history of your denomination. Meet with other congregations, bond in music, and trace the footsteps of the figures that helped define your faith.

Tour favorites:

- Catholic pilgrimage to Italy
- Martin Luther's Germany
- Anglican heritage tour of England
- Pilgrimage to Taizé

Community Performing Groups



Whether your group is made up of young performers or adult professionals, a performing tour abroad can be the highlight of your experiences together. You'll build your ensemble's resumé and bond your members in a truly unique way. You may also use this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to rally the community's support behind your group and the goal of taking your talent around the world.

Tour favorites:

- Explore art and song in France
- Take an Irish dance workshop in Dublin
- Adventure and performance in Peru

How You Benefit

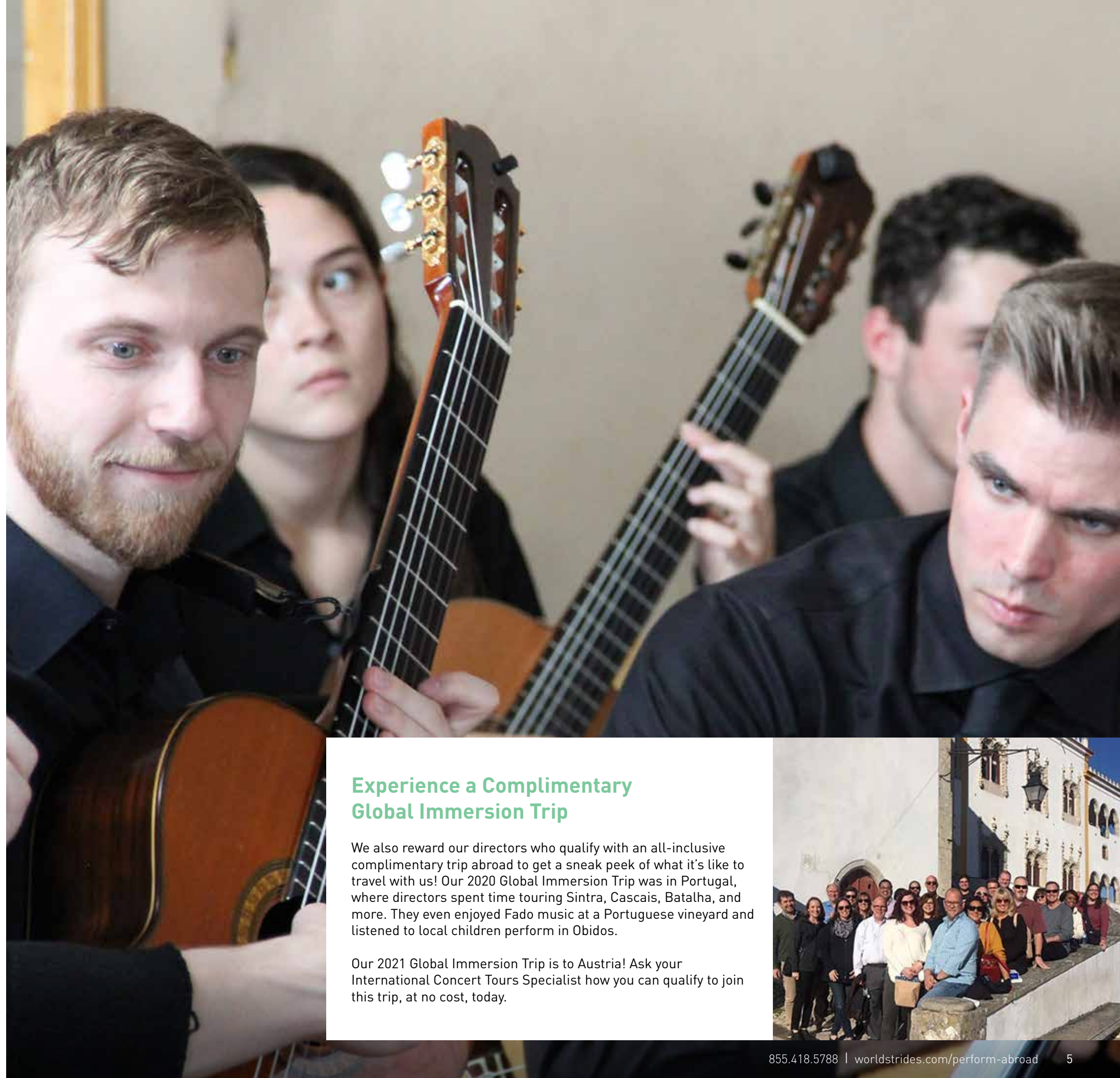
WorldStrides provides an array of rewards for Directors who travel with us.

- Early enrollment discounts—Get a \$250 discount on all registrations received by our early-registration deadline.
- \$2,000 scholarship—Reward your department when your group reaches the required minimum-participant size during our early registration period.
- Complimentary Global Immersion Trip to prepare you for your group tour (see opposite page for details).
- Referral rewards—Get cash or gift cards to use for your department when you refer other Directors to WorldStrides.
- Free travel for you when you reach the threshold number of signups for your tour—plus, get a complimentary single room.
- Professional development—WorldStrides provides professional development points or hours that can be used toward teaching license recertification at no cost to Directors who complete a trip with us. Low-cost graduate credit is also available.

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!”



Experience a Complimentary Global Immersion Trip

We also reward our directors who qualify with an all-inclusive complimentary trip abroad to get a sneak peek of what it's like to travel with us! Our 2020 Global Immersion Trip was in Portugal, where directors spent time touring Sintra, Cascais, Batalha, and more. They even enjoyed Fado music at a Portuguese vineyard and listened to local children perform in Obidos.

Our 2021 Global Immersion Trip is to Austria! Ask your International Concert Tours Specialist how you can qualify to join this trip, at no cost, today.



The WorldStrides Difference

We strive to make travel possible for every person who wants to attend one of our trips; it's part of our company mission. So, we offer numerous methods to help your performers cover their travel costs.

➤ **Guaranteed Price**

We want to ensure that participants and group leaders know what their trip will cost, with no last-minute surprises and additional costs. Once your group has chosen a program and paid a preliminary deposit, WorldStrides guarantees your trip cost regardless of changes in currency, increases in flight costs, taxes, or for any other reason than a requested change to the program by the group leader.

➤ **Advantage Payment Plan (APP)**

Our APP option allows travelers to extend payments over time, making monthly installments more manageable. Participants simply submit an initial deposit of \$199, and then pay \$199/month until the invoice is paid in full. They can even travel before the full cost has been met!

➤ **FLAG financial assistance**

Our popular FLAG program makes \$2 million in travel assistance available to thousands of families each year. Awards are based on demonstrated need—ask us for details when you start planning your tour.

➤ **Fundraising guide**

We've compiled a handy reference guide to give you and your performers a leg up, with tried-and-true fundraising ideas. It contains many useful techniques that Directors have shared with us over time.

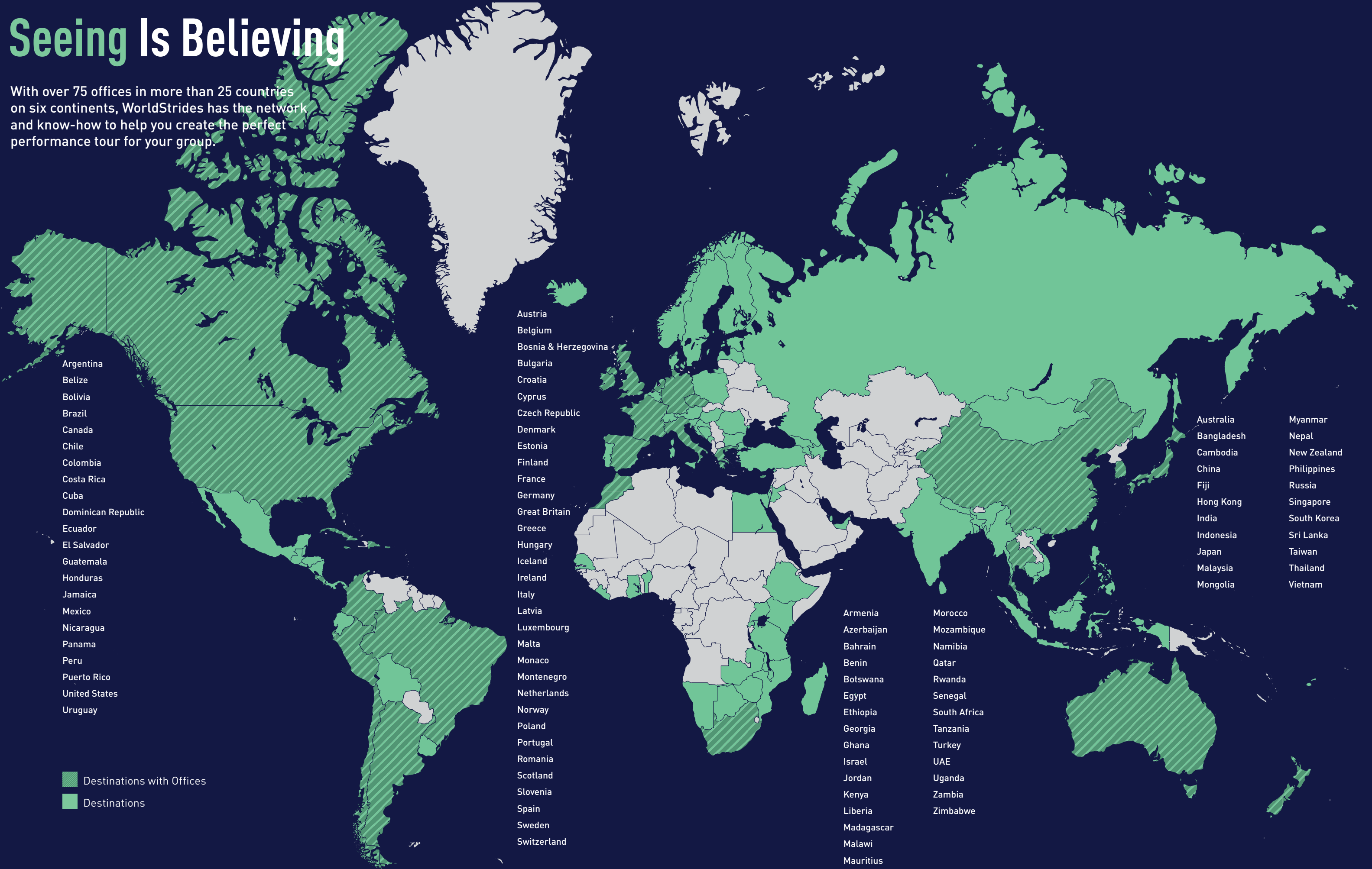
➤ **Gift of Performance**

We supply your travelers with letter templates they can use to get donations from family and friends. This tool has helped our previous travelers raise literally thousands of dollars to put toward their trips.



Seeing Is Believing

With over 75 offices in more than 25 countries on six continents, WorldStrides has the network and know-how to help you create the perfect performance tour for your group.





- Argentina
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Peru
- Puerto Rico
- United States
- Uruguay

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Scotland
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Benin
- Botswana
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Ghana
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Qatar
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- UAE
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Russia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

 Destinations with Offices

 Destinations

[The Experience]

Old World Elegance

The romance of Europe and the Mediterranean will not be lost on your group. Discover the beauty and diversity of these incredible destinations as you explore and inspire your performers to tap into their talent.



Rome, the Eternal City

DAY 1 | Departure to Rome

- > Flight to Italy: Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Italy.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Rome – Roman History

- > Known to many as the “Eternal City,” Rome is the capital of Italy, with an uninterrupted history spanning 2,500 years. As one of the founding cities of western civilization, Rome is filled with incredible historical sites, encompassing architectural styles of the medieval, Renaissance, and modern ages.
- > Visit the Pantheon, Rome’s best-preserved monument.
- > Dinner in the Piazza Navona area.

DAY 3 | Roman Sightseeing

- > Enjoy a guided tour through the spectacular remains of the Roman Empire: the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, as well as ruins and excavations of the Roman Forum.
- > Enjoy a view of Trajan’s Column and Market and the Monument to Vittorio Emanuele II.
- > Climb the long, sloping steps created by Michelangelo to Piazza del Campidoglio and visit the Capitoline Museums.

DAY 4 | Vatican City – Group Performance

- > Experience a specialist-guided tour of the Vatican City, including the Museums, home to one of the world’s most impressive art collections.
- > Group performance: Venue options include singing mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and others. Outside Rome secular venues include several schools, such as the Istituto Comprensivo Via Cassia, Istituto Comprensivo XXV Aprile, and Liceo Scientifico Statale Francesco D’Assisi. For groups wishing to perform in a community-service setting, there are homes for the elderly, including the Residence Il Poggio, and the Casa Ronald Bellosguardo, a home for children undergoing chemotherapy at Rome’s Pediatric Hospital Bambino Gesù.

DAY 5 | Tivoli – Roman Religion – Group Performance

- > Visit Hadrian’s Villa in Tivoli, one of the greatest estates ever erected.
- > Visit the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, funerary tunnels which represent the first known cemetery of the Christian community of Rome.
- > Group performance: Venue options include the Chiesa Sant’Eustachio and others.

DAY 6 | Unique Roman Destinations

- > Visit the Circus Maximus, Ancient Rome’s major chariot-racing venue, now ringed by several lanes of traffic.
- > See the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, famous for the Mouth of Truth set into the wall of the portico. Legend has it that, if a perjurer put his hand in the mouth and told a lie his fingers would be bitten off!
- > Explore the different buildings that make up the Museo Nazionale Romano.

DAY 7 | Roman Exploration – Group Performance

- > Visit the Basilica of San Giovanni in Laterano, the cathedral church of the diocese of Rome.
- > Enjoy free time today to explore Rome at your leisure.
- > Dinner near the spectacular Trevi Fountain, where it is traditional to toss a coin into the fountain to ensure a safe return to The Eternal City.
- > Spend time at Rome’s meeting place, the Piazza di Spagna, home of the famous Spanish Steps.
- > Group performance: Venues options include Chiesa di Sant’Agnese in Agone and others.

DAY 8 | Departure from Rome

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

Exploring Ancient Greece

DAY 1 | Departure to Athens

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Greece.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Athens – Eleusis – Nafpaktos

- > Arrive in Athens and continue your journey to Nafpaktos via Eleusis.
- > Explore Ancient Eleusis, a center for religious devotion from the Mycenaean period that served as the base for the annual Eleusian Mysteries. While here, you will visit the small museum with artifacts from the ancient site.
- > Nafpaktos: A picturesque place with an intense Medieval character, Nafpaktos charms visitors with its small Venetian port, Venetian Castle, relaxing beaches and green surroundings. At the port is a statue of Cervantes, who lost his arm in a naval fight off Nafpkatos in 1571.

DAY 3 | Day Trip to Delphi – Group Performance

- > Delphi is both an ancient site and a modern town located on Mt. Parnassus. The modern town was moved after the discovery of the archaeological site, and it is a lovely place to explore and enjoy the views. The ancient site was one of the most important religious sites in the ancient Greek world and home to the famous Oracle of Delphi.
- > Walk along the Sacred Way, which winds up a hill towards the main temple of Apollo.
- > Visit the Sanctuary of Apollo, where ancient kings, leaders, and war heroes came to consult with the great oracle. It was here that the Pythia, mouthpiece of the gods, would deliver her prophecies.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include Papacharalambio Hall and others.

DAY 4 | Day Trip to Olympia

- > Olympia: The modern town of Olympia is filled with shops, tavernas, and museums, and is a wonderful place to relax and wander. Most visitors, however, know Olympia only as the birthplace of the Olympic Games, which were first held here in 776 BCE.
- > Tour the remains of the Ancient Olympia Complex, including the Palaestra, Pheidia’s Workshop, and the Temple of Zeus, which once contained a 13m statue of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



DAY 5 | Nafpaktos - Mycenae - Epidaurus - Corinth – Athens

- > Visit Mycenae and the fortified Palace Complex uncovered by archaeologist Heinrich Schiellmann in 1874. Highlights will include the 13th-century BCE Lion Gate; Grave Circle A, with its six royal family shaft graves; the Royal Palace; and the Secret Stairway, a flight of 99 steps that lead down to a cistern deep beneath the citadel.
- > Tour the theatre of Epidaurus, the most famous and best preserved of all the ancient theatres in Greece. This impressive venue, known for its exceptional acoustics, is still used today for performances.
- > View the Corinth Canal, which connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. The narrow canal was a huge accomplishment when it was finished in the 19th century.
- > Travel to Athens.

DAY 6 | Athens, Birthplace of Civilization – Group Performance

- > In Athens, you will view the Temple of Athena Nike; its successor, the Parthenon; and the Acropolis, which has stood at Athens’ summit for over 2,000 years with habitation traces indicating it was occupied as early as the Neolithic Age.
- > View Hadrian’s Arch, an enormous triumphal arch built by the Roman Emperor, which is still a symbolic entrance to Athens.
- > Explore the Temple of Olympian Zeus, once the largest temple in Athens.
- > Group performance: Venue options include Pierce American College, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, or others previously listed.
- > Dinner in the Plaka area, the historic heart of Athens.

DAY 7 | Athens – Group Performance

- > Visit the Museum of Greek Folk Musical Instruments, a collection of over 1,200 musical instruments. The museum traces the 5,000-year history and development of different styles of traditional Greek music, all the way to the arrival of Rempetika (Greek blues).
- > Discover the Ancient Agora, the political heart of Athens from 600 BCE. With shops, a theater, and schools, the agora served as the center of social and commercial life. Highlights of the complex include the Hephaisteion, a particularly well-preserved temple, and the Stoa of Attalos, a reconstructed, colonnaded building that houses a small museum with finds from the agora.
- > Group performance: Venue options include Aula Theater, Dimitris Mitropoulos Hall, or others previously listed.

DAY 8 | Departure from Athens

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

[The Experience]

Culture Meets Competition

Working hard and practicing to do their best may come naturally to your performers, but there’s nothing quite like competing in a totally new environment, for large international audiences, to help them step up their game.



St. Patrick’s Day Parade

March 2021

DAY 1 | to Dublin

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Ireland.

DAY 2 | Dublin, Causeys Farm, and Athlone

- > Arrive in Dublin.
- > Visit Causey Farm in County Meath, where you will experience the traditions, food, and fun of an Irish farm!
- > Travel to Athlone and take in the dynamic scenery of this centrally located city, including a variety of shops, the river Shannon, a vast religious history, and more.

DAY 3 | Limerick - Bunratty

- > Enjoy a day trip to Limerick, where you can see King John’s Castle, the Hunt Museum, Lough Gur, and more.
- > Participate in the Limerick International Band Championship. Dance groups can opt for additional sightseeing or alternative performance options.
- > Travel to Bunratty.
- > Discover Bunratty Castle: Named after the river Raite, this structure is over 1,000 years old and has hosted visits from Vikings and Normans as well as many earls, lords, and ladies throughout its history.

DAY 4 | Athlone - Workshop and Parade

- > Explore Athlone Castle: This 900-year-old medieval structure offers a wealth of local history to learn.
- > Irish dancing workshop: Learn some steps and have fun while practicing together.
- > Rehearsal march through Athlone.
- > Group performance.

DAY 5 | Athlone - Dublin

- > Travel day: Journey from Athlone to Dublin.
- > Dublin city bus tour: See popular attractions like the Dublin Zoo, the Guinness Storehouse, and more.
- > Meet with one of the local marching bands also participating in the St. Patrick’s Parade, perform for each other, and rehearse together (subject to both directors’ approval and final confirmation).

DAY 6 | Dublin - Celbridge

- > Participate in the National St. Patrick’s Festival Parade in Dublin: You will be part of one of the most spectacular, colorful parades in the world today!
- > Participate in Celbridge St. Patrick’s Day Parade: The fun doesn’t stop in Dublin! Travel to travel to Celbridge and continue celebrating St. Patrick’s Day with another performance.

DAY 7 | Dublin

- > Enjoy a walking tour of Dublin. You will stroll in St. Stephen’s Green, the loveliest of Dublin’s many parks. You’ll also visit Merrion Square, famous for its elegant Georgian houses and the home of such luminaries as Oscar Wilde, Daniel O’Connell, and William Butler Yeats.
- > Discover Trinity College and see The Book of Kells.
- > Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral, one of the world’s most famous churches, which is both Catholic *and* Protestant.

DAY 8 | Departure from Dublin

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

Summa Cum Laude Festival in Vienna

July 2021

DAY 1 | Departure to Munich

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Germany.
- > With its elegant squares and quaint streets, Salzburg is a delightful introduction to the sophisticated world of the classical genius, Mozart.
- > Guided city tour of Salzburg including the Salzburg Cathedral, Festival Hall, Mirabell Palace, and Mozart’s birthplace.

DAY 3 | Salzburg & Concert Performance

- > Guided *Sound of Music* Tour.
- > Concert performance: Possible venues include The Great Hall of the University of Salzburg, Silent Night Chapel, or Kollegienkirche.

DAY 4 | Salzburg – Melk – Vienna

- > Experience a panorama tour through the Wachau Valley on your way from Salzburg to Melk.
- > Melk is situated adjacent to the Wachau Valley and along the Danube. The town is best known for its massive baroque Benedictine monastery, Melk Abbey. Once you have arrived in Melk, you will take a guided tour of the historic structure, which is over 1,000 years old.
- > After your tour, you will continue on your journey to Vienna.

DAY 5 | Opening Ceremony Day

- > Starting the Summa Cum Laude Festival: Opening ceremony for all participants at the Wiener Konzerthaus.
- > Conductors’ Kick-Off Meeting (all conductors).

DAY 6 | Musikverein

- > Festival event: Competition and celebration at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein for choirs, orchestras, bands and special groups.
- > Individual concerts and performances in and around Vienna (all groups).

DAY 7 | Musikverein - University of Music in Vienna

- > Festival event: Competition and celebration at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein for choirs, orchestras, bands, and special groups.
- > Festival event: Workshops at the University of Music in Vienna for choirs, orchestras, bands, and special groups.
- > Individual concerts and performances in Vienna and around Vienna (all groups).

DAY 8 | University of Music in Vienna - Haus der Musik



- > Festival event: Workshops at the University of Music in Vienna for choirs, orchestras, bands, and special groups.
- > Visit to the Haus der Musik, an interactive sound museum.
- > Individual concerts and performances in Vienna and around Vienna (all groups).

DAY 9 | Gala Winners Concert

- > Free time: Individual city exploration of Vienna.
- > SCL academy event: Lecture, preparation for Gala Winners’ Concert, and group photo at the Wiener Konzerthaus (all groups).
- > Evening Gala Winners’ Concert (winners of the Competition on stage, all other participants in the audience) at the Great Hall of the Wiener Konzerthaus.
- > Festival Finale: Award ceremony, farewell reception (all participants).

DAY 10 | Vienna – Telč – Prague

- > Today, you will travel from Vienna to Prague. The midpoint of your journey along the Old King’s Route is Telč, a UNESCO international heritage site and the best preserved Renaissance town north of the Alps.
- > Prague is the capital of Czechia, built on seven hills astride the Vltava River, and its beauty is legendary. In fact, Goethe described the city as “the most precious stone in the crown of this world.”
- > Enjoy some free time to explore Prague.

DAY 11 | Prague - Concert Performance

- > Enjoy a walking tour of Prague Castle Complex, Golden Lane, and Charles Bridge.
- > Concert performance: Venue options include Smetana Hall, Czech Museum of Music, or St. Nicholas Church..

DAY 12 | Departure from Prague

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

[The Experience]

The Musical Village

Visiting new places wouldn't be nearly as interesting without meeting new people. Your performers will learn from you and from one another while on tour, but most of all they can learn from their new international acquaintances and audiences.



LisBon International Youth Music Festival

DAY 1 | Departure to Lisbon

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Portugal

DAY 2 | Arrive in Lisbon

- > Take a walking tour of Lisbon, a charming European capital city with a rich cultural heritage. This destination is a striking mix of old and new with a laid-back pace that welcomes visitors.
- > Explore the Castle of Sao Jorge.

DAY 3 | Lisbon - Group Performance

- > Take a walking tour of Belem, visit the Mosteiro dos Jeronimos, and see Torre de Belem.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include The Sé Cathedral, Ruinas du Carmo, the Palacio Nacional de Ajuda and others. Subject to final confirmation.

DAY 4 | Day Trip to Sintra and Cascais

- > Visit Sintra, once the favored summer residence of Portuguese kings and internationally acclaimed by poets and artists, this town is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- > Cascais is a beautiful coastal town in Portugal and is known as a cosmopolitan suburb of Lisbon. While here, you will drive to the westernmost of continental Europe, The Cabo da Roca, commonly known as "the End of the World."

DAY 5 | Day Trip to Óbidos and Batalha - Group Performance

- > Óbidos is a classic Portuguese fortified town and one of the most picturesque locations in Portugal.
- > Batalha, a small town amidst the hills of the Leiria area, only became a place of significance upon the building of its magnificent monastery, now honored with UNESCO World Heritage status.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include the Mosteiro da Batalha and are subject to final confirmation.

DAY 6 | Day Trip to Évora – Group Performance

- > Today you will enjoy a day trip to Évora. Évora is the capital of Alto Alentejo, a Roman city under Julius Caesar (Liberalitas Julia) and one of Portugal's finest and most delightful towns.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include The Praça do Giraldo and the Palacio Nacional de Ajuda, Ruinas du Carmo, Igreja da Graça, Igreja da Misericórdia, and Igreja da Encarnação. Subject to final confirmation.

DAY 7 | Day Trip to Arrabida

- > Known as one of the most beautiful regions in Portugal, Arrabida is surrounded by some of the clearest waters and truly embraces Mediterranean charm. Some of the most famous sites here are Palmela Castle, Cape Espichel, and Sesimbra.

DAY 8 | Depart Lisbon

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.



Montreux Jazz Festival

DAY 1 | Departure to Geneva

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Switzerland.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Geneva – Travel to Montreux

- > Once in Geneva, you will travel by train from the airport to Montreux.
- > Montreux: Located on Lake Geneva, this city is famous as the home of many writers, including Rousseau and Nabokov, and where Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein.
- > Take a walking tour of Montreux.
- > Visit the Montreux Jazz Festival.

DAY 3 | Chaplin's World - Concert Performance

- > Learn all about the man made famous through silent film, Charlie Chaplin, at his former home, and explore more of his career as an actor, comic, composer, and filmmaker.
- > Perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival.

DAY 4 | Day Trip to Chillon Castle

- > Board the ferry to Chillon Castle and learn about the history of the region. The Chateau of Chillon provides a marvelous view of Lake Geneva.
- > Experience the Montreux Jazz Festival.

DAY 5 | Travel from Montreux to Zermatt - Concert Performance

- > Journey from Montreux to Zermatt, at the base of the Matterhorn, to do some sightseeing.
- > Perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival's "Music in the Park"

DAY 6 | Optional Day Trip to Vevey

- > Experience the peaceful town of Vernay, spend time hiking through the countryside, or participate in workshops at the Montreux Jazz Festival.++++

DAY 7 | Explore the Region

- > Sightseeing: Visit a local cheese or chocolate shop in Switzerland and enjoy the local scenery.
- > Spend time at the Montreux Jazz Festival.

DAY 8 | Depart Geneva

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.



[The Experience]

Adventures in Artistry

Melodies reach new heights and memories last a lifetime when you travel abroad. Every piece of your journey will make a mark on your performers, from acclimating to new climates to solidifying their existing relationships within the group.



Music of Uruguay and Argentina

DAY 1 | Departure to Montevideo

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Uruguay.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Montevideo

- > With its garden neighborhoods and beautiful rambla (walking avenue), Montevideo (the capital of Uruguay) is one of the most beautiful and visited cities in South America.

DAY 3 | Walking Tours of Montevideo

- > Explore the Rio de la Plata—meaning “river of silver”—it is the widest river in the world and forms part of the border between Argentina and Uruguay.
- > Explore the rambla, a coastline walking path that is the longest continuous sidewalk in the world.
- > Enjoy some free time to explore Montevideo.

DAY 4 | LEAP Activity: Streets with Rhythm – Concert Performance

- > Visit the Museo del Carnaval, a museum filled with masks, drums, and costumes related to the rich Carnaval tradition in Uruguay.
- > LEAP Activity - Experience and learn the history of the traditional music in Uruguay. Play the tambores and learn the candombe rhythm.
- > Concert performance. Venue options include the Museo del Carnaval, local schools, and more.

DAY 5 | Travel from Montevideo – Colonia - Buenos Aires

- > Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1995, Colonia del Sacramento is a small southwestern Uruguayan city of 27,000 inhabitants situated on the Rio de la Plata. Colonia contains a mixture of Portuguese colonial buildings with typical Spanish-style homes.
- > Board a Ferry to Buenos Aires, the capital of the Argentine Republic. It is one of the largest cities in Latin America with a myriad of cultural offerings. Inhabitants of Buenos Aires are called porteños, or “people from the port.” Buenos Aires is a destination that offers an exceptional urban adventure combining South American charisma with European grandeur, and is often described as the “Paris of South America.”

DAY 6 | Buenos Aires – Tigre – Concert Performance

- > Take a comprehensive tour of Buenos Aires. See many of the important landmarks and buildings in the city as well as the various neighborhoods, including La Boca, San Telmo, La Recoleta, and Palermo. Starting in the central Plaza de Mayo, you will see several of the historical points of interest, along with the expansive 9 de Julio Avenue (named in honor of Argentina’s independence day), and the Puerto Madero Riverfront.
- > Tigre (35km north) and the surrounding delta region is one of the most popular weekend getaways for locals. The city itself has a few pleasant attractions, but it’s really the delta just beyond Tigre that is so popular. Named after the jaguars that used to roam there, its canals and islands are reminiscent of Venice without all the hustle and bustle. Visit the Puerto de Frutos, a waterfront open-air market, which is a great place to shop for artisanal crafts, local food items, home décor, and souvenirs.
- > Concert performance. Venue options include: Salón de Actos at the University of Buenos Aires Law School, Biblioteca Nacional, Usina del Arte, and other local schools.

DAY 7 | Argentinean Countryside – LEAP Activities

- > LEAP Activity: Go Gaucho! Saddle up for a gaucho-style horseback ride through the stunning Argentinean pampas as you tour a working agricultural ranch.
- > LEAP Activity: Spend some time making a traditional asado meal on an authentic parrilla! You will then get to enjoy your creations for lunch.

DAY 8 | Departure from Buenos Aires

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

A Scottish Intermezzo and Iceland

DAY 1 | Departure to Glasgow

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Scotland.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Glasgow - Perth - Inverness Area

- > Arrive in Glasgow and travel to Inverness, stopping in Perth along the way.
- > Perth: Located in central Scotland where the Highlands meet the Lowlands, Perth was the Scottish capital in medieval times.
- > Continue to Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands, and located at the end of the beautiful Moray Firth, only a few miles from Loch Ness. The city’s name is Gaelic for ‘mouth of the river Ness.’ Gaelic appears on the majority of road signs around the city and a considerable number of people in Inverness still speak the ancient Celtic tongue.

DAY 3 | Day Trip To Loch Ness - Concert Performance

- > This morning, you will journey the short distance to Loch Lomond and search for the Loch Ness Monster.
- > Enjoy a 50-minute cruise with on-board commentary, departing from Fort Augustus on the southern shore of Loch Ness. You’ll also have the opportunity to view the sonar presentation and find out what’s lurking under the water. If your expedition does not result in a sighting, your visit to the Loch Ness Monster Museum will provide photographic evidence to challenge the skeptics.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include Inverness Cathedral, close to the banks of the River Ness, or St. Andrew’s Cathedral, one of the first churches built following the Reformation.

DAY 4 | Inverness - Stirling – Edinburgh

- > Today, you will travel from Inverness to Edinburgh, with a stop along the way in Stirling.
- > The medieval town of Stirling was formed around one of Scotland’s most important fortresses and is still surrounded by the original 16th-century walls.
- > Tour Stirling Castle, which dates from the Middle Ages and was an important seat of kings James IV and James V. View the Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, presenting an excellent exhibit of colors, pipe banners, and regimental silver.
- > Edinburgh is widely regarded as one of Europe’s most attractive cities, due primarily to its impressive medieval and Georgian districts and the surrounding Lothian Hills. It is as famous for the arts as it is for its long and turbulent history—both the old and new towns are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

DAY 5 | Edinburgh - Concert Performance

- > See St. Giles Cathedral, which was at the center of the Protestant Reformation in Scotland.
- > Enjoy a walking tour of Edinburgh. Begin at Holyrood Palace, the official residence of the monarch in Scotland, and continue along one of the most fascinating and historic walks in Europe, from the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle.



- > Visit Edinburgh Castle, a place filled with history, legend and lore. Your visit will include St. Margaret’s Chapel, the State Apartments, the Great Hall and the Crown Chamber, which houses the Honours of Scotland (Scottish Crown Jewels).
- > Free time on the Royal Mile.
- > Explore Greyfriars Kirkyard, surrounding Greyfriars Kirk. Burials have been taking place here since the late 16th century, and a number of notable Edinburgh residents are interred at Greyfriars.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include Greyfriars Kirk, located in the heart of the old city of Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert’s Church, or St. Giles Cathedral.

DAY 6 | Departure from Edinburgh - Arrival in Reykjavik

- > Depart Edinburgh and arrive in Reykjavik, Iceland’s largest city and capital.
- > Sightseeing in Iceland: First, Lake Kleifarvatn, the largest lake on the Reykjanes peninsula. Then, the Krysuvik Geothermal Field’s steaming vents, fumaroles, mud pots, clay, and solfataras, which became more active after an earthquake in the 1920s.
- > Drive to the Álfanes Peninsula and pass Bessastaðir, the residence of Iceland’s President.

DAY 7 | Reykjavik - Concert Performance at Harpa Hall

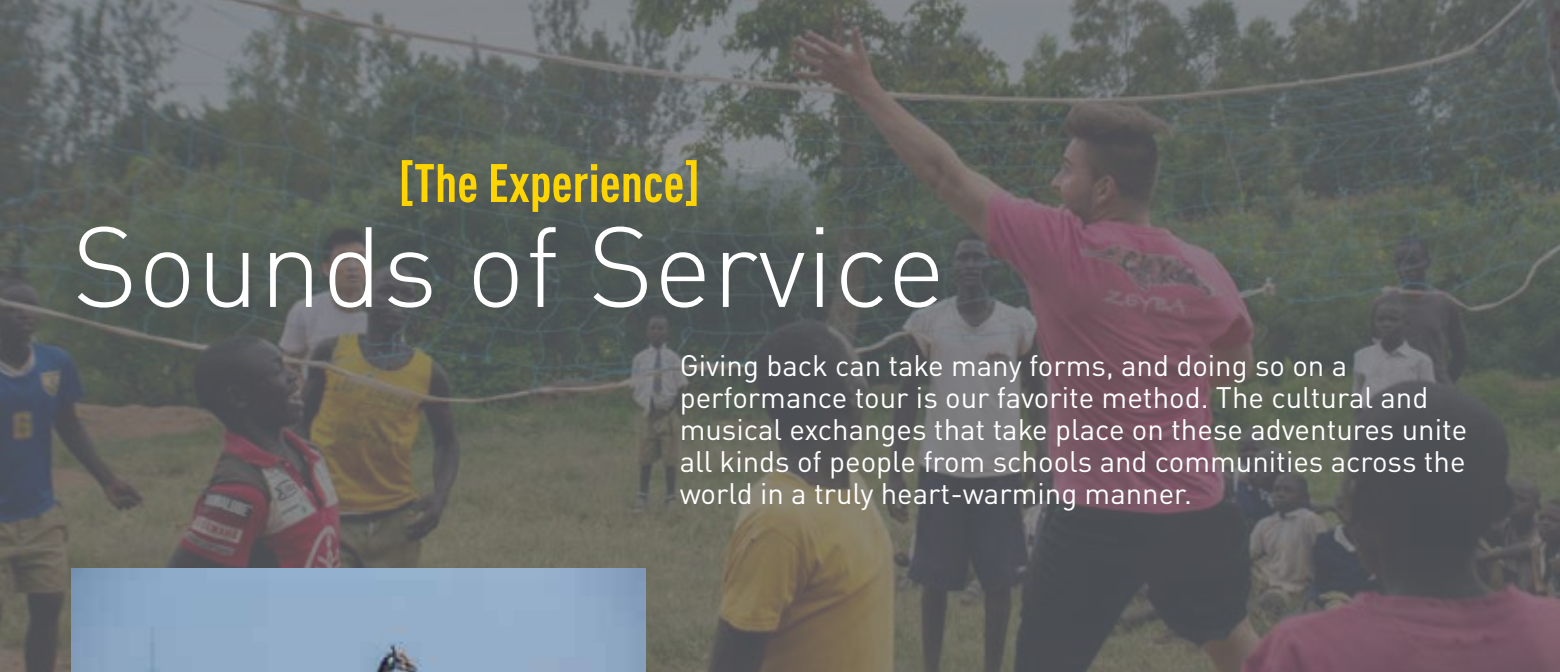
- > Free time to explore Reykjavik.
- > Your final concert will be a performance in Harpa Corner at the award-winning Harpa Reykjavik Concert Hall and Conference Centre. It is a cultural and social center in the heart of the city and features stunning views of the surrounding mountains and the North Atlantic Ocean.

DAY 8 | The Golden Circle and the Blue Lagoon

- > The Golden Circle is probably the most popular day tour out of Reykjavik and includes three of Iceland’s best-known attractions.
- > The first stop is Þingvellir National Park. It is the most significant historical site in Iceland as the Alþing, the site of Iceland’s parliament, was founded here along the mid-Atlantic ridge in 930 CE.
- > If Iceland had one standout attraction, then Gullfoss is certainly it. Here, the river Hvíta drops a total of 32 meters in two falls, and the canyon above and below them is 70 meters deep and 2.5 km long. When the sun is shining, you are likely to see a rainbow through the ample spray that forms.
- > Nearby, the ‘Great Geysir’ Strokkur spouts and sprays water up to 35 meters every three to eight minutes. All around the site are colorful hot springs, steaming vents, warm streams, psychedelic algae, and mineral deposits.
- > On your final evening in Iceland, you will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the world-famous mineral-rich swimming pool at the Blue Lagoon. Swimming in the geothermally heated water, in the middle of a large lava field, is a uniquely Icelandic experience. Great clouds of vapor rise from the water, through which you may see the immense stacks and buildings of power plants and moss-covered lava formations. The bottom is covered with chalky rocks and white silica mud.

DAY 9 | Depart Reykjavik

- > Flight home: Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.



[The Experience]

Sounds of Service

Giving back can take many forms, and doing so on a performance tour is our favorite method. The cultural and musical exchanges that take place on these adventures unite all kinds of people from schools and communities across the world in a truly heart-warming manner.



Music and Service in Kenya

DAY 1 | Departure to Kenya

- > Relax and enjoy full meal service on your scheduled wide-bodied flight to Nairobi.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Nairobi

- > Welcome to Kenya’s capital city of Nairobi! You’ll quickly notice the juxtaposition between this city’s cosmopolitan atmosphere and Kenya’s wilderness.
- > Start with an orientation tour of Nairobi and time with a local tour director to go over the trip itinerary.

DAY 3 | Nairobi

- > Take an excursion to Kibera to visit Red Rose School during the day (exact school is subject to change). Kibera, a slum of Nairobi and the largest slum in Africa, is home to many orphanages that also function as schools. At Red Rose School, you will explore the school’s music program and share/make music together.

DAY 4 | Nairobi – Kisumu

- > Depart Nairobi for Kisumu, with a stop in Nakuru for a group lunch.
- > Kisumu, Kenya’s third largest city, is located on the shore of Lake Victoria.
- > Arrival time permitting, you will enjoy an orientation tour of Kisumu.

DAY 5–8 | Kisumu

- > Each day here, you will visit a local orphanage/school, to learn more about their music program. Orphanages/local schools can include SOS Children’s Village, the Orphanage of Pastor Gilbert, and others. Share your love for the arts with these students as you teach and explore music together.
- > Enjoy lunch with the students.
- > Embark on a boat ride on Lake Victoria to Hippo Point. This wild conservancy off the shoreline of Kisumu is home to over 1,500 species of animals.
- > Explore Kisumu’s Impala Sanctuary, nestled on the shoreline of Lake Victoria. Here, you may see impalas, Sitatunga antelope, big cats, buffalos, giraffes, cheetahs, and primates.

- > Experience Kisumu’s Masai Craft Market. This market will give you a great opportunity to get some authentic gifts before returning home.

DAY 9–10 | Day Trips To Maseno

- > Maseno, located 40 km northwest of Kisumu, was originally established by missionaries. Today, it’s known for educational institutions, including Maseno School.
- > Your volunteer work will continue at one of the local schools here.

DAY 11 | Day Trip To Butere

- > Today, you will enjoy a day trip to a school in Butere, a town northeast of Kisumu with a mainly agricultural economy.

DAY 12 | Kisumu – Nairobi

- > Today, you will make the return journey to Nairobi, stopping for lunch along the way.
- > Explore the Karen Blixen Museum, which was the centerpiece of a farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills and featured in the Oscar-winning movie *Out of Africa*.
- > Enjoy a special farewell dinner at Tamambo Karen Blixen Coffee Garden.

DAY 13 | Departure From Nairobi

- > Departure time permitting, you will have some free time to explore Nairobi this morning.
- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.



Performing in Vietnam

DAY 1 | Departure to Hanoi

- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to Vietnam.

DAY 2 | Arrive in Hanoi

- > Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese, and French influences. There are many little temples plus Dong Xuân Market, which sells household goods and street food.

DAY 3 | Hanoi – Masterclass and Concert Performance

- > Attend a masterclass at the Vietnam National Academy of Music.
- > Enjoy some free time to explore Hanoi on your own.
- > Group performance: Venue options include Vietnam National Children’s Hospital or the Cancer Hospital.

DAY 4 | Hanoi – Mai Châu

- > Journey from Hanoi to Mai Châu. En route you will attend a live musical performance.
- > Mai Châu is a rural district of Hòa Bình Province in the Northwest region of Vietnam.

DAY 5 | Mai Châu Hiking and Exchange

- > This morning you will enjoy some beautiful hikes of Mai Châu.
- > Visit a local school to conduct educational games and activities with the children.

DAY 6 | Mai Châu – Farming and Cooking – Hanoi

- > Journey from Mai Châu to Hanoi.
- > This morning, you will enjoy a farming activity. You will have a chance to work with either plant rice, corn, peanuts, or vegetables.
- > Later, you will be divided into smaller groups and go to local houses to cook some traditional food. Afterward, you will enjoy your cuisine for lunch.

DAY 7 | Hanoi – Exchange – Internal Flight – Ho Chi Minh City

- > Journey from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. Before you head to the airport, you will visit the Arts and Music College.
- > Enjoy an educational exchange with students at the Arts and Music College.
- > Enjoy an internal flight from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City.
- > Ho Chi Minh City, commonly known as Saigon, is the largest city in Vietnam and the former capital of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

DAY 8 | Ho Chi Minh – Concert Performance

- > Bus and walking tour of Ho Chi Minh City, including: The Central Post, the Saigon River along Dong Khoi Street, and the Saigon Opera House.



- > Explore Reunification Hall, where a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the gates in 1975 to end the Vietnam War.
- > Visit the Tan Dinh church and vibrant Tan Dinh market nearby. Tan Dinh church is a complete contrast to traditional Notre Dame Cathedral, but equally impressive with an extensive display dedicated to the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups of Vietnam. Group concert performance.
- > Group Performance: Venue options include St. Paul’s Convent Chapel and others.

DAY 9–10 | Ho Chi Minh City Workshop

- > Meet Cai Luong artists! Cai Luong is a form of modern folk opera in Vietnam.
- > Visit the Hung Vu’o’ng Pier on the Ben Tre River, which is one of the tributaries of the Mighty Mekong River. Witness lively activities in the morning, such as fishing and coconut cargo boats. Here you will also stop to visit a traditional brickwork site to see how to make bricks by hand.
- > Attend a Coconut Workshop, where you will see the different stages of coconut processing. Try some candy and fruits while listening to incredible local music. Stop at a local tea house to see honey bees and sample honey tea.
- > Continue on by boat and visit a farm house, where sleep mats are made.
- > You will bicycle on rural tracks or drive a tuk tuk through the coconut grove and vegetable plains.
- > You will then head back to the Hùng vu’o’ng pier by motorboat.

DAY 11 | Depart Hanoi

- > This morning you will enjoy some free time before heading to the airport.
- > Relax and enjoy your scheduled flight to North America.

The right performing tour starts with the right team

Our team of former educators, musicians, and lovers of travel are passionate about what they do, and it shows.

[Spotlight on:]
Amy Bachmann
The International Concert Tour Specialist discusses how she turned her love of music and travel into a career.

Tell us about your first experience performing abroad.

“St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland when I was in high school...we marched in the parade and performed at the Lord Mayor’s Ball. I kissed the Blarney Stone, felt the wind off the Atlantic on my face at the Cliffs of Moher, and fell in love with Irish fiddle music. It fundamentally changed me as a musician and a person. I also got lost in Dublin and took a ride from a van full of Romani people back to my hotel. I love to tell that story, haha! People are good and kind in the world and will help when you need it.”

Your love of music and travel have clearly stayed with you throughout your life. What led you to ultimately work at WorldStrides?

“My husband and I co-led a few tours through Vienna, Austria, and Switzerland. We enjoyed the experience of being with students and parents, but something was missing...we had few planned experiences and huge wide-open blocks of time. That experience soured me on group travel because it lacked direction and focus. In 2015, I agreed to travel with my son’s youth orchestra and while the trip was a better experience, our concerts were empty except for the parents who had traveled with the orchestra. It was not enjoyable for the students to play concerts to an empty house. It did not matter how good the tour was. This huge component was so disappointing.

In 2017, I again agreed to travel with the youth orchestra on their international trip, but this time it was a WorldStrides trip. What a difference! Our tour guide was amazing! He helped connect



students with the history, culture, and music that was all around. He was passionate about sharing his love for the country and that passion was infectious! Our concerts had audiences! It was such a different experience performing for a full audience. After one of our performances in a small town, in a packed cathedral, the audience stayed and talked with the orchestra. This was a highlight for every musician. There was real connection with people from two sides of the world over music! When I decided that I wanted to work in performance travel, WorldStrides was the only place I wanted to be.”

How great to have the perspective of the traveler and the travel planner! What does it mean for you to be able to help directors give this type of experience to students?

It is my passion to help directors plan performing trips for their students. My own high school trip to Ireland is one of my best memories and it planted the idea that traveling and playing your instrument was an AMAZING experience. I want every young musician to have the chance to experience playing their instrument on the global stage. I want them to experience first-hand the joy that music brings to people all over the world. Performance travel helps students become better musicians and better global citizens.

I get to help directors make their dreams become a reality. We can put you in the exact same cathedral where Handel’s *Messiah* debuted on April 13, 1743 - wow! I also get to help directors inspire the next generation of musicians. That is a privilege and an honor.”

[Spotlight on:]
Jake Young
The Custom Performing Tour Coordinator shares his experience of following a musical path.

Describe how music led you to where you are today.

“Music has been a part of my life in some aspect since I was very little. I learned to play the clarinet and saxophone in middle and high school. I was also a music major in college. I studied everything from music theory, composition, music history, conducting, and even trained a bit as a choral singer. I managed to teach myself a little bit of piano. I have always been fascinated by music and the brain, music and culture, and music and religion. My final undergraduate paper was basically stating music is the reason for every foundation of our human society. It is the original, but most importantly, the ‘universal language’. It expresses the purest form of emotion where words fall short. The more I learn about music, the more I realize I can’t get enough.”

Your other passion is travel; tell us how you’ve managed to connect the two.

“Ever since I was a child, I had a passion for music and travel. However, little did I know how powerful those two were together. I have always loved traveling. I’ve been on a plane since I was an infant. Growing up, I traveled all over North America and parts of Western Europe including Italy, France, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and a majority of the continental United States. There was something about travel that was thrilling, uplifting, inspiring, and even addictive.

Junior year of college, I was anxiously looking over the list of courses for the upcoming year. I wanted to study abroad, but I knew I couldn’t be gone a whole semester. I decided to look at month-long sessions. I saw that there was a religious studies course that was paired alongside an international choir tour. It was a trip focusing on international performance and the rise of Methodism. The trip was one of the best experiences in my life. We traveled to the UK and performed in some very historic places, like Greyfriars Kirk in Edinburgh, where we sang with their choir in a Sunday service and I got to conduct the anthem



(Thomas Tallis’ *If Ye Love Me*); Salisbury Cathedral, where we participated in Evensong Service with their local choir; Selwyn College in Cambridge; and Royal Holloway College, just outside of London.

However, my a-ha! moment was conducting the Tallis anthem in Ely Cathedral. It was in that moment I realized I was no longer going for my Doctorate in Sacred Music (dual degree in music and divinity). I needed to create these opportunities for others. I needed to work for WorldStrides. Everyone deserves to experience their own life-changing moments like these. It wasn’t even a full week back at school before I started applying to WorldStrides.”

Wow, that’s a great story! What would you say to your director who led this trip for you as a student if they were here right now?

“There is something about the combination of WorldStrides, travel, education, *and* music that is just indescribable. I love what I get to do every day, and I am forever grateful for the experience. My director knows that it had an impact on me, but there is no way I could put my gratitude for them fully into words. The only way I can think of expressing it is by using the ‘universal language’ itself.”

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