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**BOSTON PHILHARMONIC YOUTH ORCHESTRA
 EUROPE 2015 - ITINERARY**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DESTINATIONS, TIMINGS, ETC. ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**DAY 1: BOSTON – LONDON OR ZURICH
 SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015
 GROUPS A AND B**

	Meet at Boston Logan International Airport.
04.00 PM	Group check-in at British Airways ticket counters – terminal E.
07.15 PM	Depart on British Airways flight 212 for London Heathrow Airport. * Two meals will be served on this flight.

GROUP C

	Meet at Boston Logan International Airport.
07.00 PM	Group check-in at Swiss Airlines – terminal E.
09.45 PM	Depart on Swiss Airlines flight 53 for Zurich. * Two meals will be served on this flight.

**DAY 2: LONDON/ZURICH - PRAGUE
 SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015
 GROUPS A AND B**

06.35 AM	Arrive London Heathrow Airport. Check monitors and proceed to the gate for your connecting flight. Please note it takes time to connect between terminals 3 and 5. You will also have to proceed through security again when moving between the two terminals. Lastly, the currency is the GBP or pound.
09.50 AM	Depart on British Airways flight 862 for Prague. *Adjust your watches ahead one hour.
12.45 PM	Arrive Václav Havel Airport Prague. Pass through Immigration and collect your luggage to go through Customs. Meet your tour managers in the arrivals hall. They will be holding a BPYO sign.
02.00 PM	Board buses and depart for your hotel.
02.45 PM	Arrive at the hotel and check-in. Freshen up. Park Hotel Veletržní 20, 170 00 PRAGUE 7, CZECH REPUBLIC Tel: +420 225 117 111 http://www.parkhotel-praha.cz/default-en.html
04.30 PM	Board buses and depart for some free time in the Old Town.
08.00 PM	Group Welcome Dinner at local restaurant.
10.00 PM	Board buses and return to the hotel.
	Overnight Prague.

GROUP C

10.55 AM	Arrive Zürich Kloten Airport. Check monitors and proceed to the gate for your connecting flight
12.35 PM	Depart on Swiss Airlines flight 1486 for Prague. * <i>Two meals will be served on this flight.</i>
01.55 PM	Arrive Václav Havel Airport Prague. Pass through Immigration and collect your luggage to go through Customs. Meet your tour managers in the arrivals hall. They will be holding a BPYO sign.
03.30 PM	Board buses and depart for your hotel.
03.30 PM	Arrive at the hotel and check-in. Freshen-up. Park Hotel Veletržní 20, 170 00 PRAGUE 7, CZECH REPUBLIC Tel: +420 225 117 111 http://www.parkhotel-praha.cz/default-en.html
05.30 PM	Depart for walking tour of Prague Old City in the Old Town.
08.00 PM	Group Welcome Dinner at local restaurant.
10.00 PM	Board buses and return to the hotel.
	Overnight Prague.

DAY 3: PRAGUE

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
09.00 AM	Depart for your sightseeing tour of Prague including the Hradcany castle district, St. Vitus's Cathedral, Lesser Town, Charles Bridge and the famous Astronomical Clock on the Old Town Square.* <i>This is primarily a walking tour. Wear comfortable shoes.</i>
12.00 PM	Lunch on own.
01.30 PM	Board buses and return to hotel.
04.30 PM	Board buses and depart for Smetana Hall for rehearsal. <i>*Bring instrument and music folder.</i>
05.30 – 08.30 PM	Rehearsal at Smetana Hall.
09.00 PM	Group dinner following the rehearsal at local restaurant.
11.00 PM	Board buses and return to the hotel.
	Overnight Prague.

DAY 4: PRAGUE

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
09.30 am – first group	Visit to the Estates Theater where Mozart premiered his celebrated operas, Don Giovanni in 1787 and La Clemenza di Tito in 1791. <i>*The group will be split into 4 groups. *Tour is approximately one hour</i>
	After the tour enjoy lunch on own and free time.
02.30 PM	Orchestra board buses and return to the hotel.
05.00 PM	Board buses and depart for Smetana Hall IN CONCERT ATTIRE. <i>*Bring instrument, concert attire and music folder. *Snacks will be handed out at the hotel before departure.</i>
06.00 PM	Sound check
07.00 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.
07.30 PM	CONCERT I: Smetana Hall – Municipal House Shostakovich/Dvorak/Bartok
10.30 PM	Group dinner in the Cafe of Municipal House (in the building)

12.00 AM	Depart for the hotel.
12.30 AM	Arrive hotel and overnight Prague.

DAY 5: PRAGUE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
09.00 AM	Board buses and depart for rehearsal at House of Culture Krakov. <i>*Bring instrument and music folder</i>
10.00 AM – 01.00 PM	Rehearsal
	Lunch on own and free time.
04.30 – 07.30 PM	Afternoon rehearsal at Krakov.
09.00 PM	Group dinner at the hotel.
	Overnight Prague.

DAY 6: PRAGUE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
08.30 AM – first two groups	Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Prague's Old Jewish Quarter, one of the most remarkable concentrations of Jewish heritage anywhere in the world. You will visit the Jewish Museum, the Maisel and Klaus and Pinkas synagogues and the w medieval Old Jewish Cemetery, final resting place of an estimated 20 thousand people <i>*Orchestra will be split into 5 groups.</i>
	After the tour enjoy lunch on own and free time.
02.30 PM	Orchestra board buses and return to the hotel.
05.00 PM	Board buses and depart for the venue. <i>Bring concert attire and music folder and instrument.</i> <i>*Snacks will be handed out at the hotel before departure.</i>
06.00 PM	Sound check
07.00 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.
07.30 PM	CONCERT II: Rudolfinum – Dvorak Hall Mozart/Ravel/Schoenberg/Strauss
10.15 PM	Board buses and depart for dinner.
10.30 PM	Vlata River Dinner cruise with dinner.
12.30 AM	Depart for the hotel.
01.00 AM	Arrive hotel and overnight Prague.

DAY 7: PRAGUE – PILSEN - PRAGUE

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 2015

From 06.30	Breakfast at the hotel.
10.30 AM	Depart for Pilsen. <i>* Estimated drive time: 1.5 hours</i> <i>*Bring instruments, concert attire and music folder</i> <i>*Please note all travel times may be extended due to traffic, road works or diversions.</i>
12.00 PM	Arrive Pilsen, European Capital of Culture and drop instruments at the venue.
	Time for lunch on own and sightseeing on own.
02.00 PM	Musician call time.
02.30 – 04.30 PM	Afternoon rehearsal.
05.00 PM	Group dinner.
06.45 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.

07.30 PM	CONCERT III: Mestanska Beseda Mozart/Ravel/Schoenberg/Strauss
10.30 PM	Board buses and return to Prague.
Midnight	Arrive hotel and overnight Prague

DAY 8: PRAGUE –DRESDEN - BERLIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

06.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Bring your luggage and instruments to buses.
07.00 AM	Depart for Dresden. Renowned for its destruction after World War II, the Florence of the North has regained its former glory. <i>*Estimated drive time: 2.5 hours</i>
09.30 AM	Enjoy a walking tour of Dresden including the Semper Opera House, the complex of pavilions and galleries called the Zwinger, and the famed Frauenkirche 'Church of Our Lady'. <i>*Orchestra will be split in to 5 groups.</i>
12.30 PM	Board buses and depart for Berlin. Boxed lunch will be distributed prior. <i>*Estimated drive time: 3 hours</i>
03.30 PM	Quick check in at Hotel Kolombus Kolombus Hotel Genslerstraße 18 13055 Berlin Fon +49 (0)30 981970 http://www.hotel-kolombus.com/
04.30 PM	Depart for the restaurant.
05.15 PM	Group dinner at restaurant close to the Philharmonie.
06.30 PM	Depart on foot to the Philharmonie. <i>*Estimated 10 minute walk.</i>
07.00 PM	Evening performance – Berlin Philharmonie Berliner Philharmoniker - Sir Simon Rattle Conductor - Christian Tetzlaff Violin Johannes Brahms Violin Concerto in D major Christian Tetzlaff Violin Claude Debussy Images pour orchestre Georges Enescu Romanian Rhapsody No. I in A major
By 10.30 PM	Board buses and depart to the hotel. <i>* Estimated drive time: 30 minutes</i> Kolombus Hotel
	Overnight Berlin.

DAY 9: BERLIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
09.30 AM	Depart on a sightseeing tour of Berlin. Sights include the old royal quarter and the beautiful buildings on Museum Island, Unter den Linden, Bebelplatz, Gendarmenmarkt, Checkpoint Charlie, the BerlinWall, Holocaust Memorial, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag.
12.30 PM	Group lunch.
02.00 PM	Return to the hotel to rest/practice/laundry/etc.

04.45 PM	Board buses and depart for the Philharmonie. <i>*Bring instruments and music folder.</i>
05.30 PM	Meet and greet with Maestro Simon Rattle.
06.30 PM	Snack in cafeteria.
07.30 -10.30 PM	Rehearsal.
11.30 PM	Board buses and return to hotel.
12.00 AM	Arrive at hotel and overnight Berlin.

DAY 10: BERLIN

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
10.15 AM	Visit one of the great museums of the world, Pergamon Museum, home to the world famous Market Gate of Miletus, the Ishtar Gate and Processional Way from Babylon. <i>*Group will be split into 6 sub-groups.</i>
	Lunch on own.
02.30 PM	Return to the hotel to rest/practice/laundry/etc.
05.30 PM	Dinner at hotel.
07.00 PM	Board buses and depart for venue IN CONCERT ATTIRE. <i>*Bring instrument and music folder.</i>
08.00 PM	CONCERT IV: Berlin Philharmonie Shostakovich/Dvorak/Bartok
11.00 PM	Depart for the hotel.
	Overnight Berlin.

DAY 11: BERLIN –LEIPZIG - KARLSRUHE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 2015

06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Luggage and instruments to buses.
07.30 AM	Board buses and depart for Leipzig. <i>*Estimated drive time: 2.5 hours</i>
10.00 – 11.30 AM	Enjoy a walking tour of Leipzig including St. Thomas Church, Augustus-Square with the Opera House and “Gewandhaus”, “Naschmarkt” with the Old Stock Exchange and Leipzig’s most famous street, the “Mädlerpassage”.
	Early lunch on own.
01.30 PM	Depart for Karlsruhe . <i>*estimated drive 7 hours plus one stop for food/drinks/bathrooms.</i>
08.30 PM	Check-in to hostel. A&O Hostel Bahnhofplatz 14-16 Deutschland - 76137 Karlsruhe +49 30 80 947 5109 http://www.aohostels.com/at/karlsruhe/karlsruhe-hauptbahnhof/
09.00 PM	Group dinner at the hostel.
	Overnight Karlsruhe.

DAY 12: KARLSRUHE –BERNE - SURSEE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

07.00 AM	Early breakfast at the hostel. Check-out. Luggage and instruments to buses. Concert attire in separate bag on the bus – NOT in suitcases.
08.00 AM	Depart for Berne, Switzerland. <i>* Estimated drive time: 4 hours</i>
12.00 PM	Arrive Berne and lunch on own and free time. Instruments will be stored on locked/cool buses.
02.30 PM	Call time for musicians.

03.00 – 05.00 PM	Rehearsal.
05.15 PM	Group dinner at local restaurant.
06.45 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.
07.30 PM	CONCERT V: KULTUR CASINO BERN Mozart/Ravel/Schoenberg/Strauss
10.30 PM	Board buses and depart for hotel. <i>*Estimated drive time: 1.5 hours</i>
12.00 AM	Arrive at Sursee hotel check-in and overnight. Campus Sursee Postfach 487, 6210 Sursee Tel. 041 926 26 26 http://www.campus-sursee.ch/

DAY 13: SURSEE –ZURICH
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015

06.30-10.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure at Campus Sursee.
12.00 PM	Board buses and depart for Zurich. <i>*Estimated drive time: one hour</i>
01.00 PM	Lunch on own upon arrival followed by sightseeing tour and some free time. Enjoy visiting the Grossmunster or twin-towered k cathedral founded by Charlemagne in the 9th century . Also enjoy St. Peterskirche, the Platzspitz and the trendy Bahnhofstrasse.
05.30 PM	Group dinner.
07.30 PM	Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich Concert Gustavo Dudamel Leitung Yuja Wang Klavier Richard Wagner Vorspiel und Liebestod aus "Tristan und Isolde" Richard Strauss Tod und Verklärung op. 24 Pjotr I. Tschaikowsky Klavierkonzert Nr. 1 b-Moll op. 23
09.30 PM	Board buses and return to Sursee. Overnight Sursee.

DAY 14: SURSEE – BERNE
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015

06.30-10.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
	Morning at leisure at Campus Sursee.
11.30 AM	Depart for Berne. <i>* Estimated drive time: 1.5 hours</i>
01.00 PM	Lunch on own upon arrival.
03.00 PM	Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the historical UNESCO World Heritage Old Town followed by some free time. Sites include the famed Zytglogge or clock tower, the Bundehaus, home to the Swiss Federal Assembly and the famous 16th century fountain Kindlifresserbrunnen (Ogre Fountain), which depicts a giant snacking on children!
	Board buses and depart for dinner and party with the musicians from the Berne Conservatory.
10.30 PM	Board buses and return to Campus Sursee.
12.00 AM	Arrive hotel and overnight Sursee.

DAY 15: SURSEE - INTERLAKEN**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015**

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
09.00 AM	Board buses and depart for Interlaken. <i>*Estimated drive time: 1 hour and 30 minutes</i> <i>*Bring concert dress, instrument and music folder. *Wear comfortable shoes for hike</i>
10.30 AM	Enjoy a one hour easy hike in the Swiss Alps. Instruments will be stored on locked and cool buses.
12.00 PM	Board buses and continue to Interlaken.
12.45 PM	Arrive Interlaken store instruments at the venue- locked room. Then free time and lunch on own.
02.30 PM	Call time for musicians.
03.00 – 05.00 PM	Rehearsal.
05.15 PM	Group dinner.
06.45 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.
07.30 PM	CONCERT VI: Congresszentrum Interlaken Mozart/Ravel/Schoenberg/Strauss
10.30 PM	Depart for the hotel.
12.15 AM	Arrive at the hotel and overnight Sursee.

DAY 16: SURSEE - BASEL**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015**

From 07.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
08.30 AM	Beyeler chamber concert musicians board bus with instruments, concert attire and music folder.
10.00 AM	Rehearsal for chamber concert.
10.00 AM	Board buses and depart for the Beyeler Gallery. Bring instrument, concert attire and music folder. <i>*Estimated drive time: 1 hour and 15 minutes</i> <i>*We will drop instruments off at the venue prior – locked room.</i>
11.00 AM	Chamber concert at the Beyeler Gallery.
11.30 AM	Visit the Gaugin exhibit.
	Lunch box distributed after visit.
01.00 PM	Board buses and depart for venue.
02.30 PM	Call time for musicians.
03.00 -05.00 PM	Rehearsal.
05.15 PM	Group dinner.
06.45 PM	Change into concert dress and prepare for concert.
07.30 PM	CONCERT VII: Casino Gesellschaft Basel Mozart/ Dvořák /Bartok
10.30 PM	Depart for the hotel.
11.45 PM	Arrive hotel and overnight Sursee.

DAY 17: SURSEE - LUCERNE**MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015**

06.30-10.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel.
11.30 AM	Board buses and depart for Lucerne. <i>*Estimated drive time: 30 minutes</i> <i>*Bring concert attire, instrument and music folder.</i> <i>*We will drop instruments at the venue prior – locked room.</i>
12.30 PM	Enjoy a visit to the Wagner Museum.
	After lunch on own and free time for exploration.
02.30 PM	Call time for musicians.
03.00 – 05.00 PM	Rehearsal.
	After the rehearsal a snack box will be distributed.
06.45 PM	Musician call time
07.30 PM	CONCERT VIII: KKL Luzern Shostakovich/Dvorak/Bartok
10.00 PM	Dinner at the KKL – Club Room.
12.00 AM	Board buses and return to hotel.
12.30 AM	Arrive at hotel and overnight Sursee.

DAY 18: SURSEE- ZURICH - USA**TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015****GROUP B**

From 06.30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Bring luggage and instrument to bus.
08.30 AM	Depart Zurich International Airport. <i>*Estimated drive time : 1.5 hours</i>
10.00 AM	Check-in to British Airways Ticket Counters.
01.10 PM	Depart on British Airways flight 713 for London Heathrow Airport.
02.05 PM	Arrive London Heathrow Airport. Check monitors and proceed to gate of your connecting flight. Layover: 5 hours and 20 minutes.
07.25 PM	Depart on British Airways flight 239 for Boston. <i>* One meal and a snack will be served.</i>
09.40 PM	Arrive Boston – welcome home!

GROUP A

06.30 – 10.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Bring luggage and instrument to bus.
11.15 AM	Depart Zurich International Airport. <i>*Estimated drive time : 1.5 hours</i>
12.45 PM	Check-in to British Airways Ticket Counters.
03.45 PM	Depart on British Airways flight 715 for London Heathrow Airport.
04.30 PM	Arrive London Heathrow Airport. Check monitors and proceed to gate of your connecting flight. Layover: 5 hours and 20 minutes.
06.00 PM	Depart on British Airways flight 215 for Boston. <i>* One meal and a snack will be served.</i>
08.05 PM	Arrive Boston – welcome home!

GROUP C

06.30-10.00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel. Check-out. Bring luggage and instrument to bus.
11.15 AM	Depart Zurich International Airport.
12.45 PM	Check-in to SwissTicket Counters.
05.30 PM	Depart on Swiss Airlines flight 52 for Boston. <i>* One meal and a snack will be served.</i>
07.55 PM	Arrive Boston – welcome home!