## The TOUR

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In Prague, Czech Republic, musicians and chaperones will be housed in a very nice hotel. During our trip we will be transported to important historic sites connected with musical/artistic development in Europe.

**North Stars Chamber Orchestra** has been specially invited to **perform** on the stage of the *Rudolfinum*, a famous performance hall in which Antonin Dvorak premiered many of his beloved masterpieces! This is indeed an honor we are humbled and delighted to receive.

Built on the banks of the Vltava, the *Rudolfinum* opened in 1885, and held its inaugural concert in 1896 with Dvorák conducting the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. Four select orchestras, including **North Stars Chamber Orchestra**, will perform a stand-alone, featured performance at this historic concert venue to commemorate Beethoven, Dvorák, and other great composers. This privileged selection was based on evaluations of our filmed performances.

While in Prague, our ensemble will also explore Dvorák's birth home, as well as Lobkowicz Palace at Prague Castle, where many remarkable, original scores of Beethoven's most famous works reside for history.

After arriving in Vienna, we will visit the graves of Beethoven, Strauss, Brahms, Schubert, and Mozart, and take an orientation tour of Vienna's main attractions and landmarks, enjoying a guided tour of historical Vienna. We will **perform** as part of the **American Celebration in Austria**, and then have an evening farewell dinner at the hotel.

**North Stars Chamber Orchestra** is comprised of young musicians (no younger than 13 unless accompanied by a parent) mainly from Mt Baker and Fidalgo Youth Symphonies, and also musicians from around the Northwest, Seattle, and the Islands of Washington (up to 23 years old).

Repertoire: selections will be from Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Dvorak's Symphonic Tone Poems, with orchestration based on the enrollment.

The North Stars concert tour in Lisbon Portugal in 2015 was an amazingly wonderful, successful event! We welcome adults to chaperone or simply to accompany the tour as supportive audience members.

We are planning a series of benefit concerts in Seattle, Mt Vernon, and Bellingham, to help alleviate the costs to our musicians. Installment amounts will be lowered as you assist by performing in our fund raising concerts. The schedule of concerts will be set in January.

The estimated cost of the tour (not including airfare) is based on the number of total participants: **20-24:** \$2,745, and this cost will be reduced incrementally as more musicians register. Obviously it is in everyone's best interests to we recruit as many solid players as possible!

## PRAGUE-VIENNA TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Name: (last, first, middle)
Age:Instrument(s)SexBirthdate
Address:
CityZip code:
cell phones:e-mail
Parent's name
cell phonese-mail:
Personal reference: Private or school teacher's name:
Email:
Phone numbers:
Years of experience on your instrument:recent solo or significant group performance piece showing your advancement level:
Other performance history and/or awards

Payments for this tour: \$350 registration fee (non-refundable)
Remaining installments to be paid each month, final payment due May 1, 2016
Send payments to: **PCMA, PO Box 1702 Mt Vernon WA 98273**Please write **Prague** on the outside of the envelope

Contact the Director: <u>sharynpeterson@hotmail.com</u> or 360-421-2527 see more tour info at <u>www.pcmusical.org</u>