

MCHS ORCHESTRAS

CENTRAL EUROPE TOUR – PARENT MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024



Trip Information

- Travel Dates: June 21 – July 2, 2024
- Four cities:
 - Prague & Ostrava, Czech Republic
 - Krakow & Wroclaw, Poland
- 115 students/alumni
 - 8 chaperone groups
 - 10 to 16 students per group
- 20 faculty and parent chaperones

Post School Year Rehearsal

Monday, June 17, 2024	Full Symphony	9 - 10:30 am
	Combined Encore - All musicians	10:30 - 11:30 am
	Trip Meeting - All Musicians	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Lunch Break	12:30 - 1 pm
	String Sinfonia (Philharmonic, Sinfonietta, Chamber & Percussionists)	1 - 2:15 pm

Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Full Symphony	9:45 - 10:45 am
	Combined Encore - All musicians	10:45 - 11:20 am
	Shoah Foundation - Auschwitz Presentation	11:30 am - 1 pm
	Lunch Break	1 - 1:30 pm
	String Sinfonia (Philharmonic, Sinfonietta, Chamber & Percussionists)	1:30 - 2:30 pm

- ✓ **6/17 - T-shirts, Luggage tags, garment bag (tuxedo), tote bag (concert dress) will be handed out**
- ✓ **6/20 – Wind Instruments packing**

Flight Information

28 People are on these flights:

- KLM 604 Jun 21st Friday 4:55 pm – 12:10 pm (LAX → Amsterdam)
 - KLM 1329 Jun 22nd Saturday 8:35 pm – 10:25 pm (Amsterdam → Krakow)
 - KLM 1350 Jul 2nd Tuesday 6:20 am – 7:50 am (Prague → Amsterdam)
 - KLM 601 Jul 2nd Tuesday 9:50 am – 11:30 am (Amsterdam → LAX)
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- Arriving at LAX by 2 pm on June 21st

Chaperones on these flights

Dan Xia & Ting-Yi Xia
Kathleen Paralusz & Jethro Hu

Students on these flights

Sam O'Brien & Jacob Chu
Denali Xia & McKinley Xia
Makaio Xia & Micah Chu
Alyssa Baca & Sophia Paulick
Cynthia Sam & Isabella Escobedo
Isabella Jacobson & Cambria Hu
Reese Zhang & Audrey Kim
Scarlett Peterman & Eva Asiddao
Sebastian Asiddao & Miles McPhee
Devyn Graeler & Emilee Juarez
Ewan McPhee & Issac Faynsod
Jade Arellano & Ever Bauer

Flight Information

55 People are on these flights:

- Lufthansa 457 Jun 21st Friday 2:55 pm – 10:45 am (LAX → Frankfurt)
 - Lufthansa 1366 Jun 22nd Saturday 11:50 am – 1:20 pm (Frankfurt → Krakow)
 - Lufthansa 1403 Jul 2nd Tuesday 6:05 am – 7:15 am (Prague → Frankfurt)
 - Lufthansa 456 Jul 2nd Tuesday 10:30 am – 1:00 pm (Frankfurt → LAX)
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- Arrive at LAX by 12 noon on June 21st

Chaperones on these flights

Winston Fan & Elyssa Minn
Michael & Alexandra Navarette
Kelly Meade & Stephanie Martin
Debbie Fan & Robert Minn

Students on these flights

Athena Lejeune & Giovanna Ortiz
Zoe Fan & Abigail Seo
Nicholas Clausen & Shawn Oh
Logan Elliott & Andrew Bui
Vita Minn & Brinley Jones
Sofia Morales & Junie Lee
Sofia Williams & Emma Tretiak
Christopher Fan
Daisei Horiguchi & Taylor Davidoff
Daichi Horiguchi & Mizuki Horiguchi
Dennis Freyman & Marty Matich
Sophia Perez & Kimaya Matai

Students on these flights

Mia Viljoen & Eden Avila
Joshua Kohorn & Frederick Prella
Lachlan Murphy & Oliver Swick
Michaela Navarette & Malin Kirkbride
Kat Kendall & Salem Spencer-Meade
Madelyn Fu & Geneva Huang
Emery de Virgilio & Sophia de Virgilio
Megan Jutabha & Mareen Shah
Audrey Henry & Karishma Dhawan
Morgan Griffiths & Jacob Handzlik
Chuan Eliezer & Ewen Luce
Michael Sinai & Kent Ikuta

Flight Information

50 People are on these flights:

- Austrian 82H Jun 21st Friday 3:05 pm – 11:35 am (LAX → Vienna)
 - Austrian 597H Jun 22nd Saturday 12:55 pm – 1:55 pm (Vienna → Krakow)
 - Austrian 712B Jul 2nd Tuesday 7:30 am – 8:20 am (Prague → Vienna)
 - Austrian 81B Jul 2nd Tuesday 9:55 am – 1:05 pm (Vienna → LAX)
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- Arrive at LAX by 12 noon on June 21st
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Chaperones on these flights

Jennifer Smith & Adrienne Russell
Albert Jeung & Deborah Park
Kerry Aguero & Scott Hughes

Students on these flights

Hannah Wu & Jasmine Le
Tori Iraheta & Priscilla Chen
Grace Chen & Emma Susilo
Ashlyn Green & Jaclyn Wang
Alex Wilmarth & Dev Prema
Jeremy Ting & Gärrick Buholzer
Colin Mukai & Hunter Plexico
Julia Wilmarth & Delilah Barnett
Jacqueline McInerney & Ilana Buholzer
Kaylie Fenton & Aviva Flechner
Antonio Cunha & Kenneth Mannan

Students on these flights

Evan Sulin & Christian Camacho
Lyla Russell & Katherine Fleming
Savine Nguyen & Skylar Smith
Kira Lockwood & Emi Lockwood
Pamelyn Wang & Charlotte Fan
Ethan Huang & Kylie Huang
Zachery Green & Wyatt Newbill
Charles Hiatt & Noah Weiss
Andrew Fan & Sam Safa
Ty Lockwood & Austin Lee
Charlie Dickey & Brayden Chuang

Flight Information

- Frequent flyer points – notify the agent your frequent flyer information at the time of check in
- For group booking, seats are assigned by block by the airlines. The group leaders:
 - ✓ Mr. Hughes (Austrian Airline)
 - ✓ Mr. Navarette (Lufthansa)

can facilitate switching seat assignments once boarded to accommodate individual concern. The flight attendants will need to know the switch for special meals delivery

Tom Bradley International Terminal

June 21st Departure



Airport Pick Up - July 2nd

- Go to Tom Bradley Terminal – Arrival (level 1)
- Go inside the building, **NO** curbside pick up
- Check out with the chaperone before leaving the airport

Itinerary

Day 1: Friday, June 21 – Los Angeles to Krakow

Today we travel to Krakow! We will start our journey by arriving at the LAX Airport – international terminal 3 hours before our flight. Meals and snacks will be served on our flights.

** Austrian and Lufthansa flights – arrive by noon

** KLM flight – arrive by 2 pm

Day 2: Saturday, June 22 – Krakow

We arrive in Krakow. Clear customs. Met by Culture Path staff. Board buses for the Schindler's Factory. Head to the hotel after the factory. Check-in. Dinner at the hotel. KLM flight students will receive dinner box meal after hotel check-in. Sleep!

Day 3: Sunday, June 23 - Krakow

After breakfast, instrument check for cellos, basses, wind and percussion. Rehearsal at the hotel. Lunch in central Krakow. After lunch, sightseeing walking tour with licensed English-speaking guides. Visit the Wawel Castle, Jewish Quarter and Schindler's Factory (for students who did not attend on Saturday). Dinner at local restaurant.

Itinerary

Day 4: Monday, June 24 –Krakow

After breakfast, we will visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines. This is the only mining facility that has been active for over 700 years. It is a huge underground kingdom with galleries and chambers. Return to Krakow for lunch. Rehearsal at Opera Krakowska begins at 2 pm with performance at 6:30 pm. After the performance, we will have dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Tuesday, June 25 – Krakow to Ostrava

After breakfast, we will leave Krakow to Ostrava. Enroute, we will visit Auschwitz in Oswiecim. Have lunch at a mall near Auschwitz. We will continue our 1 ½ hours journey to Ostrava. Arrive in at the hotel in late afternoon. Check-in. Dinner at hotel.

Day 6: Wednesday, June 26 - Ostrava

After breakfast, we will have an open rehearsal at the House of Culture POKLAD for local schools. After rehearsal, head over to central Ostrava for lunch and sightseeing walking tour. Depart for House of Culture in late afternoon. Prepare for 7 pm performance. Dinner at local restaurant.

Itinerary

Day 7: Thursday, June 27 – Ostrava to Wroclaw

After breakfast, we will depart for a 4 hours journey to Wroclaw. We will have lunch enroute to Wroclaw. Hotel check in. Afternoon sightseeing walking tour with licensed English-speaking guides. Dinner at local restaurant. After dinner, we will visit the Wroclaw Multimedia Fountain.

Day 8: Friday, June 28 – Wroclaw

After breakfast, sightseeing in the morning and lunch. Afternoon rehearsal at Wroclaw Academy Music with 6 pm performance. Return to hotel for dinner.

Day 9: Saturday, June 29 – Wroclaw to Prague

After breakfast, we depart for a 6 hours journey to Prague. Stop for lunch and arrive in hotel in late afternoon. Dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, we will have an evening stroll in the hotel area.

Itinerary

Day 10: Sunday, June 30 – Prague

After breakfast, we will have a morning sight-seeing walking tour with licensed English-speaking guide. Lunch in central Prague. Return to the hotel in the early afternoon for concert preparation. Rehearsal at Rudolfinum in the afternoon with performance at 7:30 pm. Post concert reception with shadow tour families. Dinner after reception.

Day 11: Monday, July 1 – Prague

After breakfast, we will visit various landmarks and have guided tours at the Theatre of the Estates and the Dvorak Museum, and have lunch in the area. At 5 pm, we will depart for our farewell dinner on the Vlatava River Cruise. Return to hotel to pack for next day early departure.

Day 12: Tuesday, July 2nd – Depart for home

Pick up to-go breakfast, Depart for Prague Vaclav Havel Airport at 3 am & 4:30 am (Austrian Airline flight) and our return flight to L.A.

Daily Lunch

- Lunch is not included in the cost of the trip. Please ensure your students have either cash in local currency, credit card, debit card, or ATM card (to withdraw local currency) for lunch, souvenirs, or other expenses
- Local currencies:
 - ❖ Czech Republic – Koruna (CZK)
 - ❖ Poland – Zloty (PLN)
 - ❖ Euros are accepted in some places

Special Meals

- Culture Path will notify airlines and restaurants of any special meal requirements when they pre-order the meals.
- We advise people with special meal requirements to bring some familiar/safe food/snacks from home as a back up



Trip T-Shirt

- There will be 3 required T-shirts
- 1st T-shirt: Black w/white & yellow logo to be worn for group photos and sightseeing trip
- 2nd T-shirt: Cardinal Red w/ white & yellow logo to be worn for group photos and sightseeing trip
- 3rd T-shirt: Forest green w/Music Department logo to be worn on both travel days to Krakow and home from Prague
- No changes are to be made on the shirts. - ie: no trimming or cutting etc.

Concert Attire

Tuxedo

- A garment bag labeled with student's name will be provided. The garment bag has pockets for shoes and music binders
- Make sure the student's name is on the inside of their jacket and pants
- Bring additional black socks
- Bring a wire hanger
- Consider attaching the bow tie to the shirt collar with a small safety pin
- Optional - pack an additional white tux shirt and bow tie

Concert Dress

- A small tote bag will be provided to store the dress, shoes and music folder
- Make sure the student's name is on the label of the dress

Packing Checklist

- 1 checked bag – max weight 50 lb.
- 1 carry-ons - must fit under the seat. **NO** overhead carry-ons allowed to ensure sufficient space for instruments
- Passport and a photocopy of the passport
- Airline ticket/board pass if you purchased your own airline ticket
- Performance items: instrument, music binder
- Performance clothes and shoes
- Cell phone, charger, international travel outlet adapter (2-prong, different from U.K. 2-prong)
- Cash, Credit/debit card, money, ATM card
- Prescription and over the counter medication in the original containers
- Toiletries: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc. (3.4 ounce max. size)

General Dress Code

- Comfortable, semi-casual attire including covered clothing that are appropriate when visiting sites such as a cathedral or the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Museum.

Packing Suggestions

- Re-fillable water bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Layers for airplane
- Snacks
- Small medical kit
- Laundry soap to wash clothes
- Tissues and hand wipes
- Neck pillow
- Headphones / earplugs
- Compression socks
- Books, journals, crossword & sudoku



Tickets to Performances

- Links to purchase tickets to the **June 26 - Ostrava House of Culture POKLAD** and **June 30 - Rudolfinum Dvorak Hall** performances are posted on the orchestra website www.mchsorchestra.com
- Invitation only for the **June 24 - Krakow** and **June 28 Wroclaw** concerts. Reservation is required. Complete the google form in the orchestra website to reserve your tickets



Communication



- WhatsApp will be used during the trip.
- Put Debbie Fan as a contact in your students' phone to get broadcasted messages. 310-344-5568
- It's free on all platforms - works on Wi-Fi & cell.
- No smartphone? Let Debbie know and we will make sure you have a communication buddy from a group or roommate
- Please download ASAP so we can create groups. Your student will be added to the chaperone group and all orchestra channels
- Ensure location tracking is turned on in the app on June 21st
- Add Czech Republic and Poland on your cell plan for the dates we will be in Central Europe if you do not already have an international calling plan.
- International plans approx. \$10 a day for many plans

Additional Notes

- Students and chaperones will be held to a high standard of deportment as outlined in the district codes of conduct and/or guidelines. Families will be notified in the event of any serious breaches.
- Be mindful of pickpocketing. Don't keep phone/wallet/passport in back pocket.
- You may find it useful to withdraw a small amount of cash at an ATM in Poland and Czech Republic.
- Make sure to contact your bank or Credit Card provider BEFORE you travel out of the country.
- Avoid buying souvenirs from street vendors. If you do - use small bills to avoid receiving counterfeit bills as change. Street vendors will approach you and ask you to buy their items. Say "No Thank You" and keep walking. Ignore them and keep walking if they continue to follow you.
- Wear your backpacks in front and not back. Or better yet – don't wear one.

Parents

- Please do not ask us if your student can leave the tour to spend time with family and friends. The answer is **NO!**
- As a school-sponsored trip, the chaperones, faculty and tour operators are responsible for your student. Taking your student out defies district guidelines and the insurances we have will become null and void.
- There will be time for photos after performances.
- Keep updated on details in the newsletter and website.