UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION CHOIR

2015 Concert Tour of Austria

Directed by
Dr. Grant William Cook III

MAY 14 - 25, 2015
**PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 16** – A short concert performance is planned at St. Stephen’s Cathedral.

**Sunday, May 17** – A concert performance is planned in or near Mödling.

**Monday, May 18** – An informal concert is planned in Melk Abbey and an evening concert performance is planned in Linz.

**Thursday, May 21** – An evening concert performance is planned in or near St. Leonhard.

**Saturday, May 23** – An evening concert performance is planned in or near Innsbruck.

**Sunday, May 24** – An informal concert performance is planned at Ettal Abbey.

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**May 2015**  
(Meals included: B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)

**14, Thursday**  
**Departure**

We’ll check in at the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport today for the transatlantic overnight flights to Europe. We’re on our way!

**15, Friday**  
**Vienna, Mödling**

Good morning! We have just arrived in Vienna. Following customs formalities, we’ll meet our tour manager and transfer to the waiting motorcoach for the drive into Vienna, the musical capital of Europe from the late 18th century through the early 20th century. We’ll have an orientation tour of Vienna with a panoramic drive on the Ringstrasse. We’ll see many of the ornate 19th-century buildings including the City Hall, Hofburg Palace, and the Opera. There are also monuments to many of the composers who lived and worked in Vienna. Following time for an independent lunch, we’ll depart Vienna and drive first to St. Marxer Friedhof to see Mozart’s grave. Next continue on to the Zentralfriedhof—or Central Cemetery. Notables interred at the cemetery include Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and more. Our final destination is Mödling, a charming wine village located outside Vienna. After hotel check-in and time to freshen up, dinner will be served. (D)

**16, Saturday**  
**Vienna, Mödling**

Our sightseeing today begins in Vienna’s Old Town with a visit to St. Stephen’s Cathedral. While here, we plan to give a short concert performance. Afterward, a visit is planned to the Figarohaus. Mozart lived here from 1784 to 1787, during which time he composed *The Marriage of Figaro*. Next visit the Karlskirche, built from 1716 to 1737. Following time for an independent lunch, we’ll head to Schönbrunn Palace. During the reign of Maria Theresa, Schönbrunn was the summer residence of the court. Following our tour, we’ll return to Mödling for dinner and the overnight. (B,D)

**17, Sunday**  
**Vienna, Mödling**

After breakfast this morning, we’ll return to Vienna to attend a worship service at the Augustinerkirche. Following the service and time for an independent lunch, we’ll head to the Vienna village suburb of Grinzing. While here, we’ll visit Heiligenstadt Testament House where Beethoven once lived. Following time to look around, continue on to the Grinzing cemetery to see the grave of Gustav Mahler. Later, we’ll return to Mödling for dinner at the hotel. This evening we plan to give a concert performance in or near Mödling. (B,D)

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**Tour Cost**

- $3,799 per person from Detroit based on double occupancy if signed up by October 31, 2014
- $3,899 per person from Detroit based on double occupancy if signed up after October 31, 2014

Register online at [www.regonline.com/2015Austria](http://www.regonline.com/2015Austria) or complete and return the printed registration form.
18, Monday       Melk, St. Florian, Linz
We’ll depart Mödling this morning and travel along the Danube to Melk. We’ve come here to visit the magnificent Melk Abbey, which crowns a rocky bluff overlooking the Danube. Inside is one of the most impressive baroque organs in all of Europe. While here, we plan to give an informal concert performance. Later we’ll continue on to St. Florian to visit the Abbey of St. Florian, the largest abbey in Upper Austria and an eminent cultural center. It is here that the composer Anton Bruckner worked for many years. Our final destination of the day is the lovely town of Linz. Upon arrival, we’ll check in at our hotel for dinner. This evening we plan to give a concert performance in Linz. (B,D)

19, Tuesday      Lake District, St. Leonhard
After breakfast this morning, we’ll depart for the Salzkammergut or Lake District, with its many beautiful lakes and interesting towns. Our first stop will be in Gmunden located on Lake Traunsee. While here, we’ll have free time to perhaps walk along the Esplanade or visit Ort Castle. Next we’ll continue on to Steinbach am Attersee, where Gustav Mahler spent his holidays. While here, we’ll have an opportunity to see the cottage where he composed several of his compositions. Next a visit is planned to Mondsee, located near Lake Mondsee. Following time to enjoy this scenic town, we’ll continue on to the pleasant town of St. Leonhard, located just outside of Salzburg. Upon arrival, we’ll check in at the hotel for dinner and the overnight. (B,D)

20, Wednesday   Salzburg, St. Leonhard
Our sightseeing in Salzburg begins with a visit to the Salzburg Dom. Mozart was baptized in the baptismal font in 1756. Next a visit is planned to Mozart’s Geburtshaus where he composed many works of his youth. Mementoes of his life can be seen here, as well as portraits and letters. Our final visit will be at the Tanzmeisterhaus, the Mozart family residence and now a museum. The first floor documents the history of the house and the life of the Mozart family there. The remainder of the day will be at leisure for independent exploration. During your free time, you might consider taking a ride on the cogwheel train up the sheer block of Dolomite rock to the mighty Hohensalzburg Fortress. Later we’ll return to St. Leonhard for dinner. (B,D)

21, Thursday    Salzburg, St. Leonhard
We’ll return to Salzburg this morning for a visit to Mirabell Gardens with its many statues, pools, and flowers. Next, walk past the Mozarteum to the Markartsteg, the pedestrian bridge across the Salzach. From here, walk to St. Peter’s Church and churchyard for a visit and then on to the Universitätskirche. Following our tour, there will be free time for independent shopping and exploration. Later in the day, we’ll return to St. Leonhard for dinner at the hotel. This evening a concert performance is planned in or near St. Leonhard. (B,D)
22, Friday  Berchtesgaden, Innsbruck

Our travels today take us into Germany for a visit to Berchtesgaden. From here it’s just a short drive to Königssee, a lovely lake in Bavaria. We’ve come here to take a boat cruise to Salet, at the southern point of the lake, and back. After our cruise we’ll return to Austria and make our way to the charming town of Innsbruck. Following hotel check-in and time to freshen up, dinner will be served. (B,D)

23, Saturday  Innsbruck

This morning we’ll take a guided walking tour of Innsbruck. We’ll see the “Little Golden Roof” of Maximilian of Habsburg, and visit the Hofkirche, which was built to contain Maximilian’s mausoleum. Following our tour, the remainder of the day will be at leisure for shopping and independent exploration. This evening we plan to give a concert performance in or near Innsbruck. (B,D)

24, Sunday  Neuschwanstein, Wies, Ettal, Erding

First thing this morning, we’ll leave Innsbruck and make our way back into Germany and on to Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the fairytale castles built by King Ludwig. After plenty of time for a visit, we’ll continue on to Wies to see the Wieskirche, an amazing realization of Bavarian rococo art. Our next stop is Ettal Abbey, which was founded by Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian in 1330. This monastery is still active today. While here, we plan to give an informal concert performance. Following time to look around, we’ll continue on to Erding to check in at our hotel for the final night of the tour. After time to freshen up, dinner will be served. (B,D)

25, Monday  Return

After breakfast, we’ll transfer to the airport for the return flights to the U.S. (B)
REGISTRATION FORM
University of Mount Union Choir
2015 Concert Tour of Austria
May 14 - 25, 2015
$3,799 per person by October 31, 2014
$3,899 per person after October 31, 2014
Double Occupancy

For office use only

PASSENGER DETAILS

NAME - EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT - Print Clearly

Last  First  Full Middle  I do not have a middle name

☐ Male  ☐ Female  Preferred first name ____________________________

Birthday mm/dd/yyyy  Citizenship: ☐ U.S.  ☐ Other (country)

Passport # __________________________ Exp. Date mm/dd/yyyy

Special Meals: ☐ Vegetarian  ☐ Diabetic  ☐ Low Sodium  ☐ Gluten free

☐ Other Dietary Needs __________________________ Food Allergies __________________________

MAILING ADDRESS

Address (HOME)
Street ___________________________________________ P.O. Box________
City ___________________ State ________ Zip __________

Address (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)
Street ___________________________________________ C.P.O. Box________
City ___________________ State ________ Zip __________

Mail should be directed to this address from mm/dd/yr to: mm/dd/yr

CONTACT INFORMATION

Personal E-mail __________________________________________

School E-mail __________________________________________

Home Phone _______ / ____________  Work Phone _______ / ____________

Cell Phone _______ / ____________

EMERGENCY CONTACT NOT TRAVELING WITH YOU

________________________________________ Phone _______ / ____________

ROOMMATE/ACCOMMODATIONS

☐ Instead of double occupancy, I prefer single occupancy (+ $525 per person)

ROOMMATE CHOICES

1. ____________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________

If you do not specify a roommate, you will be assigned one.
Final roommate assignments are made at the discretion of your group leader.

CONTINUED
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Indicate below if you wish to purchase or decline travel protection. To purchase travel protection, add the full premium to your deposit check.

The per person premium for this travel protection is $173.*

☐ I/we wish to purchase the travel protection. Full payment of the premium is included with my/our deposit check.
☐ I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I/we understand that this travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

*It may be necessary to increase the premium for participants who require single accommodations and for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Are you bringing an instrument or any other items that will be packed in a case separate from your suitcase on the flights and on tour?  ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Type of Instrument or equipment______________________________________________________________

Weight of instrument or equipment in its case ____________________________________________________

Measurements of case in inches: Height _____  Width _____  Depth _______

SIGNATURE

I/we have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte’s Travel Protection Plan as well as Hazardous Materials and Price Increase Rules.

Signature of participant
______________________________________________________________  Date ____________________

Signature of parent or guardian (required for travelers under 18)
______________________________________________________________  Date ____________________

Important Note – Payment reminders will be emailed to travelers who provide their email addresses. Everyone else will receive payment reminders by regular mail.

Travel Protection Information:

• Witte Travel’s Travel Protection Plan, offered by Travelex Insurance Services, is the easy, affordable way to protect your travel investment!

• You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at any time prior to making final payment on the tour.

• The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions is waived if you enroll within 14 days of registering for the tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you enroll.

• The travel protection premium is nonrefundable.

• For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see “Optional travel protection” in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.

REVIEW YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND BE SURE YOU

☐ Completed the PASSENGER DETAILS section.
☐ Indicated if you wish to purchase or decline TRAVEL PROTECTION.
☐ Completed the SPECIAL EQUIPMENT section.
☐ Included your deposit check. If you are purchasing travel protection, add the full premium to your deposit check.
☐ Signed and dated your Registration Form.

These items MUST be completed before your Registration Form can be processed.
The cost of your tour includes:

Air transportation from Detroit to Vienna and from Munich returning to Detroit with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling round trip together. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. Passengers who cancel after tickets are issued will forfeit the total airfare in addition to the penalties noted under “Cancellations and Refunds.” If cancellation results from the documented hospitalization or death of the passenger, part of the airfare penalty may be waived. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

Secure flight information. The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA’s privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at tsa.gov using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte Travel & Tours (Witte) takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of all information collected from its clients.

Frequent flyer points are not guaranteed in connection with group airfares. Some airlines may limit group airfare credits to 25% to 50% of the frequent flyer points that apply to individuals while others do not offer any credits for group airfares.

Hazardous Materials. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your luggage or on your person. A violation can result in five years’ imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. For more information, examples and special exceptions, visit: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

Land transportation. A deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach is used for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. Because motorcoach travel is restricted in many European cities, sightseeing is often done on foot or via public transportation.

Accommodations in tourist- and superior tourist-class hotels based on two to three students sharing a room with private facilities. Adult directors and chaperons will be accommodated in twin-bedded rooms. The supplement for single accommodations is $525. If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

A multi-lingual tour manager to accompany the group from arrival in Vienna until departure from Munich. The tour manager may be assisted by local guides as needed.

Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

Tipping and taxes are included for all services, including the tip for the tour manager and motorcoach driver.

The tour cost does not include passports, airline luggage fees, portage of luggage, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

Insecticide Disclosure. Some countries require that aircraft be treated with insecticides prior to flight or while occupied. For a list of the countries with insecticide requirements, go to http://airconsumer.dot.gov/spray.htm.

Optional travel protection. Witte recommends that each traveler purchase a travel protection package. For your convenience, we make available a travel protection plan offered by Travelers Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be waived if your premium is received by Witte within 14 days of the initial deposit for your tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. Tours over 30 days are not eligible for coverage. The premium for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour is noted on the registration form. It may be necessary to increase the travel protection premium for participants who require single accommodations and for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The travel protection premium is nonrefundable and is subject to change. If the premium has increased, participants who indicate they wish to purchase the travel protection will be notified and given the option of declining it. Note that the premium may be higher for those who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The travel protection plan does not cover any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte.

Schedule of Coverages

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Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate. For example, coverage does not apply to any sickness or condition of a Traveling Companion or an Immediate Family member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your Trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time your premium is received), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war, mental or nervous disorders. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person or persons with whom you have coordinated travel arrangements and intend to travel with during the Trip. Sickness or injury must commence while the travel protection plan is in effect for you. This plan does not cover a loss that results from an illness, disease or condition (of you, an Immediate Family Member, Traveling Companion or Business Partner), event or circumstance that occurs at a time when the plan is not in effect for you. A Travel Insurance Certificate, which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the insurance offered, will be included in the confirmation packet of those travelers who purchase this travel protection. For more information prior to purchase, go to http://www.wittetravel.com/tours/home/travel-protection/. You may also request a copy of the Certificate from our office at any time.

This plan is administered by Stonebridge Casualty Insurance Company, a Transamerica company, Columbus, OH.

Documentation: U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you already have a passport, check its expiration date now since the countries visited on this tour require passports to be valid for at least three months beyond the traveler’s intended return date. If your passport is due to expire earlier, you will need to obtain a new one. If you do not have a passport or need a new one, apply as soon as possible. If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens at the time they register and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte is not responsible for any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte.

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for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

**Minor children** traveling internationally without both parents are encouraged to carry a notarized note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. Although this is not a requirement, it will save time if questions arise while clearing customs.

**Luggage allowance.** You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. These size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines’ requirements. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet. You will be responsible for your own luggage throughout the tour so don’t bring more than you can comfortably lift and carry. Backpack-style and over-the-shoulder luggage is recommended.

**Tour cost.** The tour cost is based on a group of 60 passengers, current tariffs for air and land arrangements, and on an exchange rate of $1.36 to €1.00.

**Please note** that these travel arrangements are subject to possible price increases due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. You may be charged additional sums by Witte to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, and/or smaller group size. Before passing on an increase, Witte will use its best efforts to minimize the amount. If it is necessary to increase the tour cost, participants will be advised at final billing and provided with a summary of the contributing factors. Your signature below indicates consent to any post-purchase price increases.

**Reservations and payments.** To make reservations on this tour, complete the Registration Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

- Payment of $650 per person by December 1
- Payment of $650 per person by January 30

**Please note** that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a $30 service fee.

**Credit card are not accepted for this tour.**

**Cancellations and refunds.** Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

- More than 120 days prior to departure - $ 100
- Between 120 and 91 days prior to departure - $ 175
- Between 90 and 61 days prior to departure - $ 325
- Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure - $ 475
- 30 or fewer days prior to departure - No Refund

The above penalties apply to the cost of the land arrangements and are in addition to the airfare penalty noted under “Air Transportation.” The service fee noted under “Special Flight Arrangements,” the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant, and the cost of travel protection, is also added to the above penalties. Cancellation insurance is available. Allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments.

**Membership.** Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct is incompatible with the interest of the group. Each special needs participant must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for his/her well-being. Witte reserves the right to exclude from the tour any special needs person whose condition impairs customary operation of the tour.

**Land-only participants.** If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group’s flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group’s airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group’s flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group’s flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

**Special meal requests and food allergies.** Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

**Final tour documents**—including itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, flight schedules with departure instructions, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Flight tickets are usually made available at the airport at check-in time.

**Responsibility.** As the tour operator, Witte Travel & Tours will be responsible for supplying the services and accommodations outlined in the brochure as constituting the tour, except to the extent that such services cannot be supplied, wholly or partially, owing to circumstances beyond its control. In such cases, Witte Travel & Tours will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. Witte Travel & Tours, its agents, sponsors, organizers, and employees shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from strikes, weather, sickness, acts of war or terrorism, governmental restrictions or regulations or from any act or omission on the part of any individual or company furnishing transportation, accommodations or any other services to the tour participants; nor shall Witte Travel & Tours be responsible for any injuries, death, damages, loss or delay in any means of transportation or by reason of any event beyond its actual control. Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to make changes in the tour dates or itinerary routing should circumstances make such necessary. In case of insufficient participation, Witte Travel & Tours may cancel the tour. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte Travel & Tours, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte Travel & Tours will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject. California Passengers: Witte Travel & Tours is licensed under the California Seller of Travel Act—registration number 201-3304-40. Witte Travel & Tours is a member of the National Tour Association, the mark of excellence in the group tour industry.

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