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Here is your chance for the experience of a lifetime as a member of **Ohio Musicians Abroad**.

1. Experienced leaders who have traveled and performed in Europe on many occasions.
2. A traveling staff of outstanding Music Advisors and chaperones drawn from music educators across the area.
3. A tour backed by the expertise of the professionals at Music Travel Consultants, based in Indianapolis.
4. Carefully arranged concert sites for the countries we visit.
5. Comfortable accommodations with excellent hotels in each country.
6. An itinerary that features a careful selection of large cities with their iconic landmarks, picturesque mountains and landscapes and smaller towns with their charm.
7. A tour that brings music, history and culture together for all participants.
8. An opportunity to meet other talented Ohio musicians at our rehearsal camp preceding the tour. Often the bonds made at our camp last many years.
9. An opportunity to share our music with European audiences. Their warm embrace won't be forgotten.
10. A chance to broaden one's horizons, to be a richer person, to appreciate the similarities and differences among cultures and to return to the United States as a more thoughtful, appreciative citizen. You will come to understand that we are much more alike than we are different.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

WHAT DOES THE LAND PACKAGE COST INCLUDE?

All concert arrangements, tourist class hotels with bath or shower, two meals per day, all sightseeing per itinerary, necessary entrance fees per itinerary, tips, motor coach transportation throughout the tour, driver expenses, music advisors and administration.

CAN I GUARANTEE THE PRICE?

Yes. All payment plans require an initial deposit of \$500 on or before June 15. Airfare will be added to the land package cost approximately eight months prior to departure. Additional payment information will be discussed at the enrollment meetings.

WHERE WILL THE REHEARSAL CAMP BE HELD?

The three-day rehearsal camp will be held in the metro Cleveland area. Exact location will be confirmed at the spring meetings.

CAN ADULTS ENROLL?

Yes. We encourage adult travelers to join our exciting tour.

CAN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 15 TRAVEL?

Yes. We make provisions for travelers under 15 with special permission or when traveling with an adult parent or guardian.

WHY A CONCERT TOUR?

The music directors are firmly committed to providing an opportunity for student musicians to experience the joy of international travel combined with music-making. In our many years of travel abroad, we have witnessed how participants can be transformed through these experiences.

Spring 2024 Meeting SCHEDULE

In general, you should plan to attend the meeting nearest your home. If you can't make that meeting, you may attend any other meeting that fits your schedule. We encourage students and parents to take advantage of the earliest meeting dates possible. Meetings will last approximately one hour. During the meeting, you will receive all the details regarding the tour from the music directors, local staff and representatives from Musicians Abroad.

Please bring your personalized invitation card with you to the meeting. It contains a unique code you will use at check in.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Greenville Middle School
1111 North Ohio Street, Greenville,
OH 45331
HOST: Brian McKibben

Friday, May 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Wayne HS
5400 Chambersburg Rd, Huber
Heights, OH 45424
HOST: Kirsten Showers

Saturday, May 31, 2025

11:00 AM

Hilliard Davidson HS
5100 Davidson Rd., Hilliard, OH
43026
Host: Joshua Dufford

Saturday, May 17, 2025

11:00 AM

Tusky Valley HS
2629 Tusky Valley Rd NE
Zoarville, OH 44656
HOST: Merri Gensley

Saturday, May 24, 2025

11:00 AM

Nagel MS
1500 Nagel Rd., Cincinnati, OH
45255
Host: Chad Sheridan, Toby
Biederman

Saturday, May 31, 2025

2:00 PM

Miami East Local Schools
3825 N. State Route 589,
Casstown, OH 45312
Host: Omar Lozano

Saturday, May 17, 2025

4:00 PM

Berea-Midpark HS
165 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, OH
44017
HOST: Brett Benzin

Saturday, May 24, 2025

2:00 PM

Walnut Hills HS
3250 Victory Pkwy, Cincinnati, OH
45207
Host: Richard Canter

Monday, June 2, 2025

7:00 PM

Sylvania Northview HS
5403 Silica Dr, Sylvania, OH
43560
HOST: Nathan Heath

Saturday, May 17, 2025

7:00 PM

Mentor HS
6477 Center St, Mentor, OH
44060
HOST: Ben & Amanda McMurtrie

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

7:00 PM

Sandusky HS
2130 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky,
OH 44870
HOST: Danny Klohn

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:00 PM

Bath HS
2850 Bible Road Lima, OH 45801
HOST: Stephen Hanhold

Tuesday, MAY 20, 2025

7:00 PM

Pettisville HS
232 Summit St. Pettisville, OH
43553
HOST: Duane Beck

Friday, May, 30, 2025

7:00 PM

Waverly HS
1 Tiger Dr., Waverly, OH 45690
Host: Zachary Ross

The meeting schedule is subject to change.

Please visit the website for a complete and updated list of meeting dates, times and locations.

Please direct all questions to ohio@musiciansabroad.com or 800.616.1112

International Performance Tour **ITINERARY**

Friday, June 5, 2026 ✦ Check In, Meet and Greet

Get checked in, meet your roommate and move into your room. The afternoon and evening will include rehearsal, dinner and time with newfound friends.

Saturday, June 6, 2026 ✦ Rehearsal Day

After breakfast, you'll spend a full day in sectionals and rehearsals working on the performance literature.

Sunday, June 7, 2026 ✦ Rehearsal, Bon Voyage Concert

Your final rehearsals occur throughout the day and culminate with a concert for your family, friends and supporters. Head home for a few days of rest and repack before your trip to Europe.

Friday, June 12, 2026 ✦ Travel Day

It's up early as we depart from an international airport for your flight to Europe!

Saturday, June 13, 2026 ✦ Arrive in London Windsor Castle

Welcome to London! Pass through customs and grab your luggage. We will transfer and tour Windsor Castle, check in to your hotel and enjoy a nice dinner. Get some much-needed sleep!

Sunday, June 14, 2026 ✦ London Sights, Concert

Enjoy the sights and sounds and learn about the city on a guided panoramic tour. You'll have some time to lunch in Borough Market, a wholesale and retail market hall in Southwark. It is one of the largest and oldest food markets in London, dating back to at least the 12th century. The Concert Choir will perform.

Monday, June 15, 2026 ✦ London Sights, Concert

After an early morning breakfast, off we go to experience the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Changing of The King's Guard takes place in front of Buckingham Palace. Next, you'll visit the Tower of London, officially His Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress. The Tower of London is an historic castle on the north bank of the River Thames. The Concert Band will have a performance then you'll have a leisurely evening to enjoy the city. You might want to see a Broadway show in the West End.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 ✦ Ferry Ride, Paris

You'll be up early to check out of the hotel as we make our way to France. Board the ferry in Dover and arrive in Calais. On to Paris and hotel check in and dinner.



Wednesday, June 17, 2026 ✦ Paris Sights, Concerts

Paris is the city of love and offers many sights including Notre-Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe and The Louvre Museum. Shopping and the excitement of the city abound. The Concert Choir will perform followed by a dinner cruise on the Seine River.

Thursday, June 18, 2026 ✦ Palace of Versailles, Concert, Montmartre

After breakfast, you'll board the coaches to travel to Versailles Palace, the summer palace of Louis XIV. Admire the state apartments, Chapel and the Hall of Mirrors. There are numerous historical buildings in Versailles, including the one in which, on September 3, 1783, the Government of British King George III, by signing the Treaty of Versailles, recognized the independence of the 13 United States. Following the Concert Band performance, we're off to Montmartre. The charming hilltop Montmartre district, also known as La Butte, is a former artists' village once inhabited by Picasso and Dalí, and home to the domed Sacré-Cœur basilica. Scale the many steps up to Montmartre for an amazing view of the city and wonderful dinner.



International Performance Tour ITINERARY

Friday, June 19, 2026 ➤ Travel to Andermatt
Switzerland, Swiss Folklore Dinner

Time to load up the suitcase and board the coaches. You'll be mesmerized by the beauty of the terrain as we travel to Switzerland. Tonight, we will have dinner in Andermatt.

Saturday, June 20, 2026 ➤ Mount Pilatus

Grab a good breakfast and check out of the hotel. You'll see breathtaking views from Mount Pilatus, a mountain massif overlooking Lucerne in Central Switzerland. It is composed of several peaks, of which the highest is named Tomlishorn. Enjoy a leisure afternoon in Lucerne.

Sunday, June 21, 2026 ➤ Andermatt, Ensemble Concert

Today will include some sightseeing and shopping in Andermatt followed by a full ensemble concert.

Monday, June 22, 2026 ➤ Neuschwanstein Castle,
Oberammergau, Germany

Enjoy a great traditional breakfast and load your suitcase once again as we begin our journey to Germany. On our way, you'll visit Neuschwanstein Castle, a 19th-century historicist palace on a rugged hill of the foothills of the Alps in the very south of Germany, near the border with Austria.



Tuesday, June 23, 2026 ➤ Dachau, Munich,
Oberammergau, Concert

Just outside Munich, you'll experience Dachau Concentration Camp. Dachau was one of the first concentration camps built by Nazi Germany and the longest running one, opening in March of 1933. The camp was initially intended to intern Hitler's political opponents, which consisted of communists, social democrats and other dissidents. You'll have free time for shopping and lunch in Munich before we travel back to Oberammergau for dinner and full ensemble concert.



Wednesday, June 24, 2026 ➤ Salzburg, Vienna Austria

We are up early as we depart for Salzburg where you will have time to explore the old town and grab lunch before we travel to Vienna Austria later in the day.

Thursday, June 25, 2026 ➤ Walking Tour of Vienna,
Central Cemetery

After breakfast, your day of sightseeing begins with a drive along Ring Boulevard, Hofburg Palace and the State Opera. Learn why Bruckner, Brahms, Beethoven and Strauss called this Austrian capital home. Visit St. Stephen's Cathedral and see the midday parade of historical figures at the musical Anker Clock and Central Cemetery.

Friday, June 26, 2026 ➤ Vienna, Concert, Farewell
Dinner

Start the day with a hearty breakfast as we begin our final full day overseas. We'll have our final full ensemble performance today followed by a special Farewell Dinner.

Saturday, June 27, 2026 ➤ Flights Home

It's the last morning of a magnificent tour filled with experiences that will stay with you forever. We're off to Vienna International Airport for departure. Today you will gain back the six hours you lost on your flight to London many days ago! We return to the U.S. excited, enthused and exhausted yet enriched.

Meet Your **MUSIC DIRECTORS**

Coordinator **Bruce Moss**

Bruce Moss began his teaching career at York Community High School in Elmhurst, Illinois, where for 11 years he led an exemplary program as Director of Bands and Music Department Chair. Upon completing his doctorate in 1989, he served as Director of Bands at St. Cloud State University and Eastern Illinois University. In 1994 he began his 30 year tenure at Bowling Green State University as Director of Band Activities. Dr. Moss conducted all the university's wind bands. Under his leadership, the Wind Symphony performed at numerous conventions and featured leading artists from around the country.



Dr. Moss began his doctoral studies at Northwestern University as a student of John Paynter. He later completed his PhD from The Ohio State University where he studied with Craig Kirchoff and Jere Forsythe. He holds BS and MS degrees from the University of Illinois, having studied extensively with Harry Began.

In 2024, Dr. Moss completed his 45th season as Conductor and Music Director of the Wheaton Municipal Band (IL). The band gained widespread recognition from its inclusion in the WGBH-TV PBS American Experience documentary "If You Knew Sousa." He has led the Wheaton Band to multiple performances at The Midwest Clinic and at featured performances for the American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA). Regarded as one of the finest adult bands in operation today, the band regularly features appearances by notable guest conductors, soloists and composers from all over the world.



Choral Conductor **Mark Munson**

Mark Munson retired in 2024 as Director of Choral Activities and Professor of Music Education at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) where he conducted choruses and taught classes in choral literature and conducting. Prior to joining the university faculty, he taught eight years of junior and senior high school choral music, primarily in his home state of Pennsylvania. During the 2005-06 academic year he participated in a faculty exchange to Sweden where he was a visiting professor of music at Musikhögskolan i Malmö of Lund University, a choral music specialist at Fröknegårds skolan in Kristianstad and visiting conductor of Christianstads Motettkör.

BGSU choruses under Dr. Munson's direction toured both domestically and internationally and made appearances at professional conferences. He conducted the Toledo and Lima Symphony Orchestras in holiday performances and prepared major choral/orchestral works for several internationally renowned conductors. Among offices held in professional organizations, he served as president of the Central Region of the American Choral Directors Association and of the Ohio Choral Directors Association. He authored articles published in several periodicals, most notably the ACDA Choral Journal. He continues to be active as a guest conductor, choral clinician and church musician.



Orchestra Conductor **Alexander Munson**

Alexander Munson is the Orchestra Director at Toledo School for the Arts. Alex has a BM in Music Education from Bowling Green State University. He instructs Beginning Orchestra, Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced String Orchestra, Beginning Guitar Ensemble, Intermediate Guitar Ensemble and General Music. He also co-directs Studio Orchestra and Mariachi Band. In his spare time he is a freelance musician and accompanist.

Meet Your STAFF

Aaron Rex 🎸 Mason High School

Kathy McGrady 🎸 Springfield Local Schools (Ret.)

Adam Reardon 🎸 Margaretta Local

Kirsten Showers 🎸 Wayne High School

Alex Munson 🎸 Toledo School for the Arts

Lindsey Mutter 🎸 Preble Shawnee Local Schools

Alicia Krill 🎸 Edgerton Schools

Mark Munson 🎸 Choir Director

Amanda McMurtrie 🎸 Perry Public Schools

Matthew Kennicut 🎸 Wayne Trace HS

Amanda Reardon 🎸 Margaretta Local

Megan Kovach 🎸 North Olmstead HS

Andrew Homan 🎸 Sinclair CC

Merri Gensley 🎸 Tusky Valley Schools

Anthony Youmans 🎸 Pickerington HS

Michelle Miller 🎸 Carrollton Schools

Ben McMurtrie 🎸 Mentor High School

Mike Procyk 🎸 VanWert Schools

Brett Benzin 🎸 Berea HS

Nathan Heath 🎸 Sylvania Northview HS

Brian McKibben 🎸 Greenville Schools

Omar Lozano 🎸 Miami East HS

Chad Sheridan 🎸 Nagel Middle School

Richard Canter 🎸 Walnut Hills HS

Chris Nussbaum 🎸 Massillon City Schools

Rob Tanis 🎸 Lakota East HS

Danny Klohn 🎸 Sandusky HS

Stephen Hanhold 🎸 Bath HS

Duane Beck 🎸 Pettisville HS

Terry Diluciano 🎸 Farifield Local Schools ret.

Erin Sullivan 🎸 Massillon City Schools

Toby Biederman 🎸 Anderson HS

Jacob Miller 🎸 Pickerington HS

Trevor Garrabrant 🎸 Mt. Vernon High School

Jason Lozer 🎸 Columbus Grove HS

Will Davis 🎸 Notre Dame Catholic

Jayce Bender 🎸 Swanton HS

Zach Ross 🎸 Waverly City Schools

Joshua Dufford 🎸 Hilliard Davidson HS

Zoey Paulus 🎸 Mt. Gilead HS

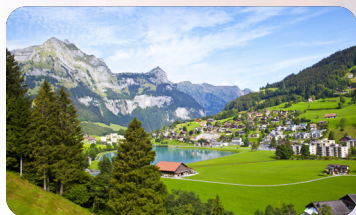
Justin Kohler 🎸 Seton High School

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Switzerland 🇨🇭 Andermatt, Alpnachstad, Lucerne, Zurich
Mount Pilatus, Dragon Ride Gondolas, Altstadt Old Town, Lion Monument, Kapellbrücke Bridge

Germany 🇩🇪 Munich, Oberammergau
Dachau Concentration Camp, Neuschwanstein Castle, Ammergauerhaus



Austria 🇦🇹 Vienna, Salzburg
Ring Boulevard, Hofburg Palace, State Opera, Anker Clock, Melk Abbey, Salzburg Walking Tour, Mozart's Birth Home, Schonbrunn Palace

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