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## Tour HIGHLIGHTS



Here is your chance for the experience of a lifetime as a member of Ozark 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 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?

Broken Arrow HS

#### CAN ADULTS ENROLL?

Yes. We encourage adult and sibling travelers to join our Family and Friends 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 2025 Meeting SCHEDULE



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.

#### Sunday, April 27, 2025

6:30 PM

Broken Arrow HS - Band Room 1901 E Albany, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Park in NW parking lot and enter the building at the NW glass entrance. HOSTS: Pence, Ricard, Rosser, Wiencken

#### Monday, April 28, 2025

6:30 PM

Sapulpa HS - Band Room 7 S Mission, Sapulpa, OK 74066 Park behind the school off of Lincoln Ave. Enter at the George Brite Band Building. HOSTS: Whitney Yokum, Mary Lollis

#### Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:30 PM

McAlester HS - Band Room FA 50 1 Buffalo Dr. McAlester, OK 74501 In the Wanda Bass Fine Arts Building on the west side of campus. HOST: Mark Price

#### Sunday, May 4, 2025

1:30 PM

Nixa HS - Band Room 514 S Nicholas Rd, Nixa, MO 65714 Enter building on NW corner - Look for Red Sign that says BAND. **HOST: Craig Finger** 

#### Sunday, May 4, 2025

6:30 PM

Miami HS - Band Room 2000 E Central Ave. Miami, OK 74354 Band room is at the SF corner of the gym (Security Bank & Trust Center). **HOST: Tove Harris** 

#### Tuesday, May 6, 2025

6:30 PM

OCU - Wanda Bass School of Music 2501 N Blackwelder Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73106 Petree Recital Hall in the Wanda Bass Center, Park on the east side of the building. HOSTS: Jeff Grogan, Julie Yu

#### Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

Bartlesville HS - Band Room 1700 Hillcrest Dr. Bartlesville, OK

Park is South lot. Enter on South end of school at the Performing Arts Entrance HOSTS: Chris and Heather Koehn, Matt Hildehrand

#### **Sunday, May 18, 2025**

1:30 PM

Stillwater HS - Band Room 1224 N Husband St. Stillwater, OK 74075

Park outside main entry doors to Performing Arts Center (South side of building) and use that main entrance. HOST: Kevin Zamborsky

#### Sunday, May 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Mustang HS - Band Room 801 S Snyder Dr, Mustang, OK 73064 Turn right on Juniper Ave and park in student parking lot, enter thru door #9. HOST: Ryan Edgmon

#### Monday, May 19, 2025 NEW DATE:

Tuesday May 20, 2025

6:30 PM

Bentonville HS - Orchestra Room 1703 South

1801 SE J St. Bentonville, AR 72712 South Building on the left. HOST: Jesse Collett

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2025 **NEW DATE:**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

6:30 PM

Broken Arrow HS - Band Room 1901 E Albany, Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Park in NW parking lot and enter the building at the NW glass entrance. HOSTS: Pence, Ricard, Rosser, Wiencken

The meeting schedule is subject to change.

## International Performance Tour ITINERARY



#### Friday, June 05, 2026

#### Check in. Meet and Greet - Broken Arrow HS

Get checked in, meet fellow students and begin rehearsals with your new found friends...

### Saturday, June 06, 2026

#### **Rehearsal Day**

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

#### Sunday, June 07, 2026

#### Rehearsal, Bon Voyage Concert

Your final rehearsals occur throughout the day and culminate with a concert for your family, friends and supporters. Pack up tonight so you are ready to depart early tomorrow morning.

#### Monday, June 08, 2026 Travel Day

Transfer from the hotel to an International airport for your flight to Europe!

#### Tuesday, June 09, 2026

#### Arrive in Prague, Prague Sightseeing

Discover the most fascinating sites across Prague's Old Town, including the Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, the famous Charles Bridge and more during our walking tour!

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Cesky Krumloy

With its delightfully cobbled Old Town, rare Baroque theater and colorful castle, Ceský Krumlov feels lost in a time warp. In the 16th century — the town's Golden Age — Ceský Krumlov hosted artists, scientists and alchemists from all over Europe.



#### Thursday, June 11, 2026 Prague Castle District, Concert

After breakfast at the hotel, local guides will take you through visits of St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and Golden Lane with Daliborka Tower. Your first concert will be today. We'll finish off the day with a Dinner Cruise on the Vltava

#### Friday, June 12, 2026

#### **Morning Excursion to Bratislava**

Enjoy breakfast and pack up as we head off to Slovakia. Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is set along the Danube River by the border with Austria and Hungary. Its compact old town bursts with colorfully restored facades, lively outdoor cafés, and swanky boutiques. We continue onward and in to Vienna for the night.



#### Saturday, June 13, 2026

#### Vienna City Tour, Schonbrünn Palace

Grab a big breakfast as we begin our morning sightseeing 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. We'll visit the summer home of the Imperial family and one of the most colorful palaces in Europe. More than six centuries of Hapsburg rule have left an indelible mark on Vienna and its art, architecture and music. The immaculate grounds, dotted with fountains and ribboned with formal landscape, form a fairytale setting around this famous palace.

#### Sunday, June 14, 2026

#### Leisure Morning in Vienna, Concert

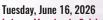
This morning can be spent at your leisure in groups exploring, sightseeing and shopping followed by concerts by all ensembles.

#### Monday, June 15, 2026

#### Transfer to Salzburg, Melk Abbey, Salzburg Walking Tour, Mozart's Birth Home

Pack up this morning as we begin our travel day to Salzburg. Melk Abbey was constructed in the 1700's, and it is considered one of the most beautiful baroque buildings in the world. Designed by Jakob Prandtauer, with a grand view over the Danube, it sits on the ancestral home of the Babenberg dukes from the 10th-Century. The Benedictines assumed control of the castle in the late 11th-Century and has operated as their monastery ever since. Our day continues with a walking tour of the historic center of Salzburg with your local guides. See the Salzburger Dom, Mirabell Gardens, the River Salzach and the fortress, Hohensalzburg. Our day concludes with a visit to birth home of Mozart.

## International Performance Tour ITINERARY



#### Leisure Morning in Salzburg, Concert

Enjoy a relaxed day of shopping and sights before the ensembles give another concert.

#### Wednesday, June 17, 2026

#### Transfer to Germany, Dachau Concentration Camp

Grab breakfast and load the coaches as we make our way to Germany. Just northwest of Munich lies KZ Gedenkstätte Dachau, the infamous concentration camp that became the model for all other camps established by the Nazi regime across Europe. From its famous motto, inscribed in iron over the camp entrance, "Arbeit Macht Frei" (work makes (you) free), to its now-restored barracks, and to memories of its fine camp orchestra, a visit to Dachau gives insight into the horrors visited on political prisoners, people of the Jewish Faith, Romani peoples, and others prior to and during the Second World War. While it was in operation, more than 200,000 prisoners from over 30 countries passed through Dachau's main gate. U.S. Forces liberated the camp in April, 1945. We'll spend the night in Oberammergau.



#### Thursday, June 18, 2026 Neuschwanstein Castle, Concert

Commissioned in 1868 by (Mad) King Ludwig II of Bavaria as his personal retreat, and built in homage to composer Richard Wagner, Neuschwanstein's amazing towers and picture-perfect setting have been enchanting visitors and architects since its completion in 1886. Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle is modeled after this Bavarian masterpiece. Catch a glimpse of the Bavarian Alps before heading to Oberammergau, a village of noted wood carvers. Over 2,000 village residents perform a world-famous Passion Play every 10 years, fulfilling a promise made by the town in 1634, if God would spare it from the bubonic plague. We will finish the day with concerts by all ensembles.



### Friday, June 19, 2026

#### Transfer to Switzerland, Mount Pilatus

Another early departure as we make our way to Switzerland. In Alpnachstad you will board the steepest cogwheel railway in the world to reach the summit of 2,132 meters above sea level. The breathtaking panorama and view of the Alpine massif and its mountain range do their part to make your stay unforgettable. After some time viewing the sights, you'll glide down to Kriens on the aerial cableway Dragon Ride and on the Panorama gondolas. Tonight, we will stay in Andermatt.

#### Saturday, June 20, 2026

#### Lucerne, Concert, Farewell Dinner

Highlights of this beautiful city include the medieval Altstadt (old town), Lion Monument and the covered Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge) from 1333. You'll perform your final concert followed by plenty of time to make last minute souvenir purchases. Tonight, you'll celebrate the trip with a special farewell dinner.

#### Sunday, June 21, 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 Zurich for departure. We return to the U.S. excited, enthused and exhausted yet enriched

#### June 21-23, 2026

#### Paris, France – Optional Extension

For those interested in one more stamp in your passport, you may choose to stay a few days longer and visit Paris. This optional excursion will include ground transportation, meals and housing as the previous portion of the tour. Paris is the city of light and offers many sights including Cathédrale Notre-Dame, Arc de Triomphe and The Louvre Museum. Shopping and the excitement of the city abound. 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 dining. The Seine River and of course, the Eiffel Tower are impossible to miss. Those staying for these two days will fly back to the U.S. from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.

## Meet Your MUSIC DIRECTORS

**Darrin Davis** serves as the Executive Director of Fine Arts for the Broken Arrow (OK) school district and has enjoyed teaching band in the Broken Arrow Public Schools since 1993. Davis previously served as the conductor of the nationally acclaimed Broken Arrow HS Wind Ensemble and director of the Pride of Broken Arrow Marching Band. In his role as Executive Director of Fine Arts, he leads a team of 100 Fine Arts teachers and over 6,000 secondary students that actively participate in the Fine Arts in the Broken Arrow Public Schools.

Ensembles under his baton are consistently recognized for their musicianship and interpretations. His bands performed at the 88th Annual Convention of the American Bandmasters Association (ABA), the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Carnegie Hall, the Music for All National Concert Band Festival and on six different occasions at the Oklahoma Music Educators Convention as a featured Honor Band. Mr. Davis' ensembles consistently earn highest honors at state and regional concert band festivals.

Davis is an elected member of the prestigious ABA. The Oklahoma Bandmasters Association honored Davis as their "Band Director of the Year." The National Band Association (NBA) has awarded Davis with "Citations of Excellence" for outstanding contributions to band and band music. Davis was recognized as

the Broken Arrow "Citizen of the Year" and the Tulsa Signature Symphony "Signature Champion of Education." In 2020, Mr. Davis was inducted into the Bands of America (BOA) Hall of Fame, recognizing individuals who have greatly impacted the nation's band activity and music education. Davis is also enshrined into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame and Broken Arrow High School Great Graduates Hall of Fame.





**Jeffrey Grogan** is an internationally acclaimed conductor and educator, recognized for his contributions to music education. He currently serves as the Director of Orchestral Activities at the Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University and as the Artistic Director of the Oklahoma Youth Orchestras.

Grogan's distinguished career includes conducting at prestigious venues such as the Musikverein in Vienna, the Sydney Opera House, Harpa Concert Hall in Reykjavik and in Bangkok and Singapore. He is a Master Educator for the Yamaha Corporation of America and serves on advisory committees for the Midwest Clinic and Music for All (MFA).

A visionary in music education, Grogan initiated TeachMusic, a coalition dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by music educators. This initiative works to support and recruit the next generation of music educators through partnerships with organizations including the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), the American String Teachers Association (ASTA), MFA, the National Association for Music Education, the NAMM Foundation and many others.

Grogan has conducted alongside Gustavo Dudamel at Disney Hall for the LA Philharmonic's Youth Orchestras of Los Angeles National Festival and collaborated with renowned composers and artists such as Omar Thomas, Amanda Harberg, Eric Whitacre, Lowell Liebermann, Richard Stolzman, Stefan Hoskuldsson, Julian Schwarz, the Boston Brass and the Canadian Brass. His recording credits include March of the Gypsy Fiddler on OMAC Records with Mark O'Connor, the Ahn Trio and New Jersey Youth Symphony, featured on classical music radio throughout the country.

**Dr. Julie Yu** is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at the Wanda L. Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University and the Artistic Director of Canterbury Voices.

She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Central Oklahoma, a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Oklahoma State University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the University of North Texas. Before joining OCU and Canterbury Voices, she taught at Norman North HS (OK), San José State University and Kansas State University.

Yu has given presentations and conducted her choirs for state and regional conferences of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), National Association for Music Education, DoDEA Europe Honors Music Festival and the European Music Educators Association. She is a past president of the Southwestern Region of the ACDA and served as an International Conducting Exchange Fellow to Kenya.

Her favorite area of research and performance is working as a guest clinician/conductor for various honor choirs and professional organizations.



## Meet Your STAFF



**Adam Wiencken** Broken Arrow HS



**Craig Finger** Nixa HS (MO)



**Jesse Collett**Bentonville HS (AR)



**Justin Rosser** Broken Arrow HS



**Kelli Pence** Broken Arrow HS



Kim Ricard Broken Arrow HS



Mikayla McKinzie Edmond Public Schools



**Ryan Edgmon** Mustang HS



Additional staff are being added at the time of printing.

# This OZARK MUSICIANS ABROAD Tour Includes:

### Czech Republic > Prague

Astronomical Clock, Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge, St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica, Golden Lane, Daliborka Tower, Cesky Krumlov



Slovakia Bratislava Danube River, Old Town



## Austria Vienna, Salzburg

Ring Boulevard, Hofburg Palace, State Opera, Anker Clock, Melk Abbey, Salzburg Walking Tour, Mozart's Birth Home

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



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

Optional Extension France - Paris



Coordinator and Band Conductor: Darrin Davis

Orchestra Conductor: Jeffrey Grogan Choir Conductor: Dr. Julie Yu.