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2024 Austria Tour
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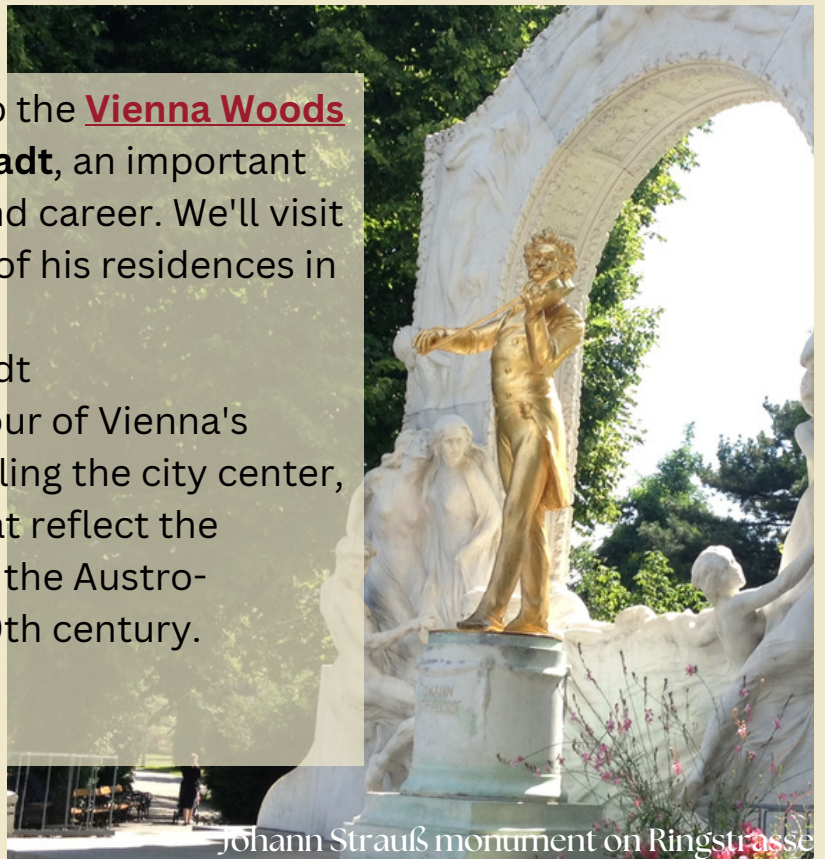
YOCJ is delighted to announce the upcoming season's tour to Austria from **June 22 to June 30, 2024!** Vienna's rich musical heritage serves as a cultural Mecca, inspiring musicians with its countless musical landmarks. Thank you to all our musicians and their families for the incredible enthusiasm. Here is our currently planned itinerary presented by *Firebird Fine Arts Tours*.

Saturday, June 22 USA to Vienna

- Departure to Vienna

Sunday, June 23 Vienna

- From the airport, we'll head to the **Vienna Woods** with a brief stop in **Heiligenstadt**, an important location in Beethoven's life and career. We'll visit the **Beethoven Museum**, one of his residences in Vienna.
- Lunch together in Heiligenstadt
- After lunch, we'll take a bus tour of Vienna's **Ringstrasse**, an avenue encircling the city center, featuring grand structures that reflect the cultural and political might of the Austro-Hungarian Empire from the 19th century.
- **4:00** Check into hotel
- **7:00** Dinner



Monday, June 24

Vienna | Opera Visit



- Breakfast buffet
- **9:30** We will take a walking tour of **downtown Vienna**. Highlights include Mozart's renowned "Figaro" apartment, the Lobkowitz family mansion (one of the most loyal supporters of Beethoven), and Schubert's birthplace. We'll also visit the **Hofburg**, the winter palace of the Habsburg rulers, **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, and historic **Viennese coffee houses**.
- **12:30** Lunch on your own, followed by free time.
- **4:00** Return to hotel to change clothes and freshen up
- **5:30** Dinner
- **7:00 Opera** (to be confirmed) Mozart's – Così fan Tutte

Tuesday, June 25

Vienna

- Breakfast buffet
- **9:30** Depart our hotel for '**Schloß Belvedere**' (Belvedere Palace), which houses the world's greatest collection of Austrian art. It was on the initiative of Klimt and other artists that the 'Moderne Galerie' (Modern gallery) was founded here in 1903, the institution that has evolved into the Belvedere.
- **12:30** Lunch together
- **2:00** We will pay a visit to **Schloss Schönbrunn** (the Imperial Palace) and admire the majestic palace grounds
- **4:30** Proceed to the **Vienna Music School** for rehearsal. Rental instruments will be issued and we will meet **Daniel Muck**, young Austrian composer and friend of YOCJ.
- **7:30** Depart for dinner

Wednesday, June 26

Vienna + Eisenstadt | CONCERT

- Breakfast buffet
- **8:45** Load instruments onto buses and depart for **Eisenstadt**
- **11:00** CONCERT in the **Haydn Hall**
- **12:30** Buffet lunch in the Haydn Bräu Restaurant
- **2:30-5:00** Tour the **Esterhazy Palace** in small groups; also have a little free time in this delightful historic town.
- **5:30** Return to **Vienna**
- **7:00** Dinner



Thursday, June 27

Vienna + Salzburg

- Breakfast buffet
- **9:30** Depart for Salzburg with a stop in Melk
- **11:00** Arrive in **Melk**, here we will see the world famous **Benedictine Abbey of Melk**, one of the highlights being the spectacular library.
- **12:00** Lunch at Abbey Melk
- **2:00** Depart for Salzburg after lunch
- **4:00** Arrive in **Salzburg**, proceed to hotel for check-in
- **5:30** A brief walking tour will introduce us to the charming city, where even its cobblestones seem to be imbued with musical vibrations.
- **7:30** Dinner together



Friday, June 28

Salzburg | CONCERT

- Breakfast buffet
- **9:30** We will visit Mozart's place of birth. The museum is more than a collection, more than a suite of rooms. It is an inspiration, a revelation, especially for musicians.
- Lunch on your own in small groups
- **3:30** Meet, pick up instruments, and proceed to rehearsal
- **4:00** Rehearsal
- **6:00** Return to hotel to rest and change clothes for concert
- **6:45** Return to the concert venue
- **7:30** CONCERT in the **K.U.L.T Kulturzentrum** (Cultural Center) of Hof, Salzburg
- Dinner at our hotel post concert



Saturday, June 29

Salzburg + Berchtesgaden

- Breakfast buffet
- **10:00** Depart our hotel for the short drive (45 minutes) across the border to Germany to the mountain town of **Berchtesgaden**. Berchtesgaden is a beautiful mountain retreat that became infamous due to the “Eagles Nest”, the retreat for Hitler and his henchmen.
- **12:30** Lunch in Berchtesgaden
- After lunch we will pay a visit to the Salt Mine Berchtesgaden, a fascinating under mountain exploration that dates back to 1517
- Afterwards we will return to **Salzburg** for our farewell dinner.

Sunday, June 30

Salzburg + Munich to USA

- Breakfast buffet
- Depart our hotel for the Munich Airport