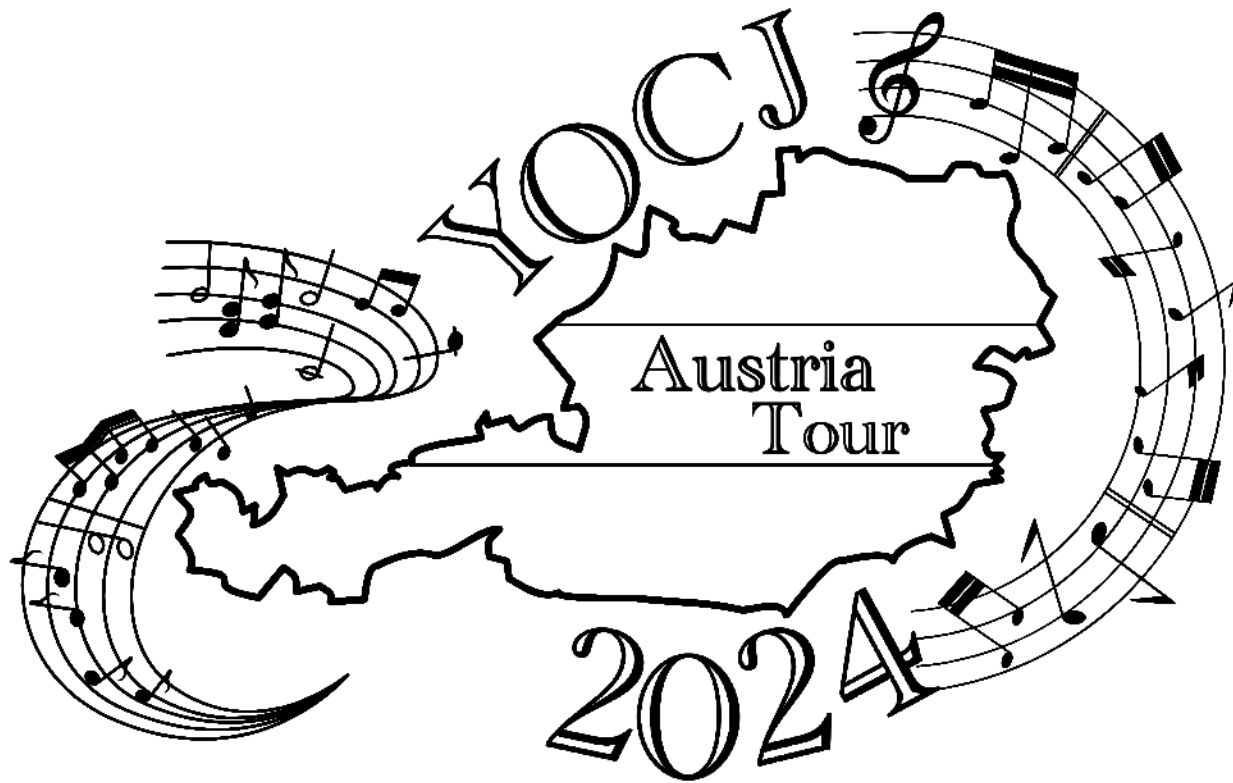


Welcome to the YOCJ Austria Parent Informational Meeting



Stay up to date!

- Check out our website Austria page for the official itinerary & a lot of other useful information:

<https://yocj.org/concerts-events/austria-2024-tour/>

Johann Strauss Monument, Vienna



Hofburg, winter palace of the Habsburg Rulers



The Wizard Overture, by Daniel Muck, Austrian Composer



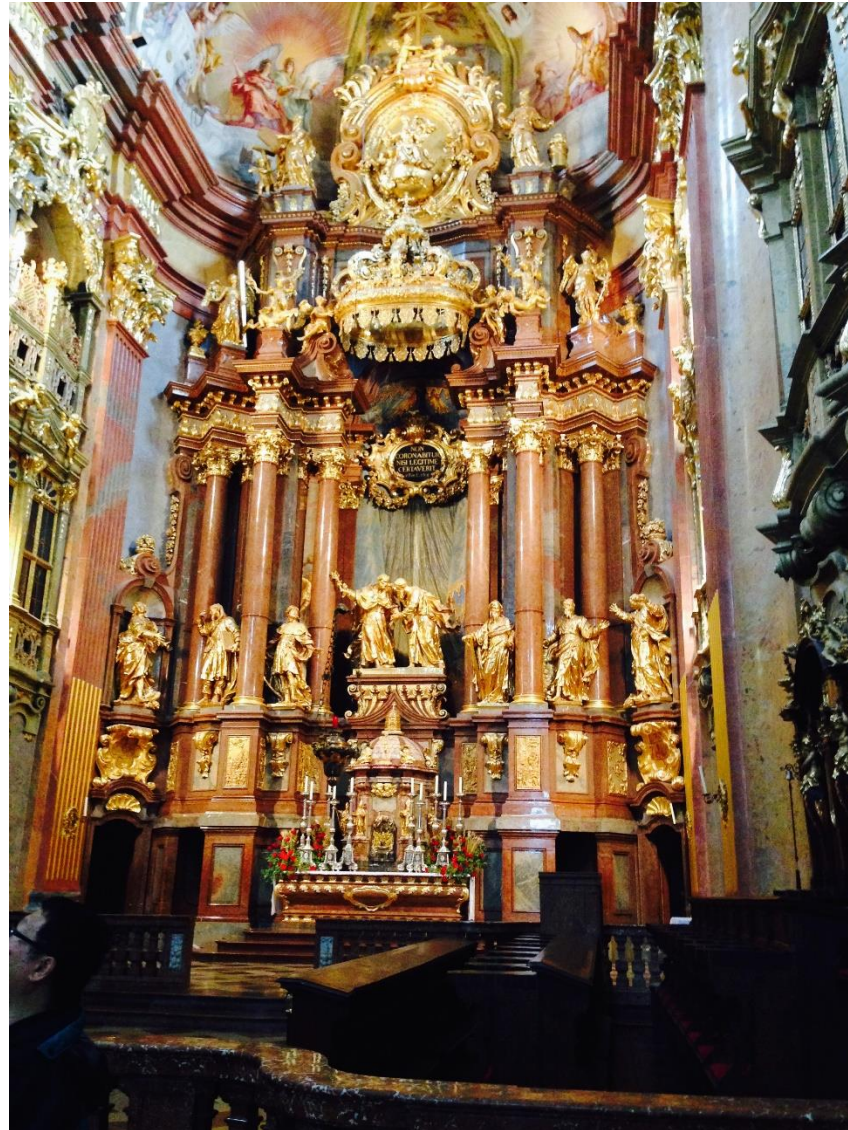
Esterhazy Palace in Eisenstadt



Haydn Hall – performance site!



Benedictine Abbey of Melk



Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace



TOUR T~Shirts!

- **All Austria participants (YOCJ students, touring parents, touring siblings, Conductors, etc.) will get a complimentary Tour T-shirt. We all need to wear these shirts on travel days (flights.)**
- **Labeled T-shirts are available for pick up today. Size exchanges are possible today.**

Introducing...the team of conductors/chaperones and our tour nurse

- Phillip Pugh
- Scott Collins
- Mark Witmer
- Chris Colaneri
- Larisa Epps
- Shannon Ferrara
- Sandy Olson
- Barbara Witmer
- MaryEllen Glynn, Tour Nurse

Austria Rehearsals

SPO Students only:

- Tues. 5/14, 5-7pm at **Millstone River School**, Room D155

SPO & Wind Symphony students:

- Tues. 5/21, 6:30pm-8:30pm at **Community Middle School**

EVERYONE @ CMS:

- Tues. 5/28, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Tues. 6/11, 6:30pm-8:30pm + Percussion Ensemble
- Mon. 6/17, 6:30pm-8:30pm + Percussion Ensemble
- Tues. 6/18, 6:30pm-8:30pm + Percussion Ensemble
- Thurs. 6/20, 5pm-9pm, bring snack (& Perc. Ensemble)
 - Fri. 6/21, 5:30pm-9:30pm, bring snack

Fri. June 21: Bon Voyage Concert & Luggage Check-in!

- Our ensembles will present an informal **“Bon Voyage” Concert** for friends, family, any interested concert-goers! More details to come!
- Directly after the concert, all YOCCJ students who are part of the Regular Tour and Extended Tour, (regardless of whether family is traveling with them) must leave all their luggage at CMS for **luggage check**, which is done by the conductors/chaperones.

The
Departure
and
Return

Flight, Room & Bus Information

- Please note the flight information is on the Austria page of our website.
- The USA bus & flight assignments have been emailed to you.
- Roommate Information is coming soon in an email.

For YOCJ students, every piece of luggage and every item in your luggage is checked by chaperones before we leave!



- Main Bag
- Carry On bags
- Instrument Cases and Instruments

Departure

Saturday, June 22nd



Air Canada DEPARTURE:

Everyone wears Tour T-Shirts!

**9am Air Canada YOCJ students
& families report to CMS**

**9:30am Load in & Depart to
Newark Airport**

Departure

Saturday, June 22nd



Aer Lingus DEPARTURE:

Everyone wears Tour T-Shirts!

**10:30am Aer Lingus YOCJ students
& families report to CMS**

**11am Load in & Depart to
JFK Airport**

Departure

Sunday, June 30th



RETURN:

**Yes, everyone wears
Tour T-Shirts...again!**

**Air Canada arrives at LaGuardia
at 6:48pm**

**Aer Lingus arrives at JFK at
7:20pm**

Return

Airport Etiquette



While traveling at **ALL** airports, do not make inappropriate comments/jokes.

Any student selected for further security procedures will be accompanied by a chaperone.

The Packing

Baggage Information

Carry on dimensions:

21.5 x 15.5 x 9 inches

Carry on: any containers of liquids, gels, shampoos, creams, paste **MUST** be 3.4 oz. (100ml) or **LESS**. All such items must fit in **ONE** clear, resealable quart size bag.

Checked Bags:

must be 50 pounds or less. You will incur an extra fee for bags over 50 lbs.

So let's talk about a few things...

- Luggage check – You can bring **ONE** piece of luggage to be checked.

- Students are responsible to carry their own luggage

- There is **fee** at the check-in desk for any bag or item that is **over** the maximum free allowance limit of **50 lbs** (23kg). You will be responsible for the fee.

- You will receive luggage tags that must be attached to the outside of your luggage. You should also have identification outside as well as inside your luggage!

- **Souvenirs** bought in Austria must be packed in your luggage on the return flight so be sure to leave some **room**!



Carry-On Baggage



- You may bring ONE piece of carry-on luggage – it must meet airline regulations (think backpack!). Ladies may also bring a purse.
- Students with a carry on instrument may also bring a small bag.
- Carry-on luggage must fit under the seat or in the overhead compartment.
- Carry-on luggage will be checked before boarding the buses.
- Please remember the liquid rule: 3.4 oz. or less for each item, & they all must fit in 1 (ONE) quart size bag!
- Please do not send your child with homemade snacks. They are not permitted in the airport.

A Few Things to Pack: **Money**

You **MUST** change dollars to euros (€), prior to departure. Your bank should be able to help you.

We've learned that it is a hassle to exchange money while in Europe. Please do this in the U.S. ahead of time!

- **ATM Cards** w/ Visa or Mastercard logo should work in European ATM's.
- **Credit Cards:** alert your company!
- **Euros** – current rate is \$1= €.93



A Few Things to Pack: **Money**

It is recommended that students have some Euros (€), as there is the occasional little shop or souvenir stand that may only take cash.



A Few Things to Pack: Money

- There are 2 lunches on your own. €20 per lunch should be sufficient for each lunch. Also students may want to purchase snacks at the airports.
- Make sure you alert your bank and/or credit card company ahead of time that there will be international charges.



A Few Things to Pack: Other

- Comfortable shoes/clothes
- Jacket/YOCJ Hoodie – just in case temperatures drop at night
- Cell phone & charger
- Adapter/Converter for electronics
- Alarm clock
- Rain coat/small umbrella

A Word of Caution

- If you “love it,” don’t bring it!!!
- We are not responsible for lost watches, jewelry, cameras, etc.



**What do I need
to wear ?**

Concert Readiness?



- All Students must show their concert attire to chaperones at luggage check. This includes:
- Black pants or LONG black skirt
- 1 Black top
- 1 White top
- Black shoes, black socks or black stockings
- NO sneakers or sandals for concerts
- Also bring a music stand in your checked luggage



....and in general?



- **Dress Code:** dress to represent YOCJ and our country in a respectable manner
- **Tour T-shirt:** on travel days (departure and return)
- No garment bags, please
- Use upscale school dress policy
 - Bring something nice for the Opera!
 - Pants should fit properly on the waist
 - Nothing too revealing

The
Instruments
and Music

Music and Instruments

- **Carry on? Yes, if**
...your musical instrument is generally **smaller than a guitar** it must be carried onto the plane. Small instruments to be carried on the plane are: piccolo, flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, soprano saxophone, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, violin, viola.
- **Carry on? No, if**
...your musical instrument is generally **larger than a guitar** it must be carried as checked baggage. Large instruments to be checked as luggage are trombones, euphoniums.
- **Instruments YOCJ will rent in Germany:**
Cellos, Double-basses, Tuba, Baritone Saxophone, all Percussion, and Harp

Music and Instruments

- **Sheet Music, Stands and Bows**
 - * Remember to pack your YOCJ music folder and music stand.
 - * These too, will be checked by chaperones!
 - * Grease and valve oil need to be packed in checked luggage. Lids must be tight. Please pack these containers in a sealed zip-lock bag!

**Health
Matters...**

Health Matters

- We will have one nurse travelling with us:

Mrs. MaryEllen Glynn

- Please notify the nurse if your child becomes sick or has an injury the week before the trip.

Health Matters

- State mandates that students may carry epipens, inhalers and insulin.
- Students may NOT carry any other medications — NO prescription or over the counter medications. The nurse will carry and dispense all medication.
- The nurse is authorized to carry Advil and Tylenol while travelling on overnight trips.

Health Matters

- All medication must have a **physician's medical order** and be **brought to the nurse** at a designated June 21 final rehearsal...more details to follow.
- **Medication** both prescription and over the counter must be **in the original container** with the student's name.
- Any questions or concerns, please email contactyocj@gmail.com or speak in person with our nurse, **Mrs. MaryEllen Glynn.**

Dietary Issues & Restrictions

- Everyone should have notified us of all and any food allergies, dietary restrictions such as being a vegetarian, etc. with registration.
- Please double check our current list **TODAY!**
- Please do keep in mind, that if you request a vegetarian diet, the meals might have very little variety (pasta, salad, etc.) since the Austrian dishes are often meat-oriented.
Thank you for your flexibility!

Emergencies at Night for Students

- If you have a nighttime emergency, first contact the chaperone in charge of your room. Lists will be emailed soon.
- You will be informed of the nurse's room location in Vienna & Hallein for sickness type emergencies.
- There are chaperone rooms throughout the hotels. Students will be aware of these once we've arrived in each city.

Emergencies for Parents

- All the chaperones will have cell phones and international calling plans. Please only call Mrs. Epps in the case of a true emergency: 609-213-0005
- All touring families & students should sign up for the WhatsApp Austria group. The link is in the email updates. Please email Mrs. Epps with any questions:
executivedirector@yocj.org

Reminders for the Tour

What To Expect...

- Each day you will be reminded of the schedule. Please make sure you are **prompt!**
- You will have **time to browse** the area. Make sure you **stay in groups**...no traveling alone!!
- **Be** respectful and **polite!** Stay aware of personal space...don't crowd the sidewalks

What To Expect...

- Every morning you must be up and out of your room for breakfast. Chaperones will check that all students are up!
- Make sure your rooms are neat when you leave.

Good Morning!



What To Expect...

Socializing!

- We want you to have fun! At the hotel, please keep visits with other YOCJ students in the hotel lobby or common areas, instead of in your room.
- Assigned roommates only in the hotel rooms. Thanks for understanding!
- Never, ever go into the room of someone who is not with our group!

What To Expect...

Is There A Curfew ??

Of course there is! Most likely we will do the following:

- Students need to be in their rooms by **10:30 p.m.** and chaperones will do a headcount.
- Chaperones will do a 2nd headcount in the rooms for the **11:00pm lights out!**



When it's a travel day to the next city.



- Make sure you are packed for departure the night before.
- Be on time to breakfast.
- Don't be late for the buses! Be thoughtful of your peers and others.

**Important
Miscellaneous
Items!**

BON VOYAGE CONCERT

Friday, June 21, 7:30pm at CMS



Austria Time

Austria is 6 hours ahead...



Be Smart!

- Remember, we are in a foreign land. Be aware of your surroundings and personal space.
- Watch out for beggars and/or pickpockets. Use purses that rest in **front**, instead of behind you. Keep wallets & cell phones in **front** pockets, instead of back pockets.
- Always be with at least one other person. Stay in groups. **Never travel alone! You must check in with your chaperone at their designated times and locations and follow their instructions!**
- Be careful who you talk to and don't give out any personal information.

A note about your cars...

If you will be leaving your car at
Community Middle School
you **MUST** let us know ahead of time.

Please email Mrs. Epps ASAP:
executivedirector@yocj.org

We have to notify Plainsboro Police!

A Quick Review...

- YOCCJ students, if possible, please bring two forms of identification (passport, student ID).
- Give Passport numbers to parents who are staying at home.
- Chaperones will help keep student passports safe for those students whose parents are not on the trip.



A Quick Review...

- Medications must be given to the nurse
- All tour participants are **HIGHLY** encouraged to purchase their own travel cancellation insurance from places like **insuremytrip.com**
- Students will be sent home @ parent's expense if the use of any illegal substances occurs

Q&A

