

LEIPZIG INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

13 - 18 JULY, 2008

SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR NOVA COMMUNITY CHORUS

ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY 1	DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON DC, DULLES
DAY 2	ARRIVE BERLIN - LEIPZIG <i>DIRECTOR'S RECEPTION</i> (5 NIGHTS)
DAY 3	LEIPZIG - <i>WORKSHOP, OPENING CEREMONY & CONCERT</i>
DAY 4	LEIPZIG - <i>WORKSHOP & EVENING CONCERT</i>
DAY 5	LEIPZIG
DAY 6	LEIPZIG - <i>GALA FINALE CONCERT</i>
DAY 7	DEPART BERLIN

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS (ADMISSION COSTS INCLUDED)

Festival Performing Highlights

- ♪ A total of three performances and two workshops
- ♪ Every choir in the Festival will have opportunities to perform in historic and quality venues throughout the city of Leipzig
- ♪ Each choir will have the opportunity to perform a joint concert with another participating Festival choir.
- ♪ Each choir will have two quality workshops with Artistic Director Jonathan Willcocks
- ♪ Gala Finale Concert, to include massed choir performance.

Festival Sightseeing Highlights

LEIPZIG: Walking tour, St. Nicholas' Church, St. Thomas Church, Konigshaus passage, Madler passage, Mendelssohn Haus Museum

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Saturday 12th July 2008

DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON DC, DULLES

22:05 BA 292 departs from Washington Dulles

Enjoy full meal service on your scheduled wide-bodied flight to Berlin.

Sunday 13th July 2008

DAY 2 ARRIVE BERLIN - LEIPZIG (5 NIGHTS)

10:05 Arrival into London Heathrow

12:50 BA 984 departs from London Heathrow

15:40 Arrival into Berlin Tegel

You will be met at the airport by a local guide and board our own private coach for our transfer to Leipzig. Your guide will meet you in the Arrivals Hall of Berlin Tegel airport carrying a sign that will bear the name of your group and the Casterbridge Tours logo.

Leipzig is a city that flourished from the 16th century onwards thanks to the wealth it created from the rich silver mines in the nearby Erzgebirge. It has always enjoyed great economic and cultural success, although both were significantly stifled under the Communist regime after World War II. Music, in particular, has had a reputation for outstanding excellence with the likes of Bach, Wagner, Mendelssohn and Schumann all having lived and/or worked here at one time. Literary work also has flourished here and Germany's greatest poet, Goethe, set a fundamental scene of 'Faust' the Auerbach's Kellar here.

19:00 Dinner at the Westin.

20:00 This evening there will be a **Welcome Reception** for Choir Directors with our Artistic Director Jonathan Willcocks and local dignitaries at the **Mendelssohn Haus**.

21:00 End of reception.

Return transfers for the two representatives from the group (Mark & Virginia Whitmire) attending this reception will be provided.

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Monday 14th July 2007

DAY 3 LEIPZIG

09:00 Coach transfer from the Westin to the Gewandhaus

09:30 Morning **workshop** with Jonathan Willcocks in the Gewandhaus

11:00 Workshop finishes

11:00 Following our workshop we will be met at Mendebrunnen (fountain) in front of the Gewandhaus by **two local guides** who will accompany us on a **Walking Tour** of Leipzig to see such sights as **St Nicholas' Church** and the **St Thomas' Church**, both with important connections to the composer Bach.

13:00 Walking tour finishes at the Westin Hotel.

13:30 **Lunch at the Westin**

15:00 Coach transfer from the Westin to the Gewandhaus wearing concert attire

15:30 **Rehearsal** for this evening's concert in the Großer Saal at Gewandhaus

16:00 End of rehearsal

We will have a brief break prior to our next rehearsal.

17:30 **Joint rehearsal** with all participating choirs and Jonathan Willcocks - "Ode to Joy" .

18:00 Joint rehearsal to finish.

Dinner this evening will be at our own expense

19:00 Hall to be cleared in preparation for audience arrival

19:25 Half hour call - all performers required to be in the building

19:45 Choirs to make their way to the auditorium for seating

20:00 **Opening Gala Concert** at the **Gewandhaus**

22:00 Concert scheduled to finish.

22:30 Coach transfer from the Gewandhaus to the Westin Hotel

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Tuesday 15th July 2008

DAY 4 LEIPZIG

09:15 Coach transfer from the Westin to the Gewandhaus

09:45 Morning **workshop** with Jonathan Willcocks in the Gewandhaus

11:15 Workshop finishes

13:00 After freetime for lunch this afternoon we will take a **guided tour** of the **Mendelssohn Haus**.

The house has been preserved as the final residence of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy who lived here on the first floor with his family from 1845 until his death on the 4th November, 1847. Today, his flat is a museum in honour of this brilliant German composer, virtuoso and conductor who was also an accomplished artist.

15:00 Tour to finish. Coach transfer from the Mendelssohn Haus to the Reformed Church

15:15 **Rehearsal at the Reformed Church**

16:00 End of rehearsal

16:15 Return to the hotel on foot.

18:00 **Early dinner at the Westin**

19:00 Walk from the hotel (in concert attire) to the Reformed Church

19:25 Half hour call - all performers required to be in the building

20:00 Your **first Friendship Concert** will be at the **Reformed Church**.

21:30 End of concert

Return to hotel on foot.

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Wednesday 16th July 2008

DAY 5 LEIPZIG

You are free to explore Leipzig at your leisure today before coming together for an evening meal at a local restaurant. You may wish to include a visit to one of the most aesthetically pleasing shopping centres in Europe, the **Königshaus Passage** and **Mädler Passage**.

18:30 This evening we will dine together at **Gasthaus Barthels Hof, Hainstrasse 1**.

There will be the option this evening of attending one of the two Friendship Concerts taking place in Leipzig - either at St Peter's Church or the Reformed Church, both of which commence at 20:00.

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Thursday 17th July 2008

DAY 6 LEIPZIG

This morning will be free to allow for your own sightseeing and souvenir shopping.

13:00 Rehearsal at **St Nicholas Church.**

13:30 End of rehearsal

Return to hotel on foot.

14:00 Lunch at the Westin

Time to freshen up and change prior to returning to St Nicholas for this evening's concert

17:00 **Joint rehearsal** with all participating choirs and Jonathan Willcocks for *Elijah* by Mendelssohn Bartholdy.

18:30 Joint rehearsal to finish.

19:00 Hall to be cleared in preparation for audience arrival

19:25 Half hour call - all performers required to be in the building

20:00 **Grand Finale Gala Concert at St Nicholas Church**

22:00 End of concert

Dinner this evening will be at our own expense.

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Friday 18th July 2008

DAY 7 DEPART BERLIN

Breakfast is served in the Westin Hotel from 06:30 this morning.

07:30 Your rewarding and enjoyable Festival experience comes to an end as a Casterbridge Tours representative accompanies you to the airport for your return flight home.

*The following 'deviation' passengers will also join the coach transfer to Berlin TXL airport:-
XXX The remaining group members will stay in Leipzig and continue by their own arrangements.*

12:20 BA 983 departs from Berlin Tegel

13:15 Arrival into London Heathrow

17:10 BA 1293 departs from London Heathrow

20:35 Arrival into Washington Dulles