

VOYAGEURS INTERNATIONAL, LTD.
THE TEXAS LONE STAR
AMBASSADORS OF MUSIC
EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR
JUNE 25 - JULY 10, 2018
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VISITING 7 WONDERFUL COUNTRIES IN 16 WONDERFUL DAYS

THE EXCITING TOUR INCLUDES:
AIR/LAND TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATIONS, SIGHTSEEING, AND MUCH MORE

ENGLAND

LONDON: Changing of the Guard, the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels, Westminster Cathedral, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Windsor Castle, the River Thames and Eton, the English Channel and the White Cliffs of Dover.

FRANCE

PARIS: The Arch of Triumph and the Champs Elysees, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, the Louvre Museum, Montmartre, the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, Luxembourg Gardens, and a boat ride on the River Seine.

SWITZERLAND

CRANS-MONTANA, a picturesque town surrounded by the Alps: Lake Geneva, Montreux, the Castle of Chillon, and a day trip to beautiful Zermatt to view the majestic Matterhorn.

LIECHTENSTEIN

A visit to one of the world's smallest countries: the Rhine River and the capital-village of **VADUZ** with the Royal Castle.

AUSTRIA

The mountain-surrounded beautiful and historic village of **SEEFELD**.
INNSBRUCK: Old Town, the Little Golden Roof, Hofgarten and Cathedral, Triumphal Arch, and Wilten Basilica.

ITALY

A full day across Brenner Pass to **VENICE** and the Grand Canal, guided sightseeing, visiting St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, the Rialto Bridge, plus a glass blowing demonstration.

GERMANY

Visit to historic Dachau or Munich, exploring the ancient and romantic walled village of **ROTHENBURG**.
Departure from **FRANKFURT**.

COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE

CONCERT TOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Tour Director and Concert Band Director.....Mr. William Centera

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT VOYAGEURS TEXAS LONE STAR AMBASSADORS OF MUSIC EUROPEAN CONCERT TOUR

WHAT ARE THE DATES?..... The tour departs June 25 and returns July 10, 2018.

WHO IS THE MUSIC DIRECTOR?.....MR. BILL CENTERA is in his 34th year of music education, most of which was spent at the high school level. During his career he has served as Director of Bands at Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, TX, Newman Smith High School in Carrollton, TX, and most recently at Centennial High School in Frisco, TX. While under his direction, all three schools his were recognized for musical excellence and were consistent UIL Sweepstakes winners. Marching Bands under the direction of Mr. Centera were consistent finalists at DFW regional festivals and advanced to the Texas State Marching contest twice with the Newman Smith Trojan Band in 2000 and again in 2009 where they placed 6th overall. Most recently the Centennial Titan Band, under Mr. Centera's direction, was the Bronze Medal winner at the Texas State Marching Contest in 2011. Wind Ensembles directed by Mr. Centera have also received acclaim for their outstanding performances at regional and national festivals. The Newman Smith Wind Symphony performed by Invitation at the Bands of America National Concert Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2000 and was named as a finalist in the 2007 TMEA Honor Band Competition. Under Mr. Centera's co-direction, the Newman Smith Symphony Orchestra was also named a finalist in the 2011 TMEA Honor Orchestra competition. The Centennial Wind Symphony, under his direction, was regarded as among the best in the state and placed record numbers of students in the TMEA All-Region and All-State Bands. Jazz Ensembles directed by Mr. Centera have been consistently regarded as among the best high school big bands in the country. The Waxahachie Jazz Ensemble I performed by invitation at the prestigious 1997 Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux, Switzerland, as well as performing live on WFAA's 'Good Morning Texas' program. His big bands at Waxahachie, Newman Smith, and Centennial all were named as champions of the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas Christian University Jazz Festivals on multiple occasions and his ensembles performed as the featured high school group at the UTA Jazz Festival multiple times. In addition, the Newman Smith Jazz Ensemble I was recognized nationally in the Music & Arts High School Big Band competition in 2011. Mr. Centera is currently highly active as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the state of Texas, as well as directing the jazz program at the Grand Prairie ISD Fine Arts Academy. Mr. Centera received his Bachelors of Music from the University of Texas at Arlington and his Masters of Secondary Education from the University of North Texas. His wife, Colleen, is a former choral teacher and high school counselor having served in public education for 33 years. They have two children, Megan, an administrator for the Little Elm ISD, and Tyler, a recent graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and a 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood, TX, as well as their first grandchild, Lincoln, age 4. The Centeras currently reside in The Colony, TX. This will be the Centera's 8th tour with the Texas Lone Star Ambassadors and 5th as Director.

WHAT DOES THE COST INCLUDE?...All concert arrangements, jet transportation from Dallas, TX to London, England and return from Frankfurt, Germany, tourist class hotels with bath/shower, meals as provided by the air carrier, two fixed meals per day, all sightseeing per itinerary, necessary entrance fees per itinerary, tips, motor coach transportation throughout tour, driver's expenses, English speaking guides, Tower of London, English Channel crossing, Paris Seine River boat ride, day trip to Zermatt, Switzerland, day trip to Venice, Italy, limited insurance coverage, chaperonage, City Coordinators and administration.

CAN I GUARANTEE THE PRICE?.....Certainly. All payment plans require an initial deposit of \$600.00 on or before June 15, 2017. Additional payment information will be discussed at the enrollment meeting.

IS COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE?...Yes. Information will be mailed to each participant.

CAN ADULTS ENROLL?... Absolutely. Every year many adults join our exciting tour. All adults are accommodated in double rooms for an additional charge of \$300.00 per adult. Please contact VIL for the single room charge.

WHERE WILL REHEARSALS BE HELD?...Rehearsal information will be available from the directors.

WHY GO ON A CONCERT TOUR?... Participants on concert tours with VOYAGEURS INTERNATIONAL enjoy that special thrill that comes with performing before a variety of European audiences. Voyageurs is firmly committed to the idea of taking your music to the people of the countries you will visit. **WE FIND YOUR AUDIENCES - YOU ENTERTAIN THEM!** WE AT VOYAGEURS INTERNATIONAL, LTD. would be very pleased to have you join the VOYAGEURS TEXAS LONE STAR AMBASSADORS OF MUSIC in Europe in 2018.