





Musica Orbis **Prague Festival** 16th July – 20th July 2020



Musicians from around the world, choir singers, band and orchestra players, are heading to one of the most beautiful cities in the world not only to admire its charm but to add to it by filling its concert halls and squares with their talent and performance skills and to make their own mark in its long musical tradition!

Enjoy your four days of music-making in the metropolis that was home to great composers like Antonín Dvořák and Bedřich Smetana. Did you know musicians have always been inspired by Prague to create their world-famous masterpieces?

In the year 2020 we will celebrate the **250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ludwig van Beethoven**, who visited Prague on numerous occasions. On your way down the hill after singing at the magnificent **St. Vitus's Cathedral at the Prague Castle**, you may notice a picturesque house called Three Little Violins (according to its sign), where a skilled craftsman repaired Beethoven's broken violin. In Prague Castle you can also visit the Lobkowicz Palace and admire the maestro's manuscripts, alongside those of Mozart.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart also loved to stay in Prague, where his music was immensely popular with the local citizens (this was brought home to Mozart when he heard a local baker's boy whistling the melody from one of his opera arias). His visits to Prague are associated primarily with the Estates Theatre, where he conducted the world premiere of his opera Don Giovanni. In the Czech Museum of Music, one of the Musica Orbis Prague Festival concert venues, you can also find the piano Mozart played during his stays in Prague.





### DAY OPENING EVENING

#### Thu, 16th July 2020

**Arrival, official welcome at the Prague Town Hall**. Greeting by representative of the City of Prague at one of the most significant buildings in the very heart of Prague.

**Opening concert** at the Czech Museum of Music. Give your first short performance in front of local audiences in the unique hall of the Czech Museum of Music.

Welcome dinner at the art nouveau-style Municipal House Café.

## DAY COMPETITION DAY Fri, 17th July 2020

**Perform** with your **choral or orchestral competition program** in front of the professional Jury and excited audience! Throughout the whole day you will compete and compare your talents, enthusiasm and the new ideas you bring to classical music with ensembles from all over the world. (Non-competitive option also available).

In the meantime, you will **enjoy the historic Festival venue** with its beautiful interior and pretty surroundings within immediate reach of downtown Prague, where you can charm locals by impromptu performances.

Announcement of results and evening award ceremony.

## DAY CONCERT DAY

#### Sat, 18th July 2020

**Sightseeing tour of Prague** Join our local guides and explore the "City of a Hundred Spires". Visit the famous Prague Castle and the magnificent St. Vitus's Cathedral before walking over the Charles Bridge.

**Workshops** with Czech conductors. Gain insights into the rich Czech musical tradition with a professional clinician.

Festival concerts in beautiful venues in Prague and the surrounding area.

## DAY GRAND FINALE DAY

#### Sun, 19th July 2020

#### Mass participation in St. Vitus's Cathedral.

Perform at the greatest Czech cathedral in the largest Castle in the world.

**Festival concerts.** Charm the local audiences with your singing in a beautiful venue in downtown Prague, perform at a joint concert with another participating ensemble, and support your newly-made friends and fellow musicians.

**Farewell dinner cruise**. Join the other ensembles and celebrate your successful festival performance with a cruise on the Vltava river!

## DAY FAREWELL AND DEPARTURE Mon, 20th July 2020



# **FESTIVAL PACKAGES**

FULL PACKAGE - 4 nights

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#### Includes:

- 4 nights in a 4\* or 3\* hotel
- Welcome bag
- Welcome dinner
- Workshop with a professional conductor
- Official greeting in the Prague Town Hall
- Opening concert
- Sightseeing tour of Prague
- Performance in the festival venue
- Sunday mass participation in St. Vitus's Cathedral (sacred repertoire)
- Directors' coffee & cake
- Concert in Prague or the surrounding area
- Farewell river cruise with buffet dinner

## Shorter or longer packages are also available on request.

Take part in our official festival extension to Dresden! Or prolong your European music adventure to Budapest, Bratislava and other cities with us.

For more information contact us info@musicaorbis.com.

## Save the dates: $8^{th} - 12^{th}$ July 2021.

Prague is an incredible and charming city full of great concert halls and enthusiastic listeners waiting for you to discover and celebrate music with. Let Prague cast its spell on you and it will never let you go.

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