

# INTRO

## Tour News



# COMMUNITY TOUR '24

## WELCOME

Our Community Tours are shaping up beautifully. Both have great numbers and very good instrumentation. There is still room so please ask your choir, band, and orchestra colleagues and friends to join in the fun.

All future newsletters will be sent via email to the email address you have provided.

## PASSPORTS

If you do not already have one, we remind you to obtain a passport. For detailed information on applying for your passport, please visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport>.

◆ A scanned copy of the actual passport must be received no later than March 1st because the airline requires passport information for all participants in order to complete the ticketing process for the group.

◆ Although Passports normally take 6 to 8 weeks to process, it may take longer due to extra information required. We urge you to apply for your passport or renew your passport NOW. Apply for your passport as soon as possible in order to receive it before March 1st.

◆ If your existing passport expires before January 2, 2025 it must be renewed. U.S. Immigration may refuse any passport which expires within six months of your tour's return date.

*You will be asked to upload a scan of your passport photo page to your account on our website by March 1st.*

## VISAS

If your passport is not a US passport, please contact your consulate office for current regulations.

All participants will be required to apply for an ETIAS Travel Authorization in addition to their passport. ETIAS travel authorization is a new entry requirement that is going into effect on November 1, 2023 for visa-exempt nationals traveling to the countries on AMA tours. We will inform you once the application website is ready.

## TOUR DEVIATIONS

If you are planning to extend your time in Europe, we must have the details in writing by January 1st. Please contact the office: [staff@americanmusicabroad.com](mailto:staff@americanmusicabroad.com) with any questions. *Note: Changes in your flight plan may result in an additional cost.*

## CHANGE IN PACKAGE

We will accept changes in your package (such as changing your occupancy or flight selections) until January 1st, 2024.

## CONCERT UNIFORM

We will supply a blue AMA polo shirt to be worn at concerts. Participants must personally acquire the following uniform items:

◆ Khaki pants, brown belt, brown shoes (closed toed, no-heel), and brown socks for men.

## PAYMENTS

An up-to-date statement of your payments is accessible on your account dashboard:

<https://ama.groupcollect.com>

American Music Abroad accepts payments by the following methods:

◆ **Credit Card or Bank Transfer:** Go to the link above and log in with the credentials you created when applying. Look for a button called "Proceed to Payment."

◆ **Personal bank check or money order:** Please identify Community Tour, including dates of travel and your name on all checks and money orders. Mail to American Music Abroad, 6542A Lower York Road, Suite 144, New Hope, PA 18938.

## INSTRUMENTAL INSURANCE

Your instrument should be covered by your homeowners insurance. Instrument insurance is also available through The Anderson Group ([www.anderson-group.com](http://www.anderson-group.com)). If you choose not to insure your instrument for the trip, there will be a place to indicate this on the Instrument Insurance Information Form sent in May.

## FLYING WITH YOUR INSTRUMENT

AMA has flown over 35,000 instruments to Europe. If you plan on taking our flight option, we will help you pack your instrument in a way that protects your instrument. If you are flying separately, we will send you instructions. Tuba, cello, bass, and percussion will be provided in Europe. If your instrument is carry-on size, you can use that as your carry-on.

## CONTACTING THE AMA OFFICE

Email is the most efficient way to contact the AMA Office.

Please use [staff@americanmusicabroad.com](mailto:staff@americanmusicabroad.com) to answer all questions.

Please identify the **Community Tour** with any correspondence.

**Mailing Address:** 6542A Lower York Rd, Suite 144, New Hope, PA 18938

**Phone:** 610-431-3311 **Web:** <http://www.americanmusicabroad.com>

# OPTIONAL INSTRUMENTAL SEATING VIDEO RECORDINGS

- ★ Due January 15th.
- ★ No vocal recordings needed.
- ★ Instrumentalists interested in playing a first part or solo should send an audition video. If you are not interested in first chair or solos, you are not required to send an audition video.
- ★ Please choose one or more excerpts that accurately reflect your ability level.
- ★ Length is not to exceed four minutes.
- ★ Applicants will be judged on tone, intonation, musicianship, style, and articulation.
- ★ Submissions must be in the form of a single continuous video file.
- ★ In January, you will be asked to upload your video for the directors to adjudicate.
- ★ Detailed instructions on how to upload your video will be given in a future newsletter.

## INTEREST LINKS

If you would like to publicize information about our Community Tours to friends, family, or other community music groups you know of, we strongly encourage you to do so! Copy and paste the information below wherever you see fit:

**June 27-July 7:** Led by Christopher Memoli

*(Band, Choir, and Orchestra)*

Interest Form: <https://bit.ly/AMA24ComNE>

**June 23-Aug 2:** Led by Keith Hodgson

*(Band and Choir)*

Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/AMA2024COMMUNITY2>

