

**Tour Contract**  
**Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Concert Tour of France & Italy**  
**July 20 - 29, 2012**  
(v. 3-23-11)

**RESERVATIONS** . . . . . American Classic Tours, hereafter known as ACT, requires an initial deposit of **\$320 per person**, along with this signed agreement, to confirm this tour. Upon confirmation of the tour, we will move forward to secure reservations on behalf of your group. Based on **75 tour participants**, the estimated tour cost is **\$3,269.00 per person, double and triple occupancy (price subject to revision if numbers of travelers decrease)**.

<b>May 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 320.00 (initial deposit)</b>	<b>January 5, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>
<b>July 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>	<b>March 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>
<b>September 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>	<b>May 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>
<b>November 1, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 491.50</b>		
<b>Total of Payments = \$ 3,269.00 per person</b>			

Also due on May 1, 2012 will be any applicable hotel supplement charges for **single rooms** at \$349.00 and any additional ground charges and any increases due to the currency exchange rate.

**CANCELLATIONS**.....It is agreed that cancellation fees represent compensation for liquidated damages to ACT and are not a penalty, and that if there are portions of the tour package not utilized by a tour member once the tour begins, such as meals, hotels, sightseeing or transportation, there will be no refunds. All cancellations must be made in writing, and fees will be assessed based upon date of receipt.

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Cancellation Fee</u>
180 days+	\$150 per person plus any airline cancellation fees
180 days	\$250 per person plus any airline cancellation fees
150 days	10% of total tour package price
120 days	30% of total tour package price
90 days	50% of total tour package price
60 days	75% of total tour package price
45 days	100% of total tour package price

**PASSPORTS AND VISAS**....Passengers are responsible for ensuring that they have the proper travel documents. Passports are required for all international travel. U.S. Passport holders must verify whether a visa is required for this trip. Passengers from other countries **MUST CHECK** with the respective consulate/s or a visa agency to determine whether a visa is required.

**RATES** . . . . . **Tour costs are based on fares and tariffs in effect as of January 2011. All of these rates are subject to change in the event of any increase in costs and/or applicable tariffs prior to departure. Airport security taxes can vary and can cause an increase in the price of the tour as can fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines. Changes in number of travelers from the original projection will cause the tour cost to be revised to reflect the change. Changes in the value of the US Dollar vs. the Euro can also cause a revision to the price of the tour. Prices are not guaranteed until initial deposit is received and subsequent to deposit receipt are subject to the changes referenced in this agreement.**

**LUGGAGE**...All tour packages allow one piece of luggage per person and one carry-on bag. These conditions may be amended by the airlines at any time. Any luggage fees including, but not limited to excess or oversized luggage may be subject to additional charges by the airlines and will be payable by the individual tour member.

**TRAVELERS WITH DISABILITIES**... Tour participants requiring any form of assistance are required to notify us in writing at the time of making their reservations, and must be accompanied by an individual who is responsible for providing those services. Tour managers, guides, drivers or any other tour, hotel, or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance.

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by all parties. The Parties have duly executed this Agreement by their signature below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PYPO Tour Member or Parent/Guardian of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Rick Dillard  
American Classic Tours Representative

3 / 23 / 11  
Date



# Pittsburgh Youth Philharmonic Orchestra



## Tour of

# France & Italy

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- \* Roundtrip Airfare from Pittsburgh to Paris, France with Return from Milan, Italy
- \* Three (2) Nights Accommodation in a Three Star Hotel in Paris with Breakfast
- \* Three (3) Dinners in Paris (excluding drinks)
- \* Two (2) Nights Accommodation in a Three Star Hotel in Nice with Breakfast
- \* Two (2) Dinners in Nice (excluding drinks)
- \* One (1) Night Accommodation in a Three Star Hotel in Florence, Italy with Breakfast
- \* One (1) Dinner in Florence
- \* Two (2) Nights Accommodation in a Three Star Hotel in Milan, Italy with Breakfast
- \* Two (2) Dinners in Milan (Including a Farewell Dinner)
- \* Luxury European Motorcoach Transportation in Paris and from Nice Throughout the remainder of the Tour
- \* Overnight Train Service from Paris to Nice
- \* Meet & Greet Assistance upon Arrival in Paris
- \* Departure Assistance at Airport in Milan
- \* Guided Half Day City Tour of Paris
  - Admission to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Eiffel Tower
  - Entrance to Versailles (with Guide)
  - Admission to the Louvre Museum (Mona Lisa, Winged Victory etc.)
- \* Musical Treasure Hunt in the Montmartre Area of Paris
- \* Guided Half Day City Tour of Nice
- \* Guided Half Day City Tour (Walking) of Florence
  - Entrance to the Galleria Academia (Michelangelo's "David")
  - Leather Workshop
- \* Guided Half Day City Tour of Milan
- \* European Tour Escort Throughout
- \* Organization and Promotion of 3 Concerts
- \* American Classic Tour Manager to Handle Logistics and Tickets with the Airlines
- \* All Taxes, Gratuities, and Service Charges (including tips for guides and drivers)

With 8 nights (7 in hotels + 1 on the train), the price based on a minimum of **75 passengers** including Air & Ground Packages, the price is estimated to be **\$3,269**.

The charge for a single supplement will be \$349 (for the entire tour).

The air and ground arrangements as outlined in this letter are **SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY** at the time of booking, and the actual rates will be determined at that time. At this point air seats have not been held on behalf of your group. The tour price is subject to change in the event of an increase by suppliers which is normally not done once a deposit has been applied -or- if a drop in numbers occurs. The above price reflects the exchange rate (1 Euro to 1.40 US Dollars) and may vary in 2012 with the relationship of the Dollar to the Euro or due to general inflation. Price is also subject to taxes, fuel surcharges or security fees imposed by the airlines and or ground carriers at their discretion.



Itinerary for the

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***Day 1 – Friday, July 20, 2012***

***Flight from USA to Paris***

Board your flight from Pittsburgh to Paris – Dinner and breakfast enroute

***Day 2 – Saturday, July 21, 2012***

***Arrival in Paris***

The treasures of Paris are yours to discover as you arrive this morning in the “City of Light.” Paris offers an exciting variety of dramatic scenery, some of Europe’s finest art treasures, world renowned food and wines, and an elegant and sophisticated way of life. The monuments and museums of Paris are simply breathtaking. A city tour will introduces you to the architecture found here. See the Arch de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, Place Vendome, the Champs-Elysees and many other sights. The tour will end at the Eiffel Tower where you will visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor viewing point and enjoy the magnificent scene unfolding before your eyes.

Welcome dinner and over night in Paris

***Day 3 – Sunday, July 22, 2012***

***Paris***

In the morning, you will visit the Louvre – former palace of the kings of France. See the masterpiece of Leonardo da Vinci, the Mona Lisa, the Winged Victory of Samothrace and the Venus de Milo.

In the afternoon there is the possibility of a performance at the Madeleine Church or perhaps in the Luxembourg Gardens. With the Madeleine Church you will experience a beautiful venue which has an interesting history. In 1806 Napoleon commissioned Pierre-Alexandre Barthelemy Vignon to build a ‘Temple de la Gloire de la Grande Armee’ based on the design of an ancient Greek temple. With the completion of the Arc de Triomphe in 1808, the original commemorative role for the temple was blunted. After the fall of Napoleon with the Catholic reaction during the Restoration, King Louis XVIII determined that the structure would be used as a church. It is now very popular for concerts, because of its excellent acoustics.

From your concert, you will continue on to Montmartre where famous painters such as Monet, Renoir, Toulouse Lautrec and others worked and lived. You will learn about this area during a treasure hunt. Stroll

along the area near the Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart Church) and watch all the modern day painters at work. During dinner of the next day, the winner of the treasure hunt will be announced.

Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Paris

***Day 4 – Monday, July 23, 2012***

***Overnight Train to Nice***

This morning you will have a guided tour of the Palace of Versailles. Here you will find the famous Chateau Versailles that was the site of Louis XIV's impressive palace and gardens. It was here in the palace's Hall of Mirrors that Germany and the Allies signed the Treaty of Versailles at the end of World War I.

In the afternoon you will enjoy an optional "Jeu de Boules workshop" at one of the parks in Paris. You will first get an explanation about the rules, and then the group will be divided into smaller groups for a competition.

Dinner will be at a local restaurant before you board the overnight train to Nice in a 6 berth cabin.

***Day 5 – Tuesday, July 24, 2012***

***Nice***

Breakfast will be on your own in the train this morning. Upon arrival in Nice, you will meet your coach and begin the day.

Nice is the Queen of the French Riviera and fronts onto the Bay of Angels sheltered by the hills behind it. It owes its success to the charming setting, its pleasant climate and the museums. You will enjoy a guided city tour of Old Nice with the castle, the 'Misericord Chapel,' and the Cimiez Hill which is the aristocratic part of Nice.

Dinner at a French restaurant. Overnight in Nice

***Day 6 – Wednesday, July 25, 2012***

***Nice***

This morning you will travel to St. Paul, a typical fortified town in the area. In the 1920s the village attracted many artists. All met at the Colombe d'Or, an open air café. The houses with their coats of arms, arcades and loggias now contain art galleries and craft shops.

In the afternoon you will continue on to Grasse, birthplace of Fragonard perfumes which stands on the hilly slopes above Cannes. Grasse was known for its leather goods and glove making when perfumed gloves became fashionable in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The perfume industry bloomed with two crops predominating – rose and jasmine. You will visit the International Perfume Museum with its own perfume laboratory. After the visit, you will return to Nice for a performance at the Notre Dame Church in Nice.

Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Nice

***Day 7 – Thursday, July 26, 2012***

***Pisa/Florence***

Continue on to Florence. On the way, you will make a stop at Pisa to see the Leaning Tower. No city played a larger part in the creation of the Renaissance. Upon arrival enjoy a walking tour of Florence and see the famous Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), the Piazza della Signoria and the wonderful Duomo (Cathedral) and Baptistry.

Dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner you will have a performance at the Santa Croce Cathedral where Rossini, Michelangelo, Dante, and Galileo are buried.

Overnight Florence

***Day 8 – Friday, July 27, 2012***

***Milan***

In the morning transfer to Milan, the great Lombard Metropolis and the cultural and economic hub of Italy. The capital of the region of Lombardy, Milan, lies in the center of the Po Valley (the City's name during the Roman times – Mediolanum – means 'midlands.')

Even though the city has a modern look and is the hub of industry, it is nonetheless filled with art and historic monuments.

A local guide will show you the main sights during a city tour. See the Piazza Duomo which is the city's geographical center. The square is dominated by the cathedral, or Duomo, the largest and most elaborate Gothic structure in Italy. You will also see the famous opera house, La Scala, the Castello, the Fortress, and the Church of St. Mary of Grace.

Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Milan.

***Day 9 – Saturday, July 28, 2012***

***Milan***

After breakfast you will head for Lake Como. Just a half an hour from noisy, bustling Milan, Lake Como is a jewel-like oasis of tranquility. It is a magical combination of lush Mediterranean foliage and snowy Alpine peaks. One of the best vantage points for this breathtaking view is in the Piazza Cavour on the banks of the lake in the town of Como.

Time at leisure to discover the city on your own. Return to Milan in the afternoon.

Farewell dinner with music at a local restaurant. Overnight in Milan.

***Day 10 – Sunday, July 29, 2012***

***Departure***

Transfer to Milan's Malpensa Airport for your return flight to the USA. Ciao Italia!