Performance Tour of Spain
Madrid, Seville, Barcelona
July 16 - 25, 2021
Pablo Ardiles, Director

David Dreher
Pittsburgh Choral Ensemble Director

Kim Wachter
PYCO Operations Manager
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To All Persons Interested in Joining the PYCO 2021 Tour of Spain:

The Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra (PYCO) is happy to extend an invitation to all persons interested in participating in the PYCO 2021 Tour of Spain in Madrid, Seville, and Barcelona, to take place July 16 to July 25, 2021. PYCO has teamed up with the Pittsburgh Choral Ensemble (PCE) to present a magnificent blend of orchestra and choir concerts in each of these cities. The tour operator contracted by the Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra is American Classic Tours & Music Festivals.

In addition to the young musicians of PYCO and the adult and young singers of the Pittsburgh Choral Ensemble, we are extending this invitation to all persons interested in joining us on our 2021 European Tour either as a Musician or Tour Guest.

Participation as a Musician:
If you are an instrumentalist or a singer, you are encouraged to join the orchestra or the choir. There are no age requirements. Whether you are a current member of any of our six PYCO ensembles, a former student, orchestra alumnus, a member from another organization, or a qualified young or adult instrumentalist or singer, you are welcome to participate in the group. For acceptance as a Musician in the orchestra please contact PYCO Artistic Director, Pablo Ardiles; for the Pittsburgh Choral Ensemble, contact Choir Director, David Dreher.

Participation as a Tour Guest:
Relatives and friends of the participating musicians, as well as any person wishing to accompany the orchestra and choir, are welcome to join the tour. With the exception of performing in the concerts, Tour Guests will participate in all the activities as described in the Tour Itinerary and Tour Inclusions. Tour Guests can choose their own activities if they wish, as long as it does not cause disruption of the tour schedule.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact PYCO Artistic Director, Pablo Ardiles, at 412-445-4500, or at the orchestra office at 412-600-5369, or via email at info@pyco.org.

For information about joining the tour as a singer, contact Pittsburgh Choral Ensemble Director, David Dreher, at 412-585-1398 or via email at operadad1@gmail.com.

For information about American Classic Tours & Music Festivals, please visit their website at amclass.com.

For Tour Guests or Musicians planning to join the orchestra in Europe, but not fly with us, there is also a Land Package available upon request.

To sign up for the PYCO 2021 Tour of Spain, please read the attached information in this packet for complete details and follow the directions on the “How Do I Register For My Tour?” page of the packet. A $250 deposit must be paid upon your completion of the online registration to ensure your spot. The attached Trip Application Form should also be submitted to PYCO for our records.

We hope you will take advantage of this “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity of performing and visiting places where music flourished and continues to thrive. We are looking forward to building many unique and inspirational experiences together that will produce lasting memories.

Best Regards,

Pablo Ardiles
Artistic Director
Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra
10 Day Spain Performance Tour
July 16 – 25, 2021

Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra (PYCO)

Madrid
Seville

Barcelona
ITINERARY

DAY 1  Friday, July 16, 2021  Point of Departure
(Meals: Per Airline)
- Check in at departure airport
- Depart on flight to Madrid, Spain

DAY 2  Saturday, July 17, 2021  Madrid
(Meals: Per Airline, D)
- Arrival in Madrid
- After clearing passport control, collecting your luggage and passing through customs, you will meet with your Tour Manager and transfer to the city center
- With your tour manager, enjoy a panoramic tour of Madrid and take a ride on the Teleferico, Madrid's Cable Car
  - Travel above the city’s parks and the Manzanares River as a recorded commentary describes what you are seeing. See many of the famous sights such as Parque del Oeste, the Royal Palace, the Buen Retiro Park, the Almudena Cathedral, Puerta del Sol, Puerta de Alcalà, Plaza Mayor, the Museum District (with Museo del Prado, Museo Reina Sofía, Museo Thyssen-Bornemisza, the Science Museum and many more.
- At the end of the tour, check in at the hotel in Madrid
- Enjoy a “Welcome to Spain” Dinner
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 3  Sunday, July 18, 2021  Madrid
(Meals: B & D)
- Breakfast at your accommodations
- After breakfast at your hotel, meet your local English-speaking Tour Guide and begin your tour, including the entrance into the Royal Palace or the Prado Museum
  - Lunch is at your expense
- *Concert in Madrid or surroundings
- Group dinner provided this evening
- Overnight in Madrid

Prado Museum
DAY 4  Monday, July 19, 2021
(Meals: B)
- Breakfast at your accommodations
- Depart by motor coach for Avila
  - Ávila, the capital of the Province of Ávila, is sometimes called the Town of Stones and Saints and has the greatest number of Romanesque and Gothic churches per capita in Spain. It is known for having the longest intact medieval town walls in Europe.
- Lunch on your own
- After lunch, continue to Segovia
  - Segovia, a World Heritage city with a famous Aqueduct constructed in Roman times, a major Cathedral and Medieval Alcazar (Palace). Enjoy a guided city tour starting from the majestic Roman Aqueduct.
- Return to Madrid at the conclusion of the tour
- Dinner at your expense this evening
- Overnight in Madrid

DAY 5  Tuesday, July 20, 2021
(Meals: B & D)
- Breakfast at your accommodations and check out
- Transfer by motor coach to the train station, depart by train to Seville
- Arrive at Seville, one of the most culturally rich and diverse cities in the Iberian Peninsula
- Board your waiting motor coach and transfer to your hotel where you can leave your luggage until check in
- Time for the group to get their own lunch near the hotel
- This afternoon meet your local guide in the hotel lobby
  - Go behind the scenes of the cult HBO TV series ‘Game of Thrones’ on this 2-hour walking tour in Seville — Explore the Alcázar of Seville palace that doubles as the Water Gardens of Dorne, the seat of House Martell, in season five. Roam the pool-dotted grounds that served as the Water Gardens themselves and hear insider gossip about the series.
- Enjoy a special Tapas Dinner this evening
- Overnight in Seville
Breakfast at your accommodations
After breakfast, continue your tour of Seville
Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria, the biggest in Spain and where Christopher Columbus is buried, and his tomb is always of great interest to visitors
Then visit the Giralda Tower, an ancient Arabic minaret and symbol of the city, dominating the city skyline. This magnificent structure has been used as inspiration for similar architecture in Rabat and Marrakech.
You will end the tour with a pleasant stroll through Santa Cruz, Seville’s historical Jewish quarter. With narrow cobbled streets winding among whitewashed buildings, this is the most picturesque area of the city.
Enjoy some free time to shop and explore the city
  Seville means flamenco, tapas, bullfights, and parties, all that embodies the essence of Spain. You will be able to discover the ancient neighborhoods, their narrow streets, and the tranquility of the parks. Speaking about its architectural heritage, Seville has a marvelous Cathedral, the Giralda and the Reales Alcazares. Walk along the Guadalquivir River, currently Spain’s only river port, which divides the city in two.
*Concert in Seville or surroundings
Dinner at your expense this evening
Overnight in Seville
DAY 7  Thursday, July 22, 2021  Seville/Barcelona
(Meals: B & D)

▪ Breakfast at your accommodations and check out
▪ Transfer from Seville to Barcelona by speed train or flight
▪ Upon arrival, board your coach and enjoy a panoramic tour of Barcelona
  o Barcelona, the capital and largest city of Catalonia, is the second most populous municipality of Spain, the sixth most populous urban area in the European Union. Founded as a Roman city, in the Middle Ages Barcelona became the capital of the County of Barcelona.
▪ Check in at the hotel
▪ Dinner at your hotel restaurant
▪ Overnight in Barcelona

DAY 8  Friday, July 23, 2021  Barcelona
(Meals: B)

▪ Breakfast at your accommodations
▪ Enjoy a guided tour of Barcelona
  o Entrance into La Sagrada Familia and one of the two most famous buildings designed by Antoni Gaudi
▪ *Concert in Barcelona or surroundings
▪ Overnight in Barcelona
DAY 9  Saturday, July 24, 2021  Barcelona
(Meals: B & D)

▪ Breakfast at your accommodations
▪ Enjoy a full day at your leisure to shop, relax, or anything else you’d like to see. You may spend the day at the beach as well.
  ○ Optional half day guided tour to Monserrat with added supplement
▪ Group Farewell Dinner - Learn how to prepare Paella with the help of a professional chef. Immerse yourself in the culinary traditions of Spain and prepare dishes that represent each region of the country.
▪ Overnight in Barcelona

DAY 10  Sunday, July 25, 2021  Barcelona/Departure
(Meals: B)

▪ One final breakfast at your accommodations and check out
▪ Transfer to Barcelona airport to depart for home
PYCO Performance Tour of Spain
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July 16 - July 25, 2021

TOUR INCLUSIONS

➢ Roundtrip Airfare from Pittsburgh to Madrid and return from Barcelona to Pittsburgh
➢ Intra-flight or high-speed train from Madrid to Seville and Seville to Barcelona
➢ Private Motor Coach when Specified by Itinerary
➢ Eight (8) Nights’ Accommodations in 3- or 4-Star Hotels:
  o Three (3) Nights in Madrid
  o Two (2) Nights in Seville
  o Three (3) Nights in Barcelona
➢ Breakfast Daily at Hotel
➢ Four (4) Regular Dinners and One (1) Farewell Dinner in Barcelona
➢ Three (3) Concerts. One (1) in Each City: Madrid, Seville, Barcelona
➢ Instrument rental for oversize instruments that will not fit in overhead compartments (e.g. tuba, cello, string bass, etc.)
➢ One (1) Tour Escort Throughout Tour
➢ Admissions and Tours:
  o Panoramic tour of Madrid & a ride on Madrid’s cable car
  o Royal Palace OR Prado Museum
  o Avila & Segovia Tour OR Toledo Tour
  o Panoramic tour of Seville including admission to the Alcazar
  o Additional Seville sightseeing
  o Panoramic tour of Barcelona
  o Sagrada Familia and Casa Mila (or another Gaudi house)
  o Free day with optional suggestions available

Please Note:

• Airfare taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to a possible increase until final payment is made. Baggage fees are not included.
• A valid passport (not included in price) is required for this tour. All passengers require at least 2 blank consecutive pages in their passports and passports should be valid for at least 6 months after departure.
• Based on 100 tour participants, the estimated tour cost is $3,750 per person for multi-bedded room occupancy, $3,800 for double/twin room occupancy, and $4,125 for single room occupancy. The price is subject to revision if the number of travelers change. A Land Package is available upon request. To ensure your spot, an initial deposit of $250 is required. The balance is due by April 28, 2021. Please see the “How Do I Register For My Tour?” page and the “Payment and Deadline Schedule” for more information.
• Attendance at at least three rehearsals is mandatory. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 6 PM; Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 6 PM; Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 6 PM. Participants will be notified of the final rehearsal schedule no later than May 1, 2021.

For more information, please contact PYCO Artistic Director, Pablo Ardiles, at 412-445-4500 or info@pyco.org.
How Do I Register For My Tour?
You can register for your tour online.

HAVE YOUR PASSPORT IN HAND - Name entered must match your passport

To register online use registration code: dfcf229d

Visit our webpage at www.amclass.com

Click on PARTICIPANTS in the top right corner of the page. Then click “CLICK HERE” and follow the simple steps.

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*Payment Total does not include handling charges.

If there are any questions your Tour Organizer will be your main contact. We are available to answer questions and tour related information.

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PARTICIPANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Tour Price: Tour Price is based upon the features of your tour and a minimum number of travelers. A change in the tour features or number of Tour Participants may cause the Tour Price to increase, and therefore the payment schedule to change. In addition, an increase in supplier costs (e.g., fuel or energy surcharges, tax increases, etc.) may cause the Tour Price, and therefore the payment schedule to change.

Deposits and Payments: Your completed Registration Form and initial, non-refundable booking deposit are due by the date indicated on the Registration Form. After registering you will receive an invoice detailing your payment options. You may pay the remaining balance in full, or you may take advantage of our installment plan. There is a $25 charge for late payments and returned checks.

Cancellations and Refunds: All cancellation notices and requests for refunds must be in writing and mailed to American Classic Tours, 4243 E. Piedras Dr., #155, San Antonio, TX 78228 postmarked no later than your departure date. Refunds take approx. 4-6 weeks to process.

Standard Cancellation Policy: Cancellations occurring more than 120 days prior to departure will result in a full refund less any non-refundable amounts paid to suppliers to confirm your reservations. Cancellations occurring 119-60 days prior to departure will result in a cancellation fee equal to the initial deposit plus any non-refundable additional amounts paid to suppliers to confirm your reservations. Cancellations occurring from 59 days up to 31 days prior to departure will be assessed cancellation fees of 20% of the Tour Cost and any non-refundable amounts paid to suppliers to confirm your reservations. Cancellations occurring within 30 days of departure will receive no refunds. In all cases, any non-refundable fees such as installment fees returned check and/or late payment fees will be added.

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Without limitation, American Classic Tours (Sponsor) is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services resulting from, but not limited to, acts of government, acts of force majeure, war, civil unrest, insurrection, strikes or other labor activities, criminal conduct, threatened or actual terrorist activities, lost or stolen belongings, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, motorcoaches or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, vehicular incidents, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of or quality of medical care, illness or disease, epidemics or the threat thereof, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of American Classic Tours or Sponsor.

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Alcohol/Drug Policy: American Classic Tours has a zero-tolerance rule for possession or drinking of alcohol for any participants under the age of 21 and/or possession or use of any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia by any participant. Any participant violating this rule is subject to immediate expulsion from the trip. In any such case, the student or his or her parent or guardian is responsible for transporting the participant home and waives any claim for any refund of any portion of the trip cost.
Cancellations due to Governmental Action or Impossibility of Performance: In the event a trip is cancelled or postponed due to the actions of any governmental or civil authority, school or school district, or a cancellation is caused for any other reason beyond the control of American Classic Tours, tour participants will be entitled to a refund of monies paid less non-refundable expenses prepaid or incurred by American Classic Tours and the non-refundable booking deposit.

Privacy: American Classic Tours retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact participant’s parents, guardian, and/or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any other matter whatsoever which relates to participant or participant’s trip. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply.

Photo Release: American Classic Tours and Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra reserve the right to take photographic or film records of any program. American Classic Tours and Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra may use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without limitation, without liability and without payment of any fees.

Medical Proxy: You must submit to your Tour Organizer a complete and accurate Health History and Medical proxy. Any medical or physical conditions that chaperones should know or that may interfere with your participation on the Tour or with others on the tour must be stated on your Form. I authorize the adults on my tour to obtain emergency treatment as deemed necessary by medical professionals. I understand that I am solely responsible for my pre-program, program, and post-program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations and any other medical care and treatment. I certify that I will consult a physician qualified in travel medicine, immunizations and infectious/tropical diseases prior to my trip departure. American Classic Tours may attempt to bring a participant to a medical facility for emergency treatment but is not responsible for any negligent or unsuccessful treatment thereat.

Binding Arbitration: I agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this Agreement, the brochure or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself, shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§1-16, either according to the then existing Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) New York law and will take place in Mineola, NY. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. Please understand that by agreeing to these terms and conditions, you (and we) are waiving our right to a trial by jury.

Miscellaneous: Trip participants are solely responsible for securing their own passports, visas, medical inoculations, reviewing United States Department of State warnings and advisories (https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warnings and advisories (https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices) and other advisories or warnings, etc. American Classic Tours reserves the right to cancel any trip with its sole obligation to refund all monies received by it for the trip.

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Trip Application Form  
PYCO European Tour of Spain  
July 16-25, 2021  

Please fill out and return this form to PYCO in addition to your online registration with American Classic Tours.

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| Participant Address |  |
| Participant Phone # |  |
| Participant Email |  |
| Participant T-Shirt Size |  |

**Participating As**  
(orchestra member, choir member, or guest)  
If orchestra member, what is your instrument?  
If choir member, what is your voice part?  

| Parent/Guardian Names  
(if participant is a minor) |  |
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