

*The 15th Anniversary*  
**Summa Cum Laude International  
Youth Music Festival**  
**Vienna, Austria :: July 1-7, 2021**

You are invited to bring your orchestra, band or choir to the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna. This unique event creates an environment where young musicians from all over the world can interact and perform together in some of the most exquisite concert halls in Europe.





## THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

The first Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival was hosted in July 2007. Already during its first year, it realized its two main objectives: to provide a unique platform for the world's most talented youth choirs, bands and orchestras to perform in Vienna's magnificent Musikverein and to set new standards in the festival arena. The SCL Festival has gained the broad support of the Austrian public and of many national and international decision makers in the field of politics and culture. Close ties have also been established to foreign embassies and international organization to make this a truly international event. Performing groups may compete with their peers in the "Summa Cum Laude Competition" or they may opt to participate in the non-competitive "Summa Cum Laude Celebration."



## VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Vienna's historic center is considered one of the most beautiful city landmarks in Europe. Three eras left their mark on the former residence of the Habsburgs: the Middle Ages with Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral whose spire points toward heaven; the Baroque whose most important achievement is the Imperial Palace with its sumptuous cupolas; and the Ring Boulevard era of the late nineteenth century, when such splendid buildings as the Vienna State Opera and the Museum of Fine Arts were built to replace the former city walls. Music is one of Vienna's legacies. Musical prodigies including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Gustav Mahler and Arnold Schoenberg have worked there. Art and culture have a long tradition in Vienna, including theatre, opera, classical music and fine arts.



## THE ORGANIZERS :: Perform International

*"Building Bridges and Transforming Lives through the Power of Music"*

Boldly informed by the belief that music inherently speaks as an expression of the human spirit beyond borders and in all cultures, **Perform International** seeks to empower music directors and ensembles to realize meaningful and life-changing immersion experiences and performances around the world.

- We empower music directors, music ensembles and individual musicians to share and grow in their artistic expression and understanding of people and cultures.
- We design and create rewarding performances as well as educational and cultural immersion opportunities by building and maintaining relationships with domestic and international musicians and music education organizations.
- We partner with concert venues, publicity teams, airlines, hotels, and tour guides to plan and implement operational methods that enhance rather than distract from the artistic experience.
- We provide meaningful and life-changing performance tour experiences that are personal, thoughtful, and efficient in the processes of conceptual artistic and educational development.





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## FESTIVAL TOUR ITINERARY

### Thursday, July 1, 2021 – DEPARTURE USA

Fly from USA to Vienna, Austria.



### Friday, July 2, 2021 - ARRIVAL VIENNA

Arrival in Vienna – panoramic city tour including visit to the Central Cemetery where city leaders expressed gratitude to composers by granting them monumental tombs. Welcome ceremony at St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Overnight Vienna.

### Saturday, July 3, 2021 - VIENNA

Competition and celebration at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein or the Konzerthaus. Individual concerts and performances in and around Vienna.



### Sunday, July 4, 2021 - VIENNA

Competition and celebration at the Golden Hall of the Musikverein or the Konzerthaus. Individual concerts and performances in and around Vienna. Orchestra, band and choir workshops at the University of Music in Vienna.

### Monday, July 5, 2021 - VIENNA

Orchestra, band and choir workshops at the University of Music in Vienna. Visit to the Haus der Musik - an interactive sound museum. The visit includes a high-tech voyage of discovery into the phenomenon of music where sound becomes visible, organ pipes may be walked on and visitors can become virtual conductors and composers. Individual concerts and performances in and around Vienna.



### Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - VIENNA

Morning at leisure. Lecture, preparation for Gala Winners’ Concert and group photo at the Wiener Konzerthaus. Evening Gala Winners’ Concert (winners of the Competition on stage, all other participants in the audience) at the Great Hall of the Wiener Konzerthaus. Enjoy a true celebration of your individual achievements of the past few festival days as well as a celebration of international friendships. Award ceremony, farewell reception at the Imperial Palace - Hofburg.



### Wednesday, July 7, 2021 - DEPART VIENNA

Departure from Vienna. Post-concert tours to other European cities available.

\* Sightseeing tours of Vienna to such iconic sights as Schonbrunn Palace will be scheduled around the performance events.

## POST FESTIVAL EXTENSION TOUR PROGRAMS

If your ensemble would like to spend more time exploring Europe before or after the Summa Cum Laude Festival, you might want to consider an extension tour to Prague, Budapest or Salzburg.



