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Oklahoma Youth Orchestras' Flagship Ensemble Tours Three European Music Cities: Prague, Vienna, Salzburg in Summer 2025

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - Oklahoma Youth Orchestras is thrilled to announce our European Tour of three major music cities in June 2025! This once-in-a-lifetime journey will take our flagship ensemble to the heart of classical music, exploring cities steeped in music history and performing in some of the world's most renowned music halls. Touring offers cultural opportunities, character development, and musical skill improvement to our students.

Oklahoma Youth Orchestras (OKYO) is a 501(c)3 non profit organization featuring twelve ensembles and a summer camp that serve a diverse student body of over 400 young musicians from across the state of Oklahoma. OKYO fosters creativity, teamwork and leadership through a strong commitment to excellence in music.

"This tour goes beyond simply showcasing our musical talents;" says Jeff Grogan, Artistic Director of Oklahoma Youth Orchestras, "it [touring] offers an incomparable opportunity to immerse ourselves in the rich history and cultural significance of classical music. Each performance will connect us with legendary concert halls and centuries-old traditions, providing us with a deeper appreciation of the art form we love. Beyond the music, this journey will encourage personal growth, foster new friendships, and strengthen bonds within our ensemble. Together, we'll create memories that will last a lifetime, enriching our lives as musicians and as individuals through shared experiences in iconic cities."

Oklahoma Youth Orchestras recently performed in New York City at Carnegie Hall in 2023 and has toured Europe several times over the organization's 47 year history, providing unparalleled performance opportunities for young musicians in Oklahoma. Fundraising for this European tour has already begun in order to offset the costs for our students and encourage as many to participate as possible. OKYO has secured \$20,000 in matching pledges with an additional \$10,000 already raised toward that match. Opportunities to support this tour include an online auction starting on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd and running through December 10th and Chamber Music Night - an evening featuring chamber music performances by our students in March. Donations can be made and more information can be found at www.okyomusic.org/touring.

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