



WORLD STAGE CONCERT & TOURS

Proposal specially prepared for:

HOOD RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR & WIND ENSEMBLE

March 18 to 27, 2004

(Subject to change - 2/17/04 draft)

✱ The following items may NOT be taken on board the aircraft: Toy or replica guns, household cutlery, steel nail files, knives with any length blade, razor blades (non-safety), paper knives, darts, sporting bats/clubs, knitting needles, billiard/snooker, pool cues, scissors of any size, tradesmen's tools, corkscrews with blades attached, hypodermic syringes (except with evidence of medical need), any other article which the airport authority considers might be used, or could be adapted, for causing injury or incapacitation of a person.

Thursday, March 18

2:50 p.m. Assemble at the Lufthansa (LH) desks at the Portland International Airport.

4:50 p.m. LH #469 departs for Frankfurt, Germany
Dinner and breakfast will be served aloft.

Friday, March 19

12:05 p.m. Arrive in Frankfurt.

[GROUP A]

3:00 p.m. LH #4732 departs for London's (LHR) - 58 passengers.

3:40 p.m. Arrives in London's Heathrow Airport.

On arrival at Heathrow Airport, clear customs & immigration, and meet your *World Stage Concerts & Tours* escort, Esme Green, and motorcoach. 49 passengers will depart for Alvechurch, south of Birmingham. The 9 remaining passengers will wait with your other escort, Tim Stefiuk, for the second flight to arrive.

8:15 p.m. Group A arrives at the Westmead Hotel, Alvechurch and has dinner.

[GROUP B]

4:55 p.m. LH departs for London (LHR) - 34 passengers.

5:40 p.m. Arrives in London's Heathrow Airport.

On arrival at Heathrow Airport, clear customs & immigration, and meet your *World Stage Concerts & Tours* escort, Tim Stefiuk, and motorcoach. These 34 passengers will be joined by the 9 passengers waiting with Tim. Transfer to a local restaurant for dinner. Following dinner, depart for Alvechurch, south of Birmingham.

10:30 p.m. Group B arrives at the hotel.

Westmead Hotel (<http://www.infotel.co.uk/76246>)

Birmingham Road, Alvechurch,
Birmingham, West Midlands,
England, B48 7AL

Tel: 011 (44) 870 7522235 & Fax: 011 (44) 870 7522236

A modern hotel in a country setting on the edge of the city, well known for its friendly atmosphere and fine restaurant. Excellent standard of accommodation, service and comfort.

Early night!!

Saturday, March 20

8:30 a.m. English Breakfast at your hotel.

9:30 a.m. Depart for a sightseeing excursion to **Stratford-on-Avon**. On the way into town, stop and visit Anne Hathaway's Cottage in Shottonery (entrance included).

11:15 a.m. Transfer into Stratford to visit Shakespeare's birthplace (entrance included).

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON -- The hometown of William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway, Stratford is a must-see. While there, visit some of the sites associated with the Bard, including Anne Hathaway's cottage (in nearby Shottonery), Shakespeare's birthplace, the Guildhall (where he went to school -- the classroom is maintained circa 1500), Trinity Church (where he's buried -- note the inscription), Mary Arden's House, New Place and Hall's Croft.

12:30 p.m. Free time for individual sightseeing and own arrangements for lunch. There are many restaurants available and your escorts will be pleased to make suggestions.

3:45 p.m. Transfer to the quintessential village of **Henley-in-Arden** for a rehearsal at St. John's Church.

5:15 p.m. End of rehearsal. Cross the road from the Church to the Swan Hotel.

5:30 p.m. Dinner provided at the Swan Hotel. After dinner, return to the church, change to concert attire and prepare for your concert.

7:30 p.m. **PERFORMANCE** at St. John's Church....excellent acoustics.

9:00 p.m. Approximate end of concert.

9:15 p.m. Depart Henley-in-Arden for your hotel.

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. English Breakfast at hotel.

9:30 a.m. Check out of hotel and depart for a sightseeing excursion over the border into Wales. Possible visit to the Judge's lodging and Old Jail at Presteigne (entrance included), then on to Welsh Royal Crystal to see where crystal glass is made (entrance is free).

Own arrangements for lunch (escorts to advise).

3:00 p.m. Arrive in Llandrindod Wells and assemble at The Pavilion for a rehearsal where you may meet some of the members of the Builth Male Voice

3:30 p.m. Rehearsal.

4:30 p.m. End of rehearsal. Transfer to the Metropole Hotel. Unpack and relax.

Metropole Hotel

Temple Street
Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5DY, North Wales
<http://www.great-britainhotels.com/hotels/p29753.html>

Wonderful Countryside Complements the splendor of this family-owned Victorian Style Hotel. Built In 1897 and By The Great Grandmother Of The Present Owner, and remodeled in 1998, the Best Western Metropole Hotel offers comfortable, well-appointed bedrooms, All ensuite with bath and shower. Its superb leisure complex, housed In a victorian style conservatory, includes a 54-foot indoor pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, solarium, beautician, mini gym and game room.

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided at the hotel. Change to concert attire.
- 7:00 p.m. Assemble back at The Pavilion and prepare for the concert.
- 7:30 p.m. **PERFORMANCE with the BUILTH WELLS MALE VOICE CHOIR.** This concert will be in aid of the Rotary International charity "Shelter Boxes."
- 9:15 p.m. Approximate end of concert. Say goodbye to your new friends and return to hotel.

Monday, March 22 -

- 8:30 a.m. Full Welsh breakfast at your hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Check out and depart for Newport, in South Wales via the Brecon Beacons. Own arrangements for lunch en route.

BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK -- Set in the center of southern Wales, Brecon (pronounced "Brek-on") Beacons National Park is crossed by two red-sandstone mountain ranges. The Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons provide a varied & scenic setting for the park's caves, rivers and forests.

- 2:15 p.m. Arrive at the Welsh high school, **YSGOL CYMER RHONDDA** near **Pontypridd**. <http://www.ysgolcymer.co.uk/sitemapenglish.htm>
- 2:45 p.m. **PERFORMANCE** for the students (approximately 40 minutes) followed by an opportunity to meet with some of the staff and students
- 3:45 p.m. Depart the school for Cardiff. Pick up Welsh Guide on arrival for a Panoramic Guided tour of Cardiff, then transfer to your hotel near Newport.
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at and check in to The Express by Holiday Inn, Newport
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at your hotel followed by a free evening to unpack and have an early night!

Express by Holiday Inn Newport

Celtic Springs, Cleppa Park
Newport, NP10 8BA
Tel: 44-0870-9904083 & Fax: 44-0870-9904084

Tuesday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. Full Welsh breakfast at hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for the centre of Cardiff where you will visit the famed Castle (entrance included), followed by free time for sightseeing and shopping. Own arrangements for lunch. (Escorts will advise)
- 3:30 p.m. Arrive at **PLASMAWR HIGH SCHOOL** in Cardiff and meet with the Head of Music, Ms. Ms. Helen Thomas and Senior Staff member Siriol Wilde.

- 3:45 p.m. Rehearsal at the school with the school's choir and Harp Ensemble. You will combine for the singing of the Welsh national anthem.
- 5:00 p.m. End of rehearsal. Dinner provided in a nearby restaurant.
- 6:30 p.m. Report back to the school and change to concert attire.
- 7:00 p.m. **PERFORMANCE** at the high school. (Hood ensembles 60 to 70 minutes & Plasmawr ensembles 20 minutes)
- 8:30 p.m. Approximate end of concert.
- 9:00 p.m. Coaches return to hotel.

Wednesday, March 24

- 8:00 a.m. Full Welsh breakfast at hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Check out of hotel and depart for London with sightseeing en route. Own arrangements for lunch.
- 5:30 p.m. Possible **PERFORMANCE** at Evensong in St. George's Chapel (tbc)
Dinner provided in Windsor.
Transfer to London. Check into hotel...the Novotel London West, a deluxe hotel located west of the city center.

Novotel London West

1 Shortlands, Hammersmith, LONDON, W6 8DR
Tel: 020 8741 1555 & Fax: 020 8741 2120

www.hotel-assist.com/novotel-london-west-hotel-london.html

Thursday, March 25

- 8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast at hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for a sightseeing excursion to **Cambridge**. Your escorts will advise sightseeing and shopping options on arrival.

CAMBRIDGE -- This picturesque town (pop. 100,000), built where an ancient bridge crossed the River Cam (Cam-Bridge), is best known for its university, which opened in the 13th century. While in town, meander among the old stone university buildings, stopping at the 16th-century King's College Chapel, Trinity College. If there is time, stroll the botanic gardens, and if your timing is good, see a performance by one of the colleges' fine choirs. Note the wooden Mathematical Bridge at Queen's College. Originally built without nails, it fits together like a puzzle (which generations of drunken students could take apart but not put back together). Today, it is securely fastened by bolts.

- 12:00 p.m. Assemble at Great St. Mary's Church in the centre of town for a ten-minute sound check.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunchtime **PERFORMANCE** at **Great St. Mary's Church** in Cambridge.
- 1:30 p.m. End of performance. Own arrangements for lunch and the remainder of the afternoon free in Cambridge for your own explorations and shopping.
- 5:30 p.m. Transfer to your hotel in London. Dinner provided at your hotel or nearby restaurant.

Friday, March 26

- 8:00a.m. Continental breakfast at hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Depart for a sightseeing tour of London with licensed Blue Badge Guides. Own arrangements for lunch (escorts will advise).
- 5:00 p.m. Return to hotel to freshen up for dinner.

6:00 p.m. Transfer to **LONDON EYE** for a fantastic panoramic view of London prior to:
“**End of Tour**” dinner in a nearby London restaurant.

The British Airways **LONDON EYE** <http://www.londoneye.com/default.asp> has become, quite literally, the way the world sees London. It is one of the most spectacular and popular attractions in the world, drawing visitors from far and wide. As well as being one of the most visually striking structures in the world - the British Airways London Eye offers you a new perspective on a great city. London's famous streets, churches, palaces and monuments spread out below in a panoramic scene grown up from Roman times - and, on a clear day - views that stretch 25 miles to Windsor Castle.

Return to hotel. Pack.

Saturday, March 27 -

Check out of hotel. Transfer to London's Heathrow Airport for flights to Germany and then the USA. Those deviating will have breakfast at the hotel and then check out on their own.

GROUP A -

3:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Heathrow Airport.
4:30 a.m. Check in for LH #4743
6:30 a.m. LH #4743 departs for Frankfurt.
9:05 a.m. Arrive in Frankfurt, Germany
2:00 p.m. UA #901 departs for San Francisco (SFO)
4:35 p.m. Arrive in San Francisco
8:05 p.m. UA #964 departs San Francisco for Portland (PDX)
9:44 p.m. Arrive in Portland

GROUP B -

3:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Heathrow Airport.
4:30 a.m. Check in for LH #4765
7:10 a.m. LH #4765 departs London for Munich, Germany
9:55 a.m. Arrive in Munich.
11:30 a.m. LH #903 departs for Munich for Washington's Dulles Airport (IAD)
3:25 p.m. Arrive in Washington, DC
5:10 p.m. UA #229 departs for Portland (PDX)
7:55 p.m. Arrive in Portland

GROUP C -

9:10 a.m. LH #4723 departs for Frankfurt
11:45 a.m. Arrive in Frankfurt, Germany
2:00 p.m. UA #901 departs for San Francisco (SFO)
4:35 p.m. Arrive in San Francisco
6:30 p.m. UA #558 departs for Portland (PDX)

WELCOME HOME!!