

**LINGUA MUSICA's 21<sup>ST</sup> EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**LUCERNE FESTIVAL, SCHUMANN & CHOPIN BI-CENTENNIALS**

Our 2010 Tour will commence in **ZURICH**, where we will spend two nights before travelling by private coach to Lucerne.

The **LUCERNE FESTIVAL** (the largest and arguably best music festival in Europe) remains very important for Lingua Musica for the simple reason that one can always depend on performances of the highest order. LUCERNE is a beautiful city wondrously located and loved by all our participants.

**BERLIN** is a city with enormous content and enormous fascination. It is in the forefront of culture and interest, always appreciated greatly by our groups, especially under the guidance of our expert local guide, Bruce Anderson.

The Bicentennials of the births of Robert Schumann and Frederic Chopin add another frisson of excitement this year. Robert Schumann is especially important in the wonderful cultural city of **LEIPZIG**, where also the mighty J.S.Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and Schuman's brilliant wife, Clara, Brahms and others, figure largely.

Our chosen routes are beautiful, the music and opera performances exhilarating, and you will travel in comfort, in air-conditioned coaches, centrally located 4\* hotels, not to mention the exquisite dining experiences you will enjoy in these vibrant cities.

Our tour has been constructed into the main Tour, plus optional additional travel to Vienna and Ljubljana. Experience has shown that this freedom satisfies those who may wish to combine the LINGUA MUSICA tour with private travel.

**ITINERARY 2010**

**Day 1** **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**ZURICH**

Zurich is most beautifully located on rivers and lakes and surrounded by wooded hills, about 30 kms north of the Alps. It is the largest city in Switzerland and is the main commercial and cultural centre, with most attractive and interesting buildings.

Our Tour commences with a **Welcome Dinner** and meeting with Roma Randles and Tour Assistant.

**NOTE:** (If you wish to arrive at Zurich earlier than September 11th, please advise ahead and we will try to arrange extra nights.)

**Day 2** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**ZURICH**

We will have a conducted walking tour of the charming Old City, located on both sides of the River Limmat. The Old City reveals to us so much of what it was like during the Middle Ages, when the Hechplatz, for example, was right on the water and the oldest wine tavern in Zurich, the Zum Raben, was often used as residential accommodation by visiting monks. The Welte Gasse leads into the Oberdorfstrasse, where you will see the 'Zur Vogelhare', built in 1316. The Grossmunster Cathedral can be glimpsed as we climb some steep ancient stairs and pause for rest beside the lovely fountain in another small square off the Trittligasse, which was once an up-market residential area for wealthy clergy and scholars. This walking tour continues, exploring the fascinating legacy of the Middle Ages, including some wonderful churches and galleries. This evening we have a lecture, "Musical Personalities & Approaches to Composition" at our hotel, commencing at 'cocktail hour'. Free evening. Possible optional performance (Not inc. in the Tour Proper.)



Lucerne, Switzerland

**Day 3** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
**LUCERNE FESTIVAL**

We will drive via a most delightful route of green valleys, pretty villages, always overlooked by mountains as we wind our way to Lucerne. We are staying in the beautifully located Hotel Hermitage (4\*). Your luxurious rooms look out over sloping green lawns to the water, across which the surrounding peaks look so spectacular. We will take a conducted walking tour of wonderful Lucerne's many highlights. Following an early dinner at our hotel, we depart for the first of our four festival concerts at the wonderful Lucerne Festival Centre.

**Lucerne Festival Concert No. 1**  
**San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Michael Tilson Thomas.**  
**Berlioz: "Le Carnaval Romain" Op 9; "Les Nuits d'Ete" Op 7**  
**Ravel: "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales"; Suite No 2 from "Daphnis et Chloe".**

**Day 4** **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**LUCERNE FESTIVAL**

Today we have matinee concert.

**Lucerne Festival Concert No. 2**  
**David Pia & Gerard Wyss : Schumann : Adagio & Allegro in A Flat Major, Op 70**  
**Brahms : Cello Sonata No 2 in F Major, Op 99**  
**Debussy : Cello Sonata**  
**Stravinsky: Suite Italienne**

Dinner this evening at a restaurant in the town.

**Day 5** **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**LUCERNE FESTIVAL**

This morning we will take an excursion to "Tribtschen", Richard Wagner's home for several years, now a museum. Free afternoon. Options include a lake cruise and funicular up to beautiful Bergenstock, a delightful resort full of hotels, boutiques and restaurant, and easy walking paths into the woods. Or a similar excursion up to Rigi, at an even higher elevation. We will have a light dinner before the evening Festival Concert.

**Lucerne Festival Concert No. 3**  
**Orchestra, Chorus and Soloists of the BOLSHOI THEATRE MOSCOW**  
**Tchaikowsky: "Eugene Onegin" Lyric scenes based on Pushkin's novel, A Concert Performance.**

**Day 6** **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**  
**LUCERNE FESTIVAL**

A free day to shop and to explore wonderful Luzern independently.

We meet at 6pm for a light meal in the *Cafe Europe* adjacent to the Concert hall. This will be followed by your final Luzern Festival Concert at 7:30pm.

**Lucerne Festival Concert No. 4**  
**Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra:**  
**Conductor: Nikolaus Harnoncourt.**  
**Soloist : Lang Lang**

**Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 1 in C Major, Op 15**  
**Beethoven: Symphony No 7 in A Major, Op 92**

**Day 7** **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BERLIN**

This morning we drive via a different route back to Zurich for our flight to **BERLIN**.

Our hotel is centrally located, just off the famous Kurfurstendam.

We will have dinner in hotel this evening.

**Day 8** **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BERLIN**

Morning guided excursion of discovery with our wonderful Berlin guide, who is a walking encyclopaedia where his Berlin is concerned. He will take you on an exciting orientation tour, driving along the lovely tree-lined *Unter-den-Linden*, with its grand 18th and 19th century monuments and architecture, including the State Opera and Cathedral. We will then walk around the *Nikolai Quarter* and *Museum Island*, visit *Sir Norman Forster's* amazing *New Reichstadt* and the *New Jewish Museum of Daniel Libeskind*. Lunch at the *Luisenbrau Brewery* restaurant.

**Performance:**  
Debussy's beautiful and interesting "Pelleas and Melisande" at the wonderful *Deutsche Opera*.

**Day 9** **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BERLIN**

After a free morning, we will spend the afternoon with our same guide, who will take us to the famous *Pergamon Museum* and others.

**Performance:**  
*Musikfest Berlin* concert at the *Berlin Philharmonic*  
"Siegfried Idyll" *Richard Wagner*  
"Pli Selon Pli - Portrait de Mellarme" *Pierre Boulez*  
*The Bamberg Symphony Orchestra*, Conductor: *Jonathon Nott*

**Day 10** **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BERLIN**

Free day. Details of an evening performance TBA.

**Day 11** **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**FULL DAY POTSDAM EXCURSION: RIVER CRUISE/COACH**

With our same guide we set off to the shores of *Lake Wannsee* for a cruise to **POTSDAM**. Our coach will meet us there and take us to both to the amazing *Sans Souci Palace of Frederik The Great* and to the *Cecelienhof Hotel*, where, in 1945, *Churchill, Stalin* and *Eisenhower* met to formulate *The Potsdam Agreement*. (Lunch will be served here). This summer residence of the *Prussian kings* is a delightful place, with still rows of *baroque houses*. The *Sans Souci Palace* is the epitome of *rococo style* with its *ceremonial rooms* and *wonderful floors* (which is why we must wear enormous soft over-shoes!) The palace is situated over *terraced vineyards* and a *wonderful park* containing an interesting *Chinese pavilion*. You will be able to take tea independently in the park...but it all depends when we have had lunch at the *Cecelienhof*. After a delightful day you will settle back in our private coach for the journey to **LEIPZIG**...estimated to take about 2½ hours. Dinner will be served at our hotel on arrival.

**Day 12** **Wednesday 22nd September**  
**LEIPZIG**

Morning tour,, commencing with a guided tour of the *Schumann House*, and a private piano recital of selected *Schumann works*, followed by lunch at the historical *Paulaner Palais* restaurant. After lunch we will visit the home of the *Mendelssohn family*, followed by a visit to the famous *Leipzig Conservatory*, where so many of the world's musical greats studied.

**Performance:**  
*Gewendhaus Orchestra* Conductor: *Herbert Blomstedt*  
*Schubert Symphony No 7, D759*  
*Brucker Symphony No 3 in d minor*.

**Day 13** **Thursday 23rd September**  
**FULL DAY WEIMAR EXCURSION**

There will be an informal talk in *Liszt's home*, as well as visits to other locations associated with *Liszt*, also *Goethe, Schiller* and of course, *JS Bach*. We will lunch in *The Little Swan*, *Goethe's favourite inn* and take late afternoon tea in the glamorous *Elephant Hotel*, which in the dark years, was one of *Hitler's favourites*. Its balcony, famous for *Hitler's many 'addresses to the Nation'*, was pulled down in anger after the War.

**Day 14** **Friday 24th September**  
**LEIPZIG**

Free morning. Our afternoon is filled with a guided tour of this 'City of Music, including a visit to the *Bach Museum* and other interesting sights in *Leipzig*. Our guided tour will conclude with a 6pm concert by the famous *St Thomas Boys' Choir* in the *St Thomas Church*, where *JS Bach* was the director for the last and longest period of his life. We will have dinner in an historic restaurant after the concert.

**Day 15** **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BERLIN**

Afternoon train from the spectacular *Leipzig Bahnhof* to Berlin. Final dinner and review of our experiences in a Berlin restaurant.

**Day 16** **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
**FINAL FAREWELLS**

Our Tour proper concludes after breakfast. Those travelling on to Vienna & *Ljubljana* will take the afternoon plane to Vienna.

## TOUR DIRECTOR - ROMA RANGLES

Roma Randles is a highly qualified and experienced musician and music educator with a lively personality, who has had very much success for more than twenty years, with European tours of this kind.

She incorporates into her tours many events beyond the norm, and perhaps that is what makes them so special. Experts and guest lecturers in many fields are an annual feature. Roma's tours have a proven record for excellence of both content and organisation.

On ground arrangements are in the hands of tried and trusted local operators, and there is no area of the first class accommodation and content not personally experienced by her many times. Having lived for eight years in Europe, and having since continued to travel extensively, Roma knows well and loves the chosen locations of her tours. This is obviously why some participants have returned two, three and four times to travel with her.

Roma Randles regards her tours as being a return to her favourite European places accompanied by a group of friends.

### Inclusions:

- 15 nights accommodation in 4\* centrally located hotels
- 4 world class Lucerne Festival Performances
- Gala Festival Dinner at the renowned Restaurant Red, Luzern
- 6 additional high standard Opera & Music Performances
- All breakfasts plus 11 other meals – luncheons or dinners - at our hotels or quality restaurants
- Full Day Excursion to Potsdam by River Cruise & Coach
- Full Day Excursion to Weimar
- Conducted walking tours in each location
- All excursions, conducted tours, entrance fees and local guides
- All transfers and travel by high speed train and quality, air-conditioned private coaches
- Zurich-Berlin air travel, including airport taxes and charges.

Lingua Musica reserves the right to make amendments to the schedule and performance details, according to unforeseen circumstances. However at all times we uphold our commitment to quality music performances, cultural tours and fine dining.



## BOOKING DETAILS - LINGUA MUSICA TOUR 2010

### TOUR PRICES:

Standard Tour: **\$AUD 7,750** per person twin -share  
Single Supplement: **\$AUD 996** per person

Please note that experience has shown that if you are travelling alone you will be much more comfortable if you elect to take the Single Supplement. We do not make arrangements for our guests to share accommodation unless by prior arrangement. Many hotels in Europe charge very similar rates for a Standard Double Room and Single Occupancy.

**DEPOSIT:** \$AUD 1,165 due by 23<sup>rd</sup> **MAY 2010** with completed **Booking Form.**

**BALANCE:** Must be paid in full by 2<sup>nd</sup> **AUGUST 2010**

Note: This is necessary to as to secure seats to the Lucerne Festival, other performances and to ensure cost effective European airline travel, which is subject to price variations at any time.

**PAYMENT:** to be made by cheque payable to **LINGUA MUSICA**, and sent with completed booking form to:

ROMA RANGLES  
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1/430 BALCOMBE RD.  
BEAUMARIS VIC. 3193  
AUSTRALIA

Bank Deposit also available by arrangement.

### BOOKING FORM:

If you would like to join us on our 2010 Classical Music and Art Tour, please email us at [info@linguamusicatours.com](mailto:info@linguamusicatours.com) for a Booking Form and Bank Details (if required for direct deposit).

Please read the **Tour Conditions** on the back of the Booking Form carefully before signing. In signing the Booking Form you are **declaring your fitness** to participate in our walking tours through Old Towns.

### CONTACT DETAILS:

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### TOUR HANDBOOK:

Your detailed Tour Handbook will arrive two weeks before Tour Commencement. This will contain your detailed daily schedule, all background and historical information regarding locations, performance venues, performers and conductors etc., as well as other essays and articles of interest. The Handbook will also include detailed programme notes pertaining to every tour performance.

If you are planning to commence your travels earlier than this **PLEASE ADVISE US WELL AHEAD** so you still receive the handbook before you leave.

## OPTIONAL POST TOUR TRAVEL VIENNA & LJUBLJANA

**Day 1** **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

### VIENNA

For those of you who wish to continue to enjoy spectacular music, breathtaking scenery and savour the delights of Vienna and Eastern Europe, we have organised additional travel, commencing with a Berlin-Vienna flight on the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Our accommodation in Vienna is very centrally located and minutes walking distance to St Stephen's Cathedral, the Graben and the Imperial Palace.

Welcome dinner this evening.

**Day 2** **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

### VIENNA

We commence our time in Vienna with a guided walking tour ... St Stephen's Cathedral, the Graben, the Imperial Palace...

The afternoon will be free for your own enjoyment.

#### PERFORMANCE:

This evening you will attend an opera performance in the famous Vienna Opera House. Afterwards we will dine at the famous Hotel Sacher, located beside the Opera House.

**Day 3** **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

### VIENNA

This morning we will visit the famous Art Museum plus other cultural attractions.

#### PERFORMANCE:

This evening you will attend a concert performance. Program details TBA.

**Days 4, 5** **Wed & Thur 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

### LJUBLJANA

This morning depart Vienna by train, crossing the border from Austria into spectacular **Slovenia** and its gorgeous small capital, **LJUBLJANA** ... one of the most delightful cities of architecture, music, education and art one could imagine. In Ljubljana we are very centrally located, within minutes walking to the town centre.

We commence our time in Ljubljana with a guided walking tour of the Old Town, discover its bridges and learn about the history of this Balkan city.

**Day 6** **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

### LJUBLJANA

Our time in Ljubljana will have been spent relaxing in this wonderful city, discovering evidence of all periods of its rich history: the remains of the Roman city of Emona; the old city centre with Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau façades, lopsided roofs, ornate entrance portals and romantic bridges over the Ljubljanica river; a park stretching into the very city centre; works by Jože Plečnik, a pioneer of modern architecture.

We will have also visited Ljubljana Castle and taken an excursion to the surrounding country-side.

On our final evening we will have a Farewell Dinner.

#### PERFORMANCES IN LJUBLJANA:

Amael Piano Trio plus 1 other performance. Program details TBA.



Hofburg Palace Vienna

**Day 7** **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**FINAL FAREWELLS**

After breakfast we finally say farewell until another year.

Ljubljana is very centrally located ... from here it is convenient to fly or catch a train to other parts of Europe or the Baltics, or even make your way to Isola on the coast for a spectacular ride by Ferry to magical Venice. We would be very happy to assist with further planning.

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#### PRICING DETAILS - VIENNA & LJUBLJANA

**\$AUD 2,900** per person twin -share

Single Supplement: **\$AUD 336**

**DEPOSIT:** \$AUD 450 due by 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2010 with completed additional section in the **Booking Form**, available on request. Please email Deborah Tresise at [info@linguamusicaltours.com](mailto:info@linguamusicaltours.com)

**BALANCE:** Must be paid in full by 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2010

Note: This is necessary in order to secure seats to performances.

**PAYMENT:** Deposit and final payment to be made by cheque payable to **LINGUA MUSICA**, or by Bank Deposit with the payment for the Tour Proper.

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Your detailed Tour Handbook will arrive two weeks before Tour Commencement. This will contain your detailed daily schedule, all background and historical information regarding locations, performance venues, performers and conductors etc., as well as other essays and articles of interest. The Handbook will also include detailed programme notes pertaining to every tour performance.

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#### Inclusions - Vienna & Ljubljana:

- 6 nights accommodation in 4\* centrally located hotels
- Vienna Opera plus 3 additional high standard Music Performances in Vienna & Ljubljana
- All breakfasts plus 4 other meals - luncheons or dinners
- All conducted tours, entrance fees and local guides
- Berlin - Vienna air travel, taxes and airport charges
- Vienna - Ljubljana OBB Train Travel
- Excursion from Ljubljana
- All transfers and travel by very fast train and private air-conditioned coaches