

# *Netherlands Festival of Music*



*Amsterdam, Holland*  
*April 13 2020*

## *Artistic Director*

Johan de Meij - studied trombone and conducting at the Royal Conservatory of Music in The Hague. He has earned international fame as a composer and arranger. His catalogue consists of original compositions, symphonic transcriptions and arrangements of film scores and musicals. His Symphony No. 1, The Lord of the Rings, based on Tolkien's best-selling novels of the same name, was his first composition for wind orchestra. It received the prestigious Sudler Composition Award in 1989. In 2001, the orchestral version was premiered by the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. Besides composing and arranging, Johan de Meij is active as a performer, conductor, adjudicator and lecturer working with both choral and instrumental groups.



<http://www.johandemeij.com/biography.php>

## *Amsterdam Concertgebouw*

### THE ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW

It was Bernard Haitink who once praised the Concertgebouw as the best instrument of the orchestra that it houses. That must have been what prominent Amsterdam residents had in mind when they decided in 1881 to gift the capital city with a majestic concert hall. On 11 April, 2013 on occasion of the building's 125th anniversary, Queen Beatrix bestowed the Royal Title "Koninklijk" upon the building, as she did previously on to the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. Because of its highly regarded acoustics, the Concertgebouw is considered one of the finest concert halls in the world, along with places such as Boston's Symphony Hall and the Musikverein in Vienna.

<http://www.concertgebouw.nl/>

# Netherlands Festival of Music

Choirs, bands, and orchestras from the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Europe come together in a festival hosted by *Johan de Meij*. Come share your music, culture and friendship with other school groups and enjoy a European cultural adventure.

## THE FESTIVAL PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Adjudicated performance at **Amsterdam's Royal Concertgebouw**
- Outstanding Adjudicators
- Exciting Awards Banquet
- Additional group performances arranged in Amsterdam
- Tour the Anne Frank House and Keukenhof Gardens
- Holland sight-seeing tour by canal boat where you will view sights such as the Royal Palace, Anne Frank House, National Monument, the Skinny Bridge and the Albert Cuyp Market, plus, of course, Amsterdam's famous canals
- All breakfasts and dinners
- All ground transportation to activities
- One free director's land only trip for every twenty packages purchased
- 24-Hour European Tour Manager for each group
- Director's Preview Trip (free if initial deposit is received by May 15<sup>th</sup> )



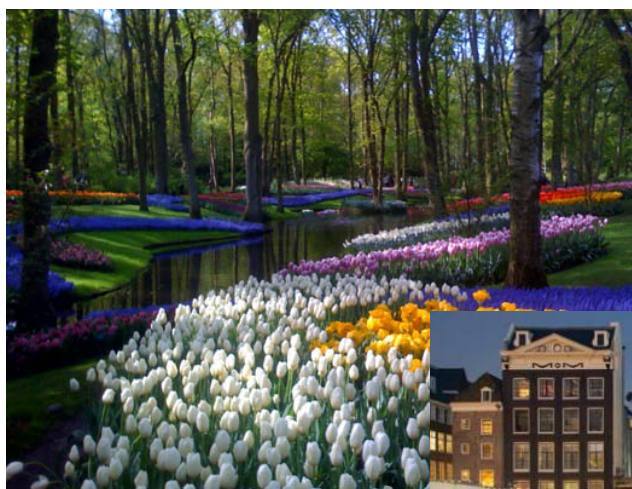
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## ADDITIONAL GROUP PERFORMANCES

*Additional performance venues in Holland include: Nieuwe Kerk & Westerkerk Churches, the Famous Keukenhof Tulip Gardens, Vondelpark, Museum Square and various other civic, educational and cultural sites including performing while cruising through the Amsterdam canals .*

## EXTENDING YOUR PROGRAM

Combining the Netherlands Festival of Music with extensions to anywhere in Europe will enhance your experience. Visit England, Scotland, Ireland, Poland, Denmark, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Spain and more with performances and activities in each city you visit.





# **Sample 6 Day Itinerary**

**Festival Day April 13 2020**

## **DAY 1**

Departure from the United States or Canada to Europe arranged by TQI Performance. West Coast groups depart in the morning, East Coast flights depart in the afternoon or evening. Overnight & meals in-flight.

## **DAY 2**

Welkom in Nederland/Welcome to The Netherlands! Arrival in Amsterdam in the morning. Amsterdam is the capital and largest city of the Netherlands. Its name is derived from Amstel & Dam indicative of the city's origin: a dam on the river Amstel. Founded as a small fishing village in the late 12th century, Amsterdam became one of the most important ports in the world during the Dutch Golden Age, a result of its innovative developments in trade. During this time, the city was the leading centre for finance and diamonds. In the 19th and 20th centuries, the city expanded and many new neighborhoods and suburbs were formed. Transfer to the centre for a city tour by canal boat to get an impression of Amsterdam, and relax with a bit of free time. Check in to your hotel. Early welcome dinner and overnight in Amsterdam.

## **DAY 3**

Transfer to Keukenhof Gardens for a guided tour of the grounds and possible performance. Afternoon free to explore Amsterdam with the help of your full-time tour escort who will teach you to use the Amsterdam “Metro” to travel to various sites in a few minutes. Your group can enjoy a night at Amsterdam’s famous Concertgebouw **Symphony** if available (optional). Dinner & overnight in Amsterdam

## **DAY 4**

In the morning, transfer to the museum district and visit the Vincent van Gogh Museum or visit the National Museum/Rijksmuseum where you can see the Masters from the Golden Age, like Vermeer, Frans Hals and the masterpiece of the Dutch Master Rembrandt called The “Nachtwacht” (Nightwatch).

In the afternoon visit the Anne Frank House. At the rear of the narrow 17C building Anne Frank and her family hid before being deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. See the secret passage camouflaged behind a revolving bookcase.

Possible performance in the afternoon for example at the Westerchurch (next to Anne Frank House) or lunchtime concert in the English church. Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam.

## **DAY 5 April 13<sup>th</sup> Netherlands Festival of Music**

Enjoy a day full of music, clinics, and exchanges with other groups from all over the world in the famous ‘Concertgebouw’ in Amsterdam. Artistic director of the festival will be the renowned musician Johan de Meij. When you are not performing, enjoy listening to the music of other festival groups. In the evening, enjoy an Award ceremony with dinner with other festival groups. Overnight in Amsterdam.

## **DAY 6**

After breakfast, return flight home. Your students will depart Europe with a new-found appreciation for other cultures and music. Lifelong memories are a promise.

Alternatively begin extended touring to other parts of Holland or you may decide to visit England, Germany, France, Denmark, Italy, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, or anywhere else in Europe. Additional performances can also be arranged in many fantastic venues throughout Europe.

# Financial Summary:

2020 Land Only Prices	50+	49-45	44-40	39-35	34-30	29-25
5 Day – 3 nights	\$	\$	\$	\$		
6 Day – 4 nights	\$	\$	\$	\$		
7 Day – 5 nights	\$	\$	\$	\$		
8 Day – 6 nights	\$	\$	\$	\$		
8 Day – 6 nights including Paris	\$	\$	\$	\$		
8 Day – 6 nights including London	\$	\$	\$	\$		

\*Prices are per person based on a mix of double & triple rooms, breakfast & dinner daily, 24 Hr Tour Manager, all local transportation, all excursions & tours according to itinerary and include one free land trip paid for each 20 full paying participants. All prices are US Dollars and subject to currency fluctuation. The above prices do not include air tickets. Call 877 898-8687 for an air estimate from your area.

Standard Payment Plan		
<i>Amount</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
\$3000 group deposit	Group Deposit	Due May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019
\$500 per person	Individual Payment	Due October 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019
\$1000 per person	Individual Payment	Due December 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019
Final Balance	Individual Payment	Due February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020

Cancellation Penalty Schedule	
<i>Cancellation Date</i>	<i>Penalty Amount</i>
240 Days or more from departure	Initial deposit
239-90 Days or more from departure date	\$300 per person plus any additional penalties from vendors
89-60 Days from departure date	50% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
59-46 Days from departure	75% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
Less than 45 days before departure	No refund



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