

July 5 - 19, 2011

**MidAmerica Productions,
Peter Tiboris – General Director and Artistic Director
The Municipality of Hermoupolis on Syros,
Mayor Yannis Dekavallas and Cultural Council President, Yannis Pitaoulis,**

P R E S E N T

**THE SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL OF THE AEGEAN**

For North American Choruses

"A Serious Music Festival in a Seriously Beautiful Place"

Apollo Theater: "LA PICCOLA SCALA"

(Opening Performance: April 20, 1864, Verdi's Rigoletto)

Capital City of Hermoupolis on the Island of Syros in the Cyclades

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1828 in Ermoupolis and St. George Roman Catholic Cathedral, 1840, in Ano Syros

"Its port and capital is likely to put you in mind of Paris, Genoa, maybe even Venice."

-- Arthur Durrell

Orchestra & Soloists:

- Pan-European Philharmonic.
- Soloists from major international opera houses and concert halls in US, Europe, and South America.

Primary Musical Works:

- July 13, 15, & 17: Verdi's LA TRAVIATA (fully staged) at the Apollo Theater: "LA PICCOLA SCALA" 9:00 PM
- July 14 & 16: Oratorio performance in the theater at 9pm – works being considered:
Haydn's PAUKENMESSE and Beethoven's MASS in C, Orff's CARMINA BURANA, Mozart's SOLEMN VESPER, Gershwin's PORGY AND BESS concert suite and Rutter's GLORIA and MAGNIFICAT, 9:00 PM
- July 15 & 17: Sacred choral "Sunset" concerts in St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church/Cathedral and St. George Roman Catholic Cathedral in Ano Syros by visiting choirs and their directors and special guest conductors.

(Programs, artists, and itinerary are subject to change without notice.)

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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 -Tuesday, July 5:

- Depart United States – overnight flight to Athens.

Day 2 - Wednesday - July 6:

- Arrive Athens. Private air-conditioned coach transfer to one of the following:
ELECTRA PALACE HOTEL → (www.electrapalace.athenshotels.it/) or
ESPERIA PALACE → (www.esperiahotel.com.gr/) or
HOTEL PLAKA → (www.plakahotel.gr/) or similar or
ACROPOL HOTEL → (www.classicalhotels.com/acropol/)
- Double accommodation.
- Walk through PLAKA, major restaurant and shopping area similar to Greenwich Village in NYC, below the ancient Akropolis (http://www.greece-athens.com/place.php?place_id=4).

Day 3 - Thursday - July 7:

- Breakfast. Followed by a professional guided tour of the Akropolis and Parthenon (www.odysseus.culture.gr).
- Bus from hotel for half-day sightseeing, finishing at 1:00 pm.
- Bus to Piraeus Port for HIGH SPEED FERRY to Syros (3 hours).
- Arrive Syros and transfer to one of the following (or similar):
FRANCOISE HOTEL → (www.francoise-hotel.com/)
BENOIS HOTEL --> (www.benois.gr/) or similar.
- Double accommodation.

Day 4 - Friday – July 8:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 am transfer to Apollo Theater for chorus rehearsals at 9:30 am to noon (#1 of 4).
- After rehearsal tour of the theater with guide.

Day 5 - Saturday – July 9:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 am transfer to Cultural Center for chorus rehearsals at 9:30 am to noon (#2 of 4).
- After rehearsal walking tour of Central Hermoupolis and the Capital Building.

Day 6 - Sunday – July 10:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 am transfer to Apollo Theater for chorus rehearsals at 9:30 am to noon (#3 of 4).
- Remainder of the day free.

Day 7 - Monday – July 11:

- Breakfast.
- All day free or...
- Optional Island Hop to Mykonos. (cost per person 18 Euros paid at departure and includes bus to port www.mykonos.gr)
- Evening return.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

Day 8 - Tuesday – July 12:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 am transfer to Apollo Theater for rehearsal with orchestra and soloists (#4 of 4).
- Evening transfer to theater to see final dress rehearsal of Verdi's LA TRAVIATA.

Day 9 - Wednesday - July 13:

- Breakfast.
- All day free or...
- Optional "Island Hop" to Mykonos Island (Roundtrip ferry cost per person 25 Euros paid at departure and includes bus to port)
- Evening return from Mykonos.

Day 10 - Thursday - July 14:

- Breakfast.
- Transfer to Theater for final dress rehearsal of Oratorio at The Apollo Theater.
- 9: 00 pm concert at Theater: Oratorio concert with orchestra and world-class soloists, conductor TBA.
- Midnight transfer from theater to hotel.

Day 11 - Friday - July 15:

- Breakfast.
- All day free or...
- Optional "Island Hop" to Tinos or Paros Island. (Roundtrip ferry cost per person 25 Euros paid at departure and includes bus to port)
- Evening return from Tinos or Paros.

Day 12 - Saturday - July 16:

- Breakfast.
- 7:30 pm transfer to Theater
- 9: 00 pm concert at Theater: Oratorio concert with orchestra and soloists.
- Midnight transfer from theater to hotel.

Day 13 - Sunday - July 17:

- Breakfast.
- 6:00 pm "Sunset" a cappella choral concert at St. Nicholas Church/Cathedral with visiting choirs performing their own 15-minute concerts under their own conductors (participation is optional).
- 9:00 pm attend final performance of LA TRAVIATA. Discounted tickets will be available.
- Midnight gala party reception followed by bus transfer to hotel.

Day 14 - Monday - July 18:

- Breakfast.
- Transfer to Hermoupolis port for High Speed Ferry to Piraeus in Athens.
- Bus transfer from Piraeus Port to Hotel (same hotel as arrival).
- Late night Gala Greek Farewell Dinner in Plaka with live music and dance.

Day 15 - Tuesday - July 19:

- Breakfast.
- Transfer from hotel to airport.

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Total cost for all above services and descriptions in this itinerary is 1349 Euros at \$1.25 = \$1,687 for all services (events, accommodations, & transfers) described in the day to day itinerary. Price based on double occupancy (airfare to Europe not included). Single occupancy, 249 Euros (\$311) additional.

The exchange rate for your ensemble of performers and non-performers will become fixed and firm at the time of the FIRST DEPOSIT and the amount of dollars for this program will not change regardless of whether the dollar weakens or strengthens.

Any departure taxes levied by the US Government after initial deposit and before departure are the responsibility of the performer/non-performers and will be added to the final invoice as well as any fuel surcharges or taxes.

Deposit deadlines:

- \$300 per person on or before December 15, 2010 (final cost is fixed based on 1349 Euros converted to dollars at the time of the first deposit.)
- \$500 per person on or before February 1, 2011.
- \$500 per person on or before April 1, 2011.
- Balance due on or before May 15, 2011.

ALL CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO: MIDAMERICA PRODUCTIONS, INC. and forwarded to:

Ms. Joyce Howard-Brazel
Vice President, Director of Account Operations
MidAmerica Productions, Inc.
132 West 36th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10018

Note:

1 FREE LAND Package (1349 Euros) on 35 paying land packages (#36 is free).

All deposits and payments are non-refundable, when paid. Cancellation insurance is recommended. If MidAmerica Productions cancels, all monies will be immediately and completely refunded.

Airfares are the responsibility of the choruses.

If you are a US citizen, a valid passport is required but no visa is required.
If you are NOT a US citizen, please check with your embassy regarding entry requirements to Greece.



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