



INTERNATIONAL  
**FESTIVAL**  
OF  
THE **AEGEAN**

Peter Tiboris  
Artistic Director and Conductor

Apollon Theater - "La Piccola Scala" (1864)  
The First Opera House in Greece

**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,  
In co-operation with,  
The National Greek Opera in Athens, Giovanni Pacor, General Director

P R E S E N T

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL  
FESTIVAL OF THE AEGEAN

For Significant North American Youth Orchestras and Concert Bands

**"A Serious Music Festival in a Seriously Beautiful Place"**

Apollon Theater: "LA PICCOLA SCALA"  
(Opening Performance: April 20, 1864, Verdi's Rigoletto)  
Capital City of Hermoupolis on the Island of Syros in the Cyclades  
Miaouli Piazza at the Capitol (4000 Seats)

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

**Primary Musical Performances:**  
TWO IN MIAOULI PIAZZA, APOLLON THEATER, *La Piccola Scala*

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

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## 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/](http://www.electrapalace.athenshotels.it/)) or  
ESPERIA PALACE → ([www.esperiahotel.com.gr/](http://www.esperiahotel.com.gr/)) or  
HOTEL PLAKA → ([www.plakahotel.gr/](http://www.plakahotel.gr/)) or similar or  
ACROPOL HOTEL → ([www.classicalhotels.com/acropol/](http://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](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](http://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/](http://www.francoise-hotel.com/))  
BENOIS HOTEL --> ([www.benois.gr/](http://www.benois.gr/)) or similar at Galissas Beach.
- Double accommodation.

### Day 4 - Friday - July 8:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 AM transfer to Appollon Theater for 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 Appollon Theater for rehearsals at 9:30 AM to noon (#2 of 4).
- After rehearsal, walking tour of Capitol and central area of Hermoupolis.

### Day 6 - Sunday - July 10:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 AM transfer to Appollon Theater for rehearsal and workshop at 9:30 AM to noon (#3 of 4).
- After rehearsal walking tour of Central Hermoupolis and the Capital Building.

### Day 7 - Monday - July 11:

- Breakfast.
- All day free or...
- Optional Island Hop to Mykonos. (cost per person 18 Euros paid at departure [www.mykonos.gr](http://www.mykonos.gr), price includes round-trip bus transfer to port of Syros)
- Evening return.

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### Day 8 - Tuesday - July 12:

- Breakfast.
- 8:45 AM transfer to Appollon Theater for rehearsal (#4 of 4).
- Noon transfer to theater to see final dress rehearsal of Puccini's MADAMA BUTTERFLY (1:00-5:00 PM).

### Day 9 - Wednesday - July 13:

- Breakfast.
- All day free or...
- Optional "Island Hop" to Paros Island. (cost per person 20 Euros paid at departure [www.paros.gr](http://www.paros.gr) price includes round-trip bus transfer to port of Syros)
- Evening return from Paros.

### Day 10 - Thursday - July 14:

- Breakfast.
- 4:00 PM transfer to Miaouli Piazza for acoustic check.
- 6:00 PM performance at Miaouli Piazza in front of the Capitol Building.

### Day 11 - Friday - July 15:

- Breakfast.
- 7:00 PM transfer to Apollon Theater and acoustic check.
- 9:00 PM Performance at the Apollon Theater.

### Day 12 - Saturday - July 16:

- Breakfast.
- 4:00 PM transfer to Miaouli Piazza for acoustic check.
- 6:00 PM performance at Miaouli Piazza in front of the Capitol Building.

### Day 13 - Sunday - July 17:

- Breakfast.
- Day free of leisure.
- 9:00 PM attend final performance of MADAMA BUTTERFLY, discounted tickets made 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 = \$1,686, based on today's exchange rate, April 15, 2010 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 added fuel taxes.

**Deposit deadlines:**

\$300 per person on or before December 1, 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 36<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Instrumental rental, delivery, & pick-up is available by Nakas Conservatory in Athens at a reasonable cost paid by participants.

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.

For further information contact:

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