



Premiere Performance and Concert Tour

Munich - Nuremberg - Passau - Salzburg - Melk/Dürnstein - Vienna - Munich

19-29 OCTOBER 2023

Choirs, large and small are invited to join us on this exclusive concert tour. Participants will sing the Austrian premiere of *Requiem for Peace in Ukraine* by Australian composer David Slater in the imposing space of St Stephens Cathedral.

You will visit historic cities in Germany and Austria and cruise the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein along the way, where the scenery is remarkably beautiful and the atmosphere steeped in music, history and culture.

Daily rehearsals are scheduled and choirs will have workshops with international conductors.

We finish in Vienna where, after final rehearsals the Requiem will be performed. Choirs also have opportunities to sing their own programs en-route.

Tour managers and all transfers by deluxe coach are included, along with most meals and guided sightseeing in every city.

Your tour can conclude in Munich or continue with a tailor made extension which includes additional performances and sightseeing in other cities.

About Requiem for Peace in Ukraine

The Requiem was composed as a commission from a choral organisation in Portugal in 2019. It is approximately 60 minutes in length and is scored for large chorus, tenor and soprano soloists, organ and orchestra. Originally subtitled 'for the Victims of Covid-19' it was given a new title in March 2022 after the invasion of Ukraine. It is deeply reflective of the texts of the Latin Requiem and conceived on a grand scale. Moments of fearsome power are contrasted with sorrow, beauty and quiet contemplation. The choral parts are written so that amateur choirs can achieve a fine performance, and so that choirs can come together across cities, and even nations to perform the work. All funds raised from performances of the Requiem around the world go to the UNHCR to assist those in greatest need from the invasion and destruction in Ukraine.

Daily Schedule

Friday 20 October 2023: Arrival - Munich

Meals: Dinner

Arrive in Munich. Check in at your hotel and take a guided city tour with an English speaking local guide. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your Artistic Director.

Saturday 21 October 2023: Munich - Nuremberg - Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

90 minutes morning combined rehearsal. Transfer to the historic city of Nuremberg and take a sightseeing tour with an English speaking local guide. There will be an opportunity for choirs to sing in Nuremberg (venue tba). Transfer Back to Munich. After dinner get together with all participants for a presentation about famous composers that lived and composed along the Danube.



Sunday 22 October 2023: Munich - Passau - Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

90 minutes morning combined rehearsal. Transfer to Passau on your way to Salzburg. Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome you in the beautiful city of Passau. On this morning's guided walking tour, stroll through the old town's narrow alleys and see the hilltop Oberhaus Fortress from the town below. Visit St Stephens Cathedral, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to Europe's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. Enjoy an organ recital in this magnificent building. Continue to Salzburg and check in to your hotel.



Monday 23 October 2023: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

90 minutes morning combined rehearsal. Afterwards have your choir's first workshop on your own repertoire with a local conductor. Take a guided city tour with an English speaking local guide. Salzburg is unique in every sense. Anyone who has ever immersed themselves in the magic of the world-famous City of Mozart can never escape it again. The harmonious interplay of landscape and architecture, art and culture, all within a surprisingly small area, merely adds to the special charm of this place.



Tuesday 24 October 2023: Salzburg - Melk/Dürnstein - Vienna

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer from Salzburg to Melk and Dürnstein. Situated within Austria's wine growing region, Melk is home to an imposing 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey which features Austria's finest Baroque Architecture. Visit Melk Abbey and enjoy an informal opportunity for your choir to sing in its courtyards. Afterwards you will cruise through the spectacular Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the enchanting villages in this region. In Dürnstein, Richard Lionheart was imprisoned after the crusades in the 12th century. Continue to Vienna and check in at your hotel.



Friday 25 October 2023: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

90 minutes morning combined rehearsal. Transfer to the city centre for lunch after which there will be final rehearsals with organ and orchestra* in the cathedral for the evening concert performance in the city of Vienna. **Venue: St Stephens Cathedral:** St. Stephen's Cathedral (Stephansdom) is the stone landmark of Vienna and stands in the very centre of the city. As a prime example of medieval architecture, it is not only beautiful to look at from outside and inside, it's also deep (the catacombs) and tall. The origins of the cathedral reach back to the year 1137. When it was completed in 1433, the south tower of the church was the tallest building in Europe and the Viennese were very proud of this fact: up until the end of the monarchy no church tower in the Austro-Hungarian Empire was permitted to top the venerable "Steffl."



Saturday 26 October 2023: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Take a guided city tour including the Opera House, the famous Ringstraße and entrance to the interactive museum the House of Music. Your choir will have a second workshop on your own repertoire with a local professional conductor. In the evening choirs will give their own concert performances in Vienna. Possible Venues: Minoritenkirche, Votivkirche, outside of Vienna in local community halls and churches, depending on each choir's repertoire and ensemble size.



Sunday 27 October 2023: Vienna - Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer to Munich for your final day on tour, with free time to explore the city's sights.

Monday 28 October 2023: Munich - Departure

Meals: Breakfast

Checkout after breakfast and transfer to Munich International Airport for departure

OR : Begin your tailor-made concert tour extension.

**Orchestra size will depend on the final number of participants.
Precise schedule details may vary depending on circumstances at the time.*

Meet your Artistic Director

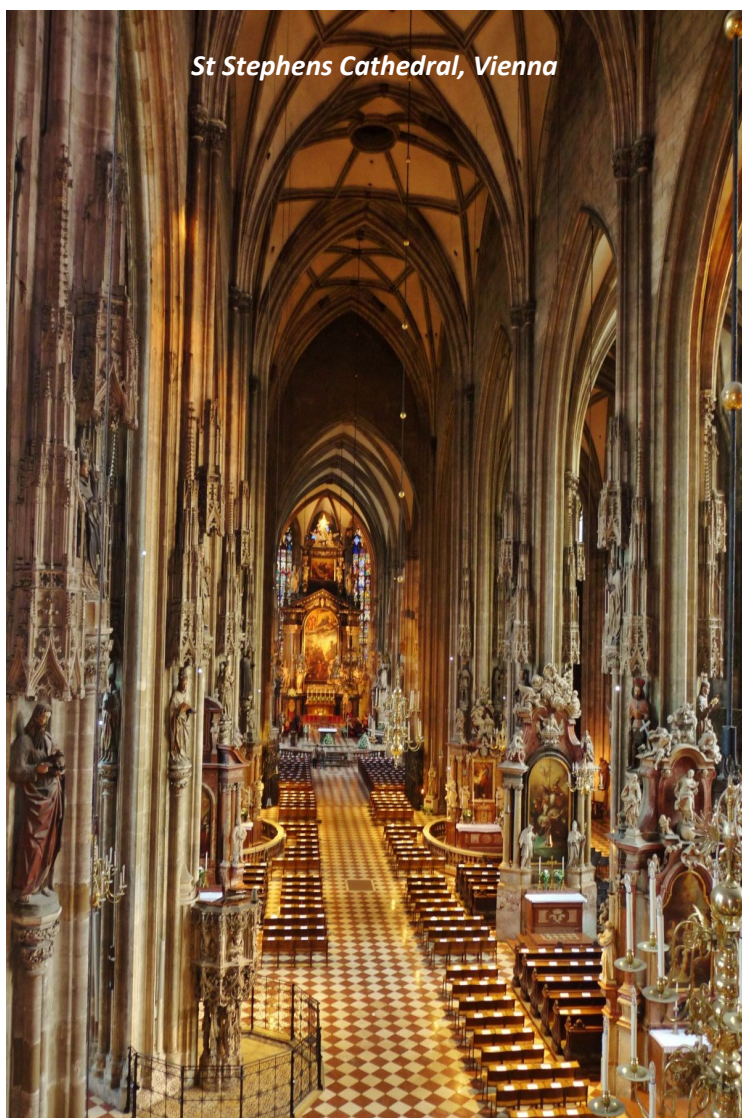


David Slater is an Australian composer, conductor and music educator who lives and works in Europe, based in Vienna.

After completing studies in Sydney with legendary composers Peter Sculthorpe and Ross Edwards he took up scholarships to study in Germany with Helmut Lachenmann and Brian Ferneyhough. His work ranges from the concert hall to TV, film and advertising, and includes solo, chamber, choral and orchestral music. He receives regular commissions and his work is performed throughout the world.

Mr Slater is an experienced conductor with an extensive repertoire spanning the Baroque to the present day. After studying conducting in Germany, on return to Australia he was mentored by the Chief Conductor of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Stuart Challender. He has founded and directed numerous orchestras, choirs and ensembles, and has conducted on 4 continents. His regular schedule includes engagements in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy and Slovakia, with notable events in Germany, Latvia, Sweden, Lithuania and Russia. He is a regular guest at international music festivals, where he sits on international juries, conducts masterclasses and gives lectures.

He has won major awards for composition, conducting and service to music, including the Symphony Australia Prize, the National Award of the Orchestras of Australia Network and Australia Day awards. He has published articles on music and music education and represents Australia on the Honorary Board of the World Choir Council.



St Stephens Cathedral, Vienna

Tour Inclusions:

- * Return economy airfares with Singapore Airlines (ex. Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane)
- * 8 nights in high quality hotels with full buffet breakfast and 3-course dinners daily
- * Guided city tours in Munich, Nuremberg, Passau, Salzburg, Melk Abbey and Vienna.
- * Entrances to: Organ recital in Passau Cathedral, Melk Abbey, House of Music in Vienna.
- * Danube river cruise from Melk to Dürnstein
- * Air conditioned private coaches for all transfers.
- * English speaking tour manager throughout.
- * All city taxes, tips and gratuities are also included.

Customised extensions and additional concerts for individual choirs available on request (extra cost).

Artistic Inclusions

- * 4 combined rehearsals, general rehearsal in St Stephens Cathedral
- * Concert performance in Vienna in St Stephens Cathedral of Requiem for Peace in Ukraine
- * 2 workshops with professional international conductors
- * 2 additional performances for each individual choir
- * Vocal scores (PDF) and recordings (mp3) for rehearsal will be sent to participating choirs on booking

Price (includes international travel ex Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane before and after tour):

from AU \$6000.00*

Prices for choirs from outside Australia on request

*Depending on final group size, exchange rate.

*Subject to additional requests made by individual choirs or individual participants.

Prices for single room supplement and group rooms (3+ beds) available on request.

Payment Terms and Conditions

Deposit: 30% of the total package price on booking (book early to avoid missing out)

Interim Payment: 30% of the total package price by 01 May 2023

Final Payment: 40% of the total package price by 01 July 2023

All booked places are 100% non-refundable from 16 September 2023.

Choirs with a group of 50 or more will receive 2 land (only) packages free of charge.

A minimum total number of all participating choirs may be required for the tour to proceed.

This tour and the performance of *Requiem for Peace in Ukraine* in Vienna is proudly supported by:



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