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Mr. Mark Thomas
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Dear Mark,

Based on our recent communication, we are pleased to present the enclosed updated invitation for **EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHORAL SOCIETY** to represent the **State of Pennsylvania** in the **2021 AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF MUSIC IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND**, prestigious international concert series festivals. Recognition of these concert series festivals facilitates greater access to venues, official publicity, and generally very successful concert arrangements.

This tour, and offer, is the same as what your 2020 tour would have been, including three free trips. You will be happy to note, that due to our negotiations, we are able to keep the cost the same to you as long as you travel with two motorcoaches. With your current numbers, we are able to offer a high-decker motorcoach which has reduced the cost per person. Please refer to the cost inclusions page and tour itinerary for further details.

Your concerts are of the utmost importance to us! The best concert results are achieved by very early planning, which includes your cooperation in getting us sample recordings, biographical information, photos, etc. We will then be able to discuss venues, repertoire, staging, rehearsals, and other concert specifics in much greater detail.

Tentative venues and performance opportunities which we recommend, and have budgeted for, include:

<u>City</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Performance Type</u>
Killarney	<u>St. Mary's Cathedral of Ireland Church of the Sloes</u>	Formal Concert
Galway	<u>St. Nicholas Collegiate Church</u>	Formal Concert
Belfast	<u>St. Anne's Cathedral</u>	Formal Concert
Edinburgh	<u>St. Giles Cathedral</u>	Formal Concert

Because successful performances are of the greatest importance to us, your group will perform in venues of the highest musical and historical quality. To ensure your success in and enjoyment of this celebration, we work with co-sponsoring cities in providing venue coordination, publicity and special acknowledgement of your group. Performances may also be arranged in other cities. The enclosed information sheet offers suggestions and may be adapted to your specific requirements.

Music Celebrations International has been organizing concert tours of exceptional quality throughout the world for over 25 years. Our professional and experienced staff will manage all of your travel, concert, sightseeing, and accommodation arrangements – down to the last detail! Rest assured that the prices listed for each Tour cover the cost of everything that will enable your group to have an exceptional experience!

I am very excited about the musical stimulation this tour will undoubtedly provide. My dream, and the purpose of Music Celebrations, is to provide life-changing experiences that will raise the level of musicianship and dedication to the performing arts not only in our own country but throughout the world.

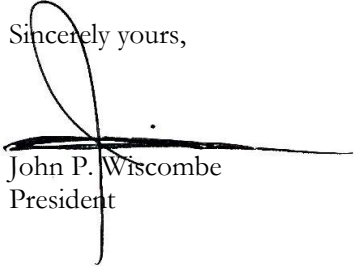
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Lists of references are enclosed as well as a copy of *Travel Notes*, and MCI's included insurance information. A *Registration Form* is also enclosed which you will complete and return to Music Celebrations International, once your tour itinerary and other details are finalized, together with a \$1500 group deposit (which would be non-refundable upon receipt). At this time, MCI will actively begin preparing concert and logistical arrangements for your group. Within 30 days of receipt of your Registration and deposit, we'll also draft a *Letter of Agreement* which will outline payment and cancellation terms and other details.

We will contact you shortly after your receipt of this information for your reaction, suggestions, and address any questions, ideas, potential adjustments or details you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued interest. We look forward to speaking with you very soon.

Sincerely yours,



John P. Wiscombe
President

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Cost Estimates
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With Round-trip Airfare from: <u>Newark, NJ</u>	<i>Based on traveling with <u>two</u> motorcoaches</i>			
	<i>90-99 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>80-89 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>70-79 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>60-69 Paying (+3 free)</i>
TOUR #1 (10 nights/12 days) KILLARNEY, GALWAY, BELFAST, EDINBURGH	\$4,660	\$4,766	\$4,821	\$4,993
Land Only (self-arranged air)	\$3,232	\$3,339	\$3,393	\$3,565

With Round-trip Airfare from: <u>Newark, NJ</u>	<i>Based on traveling with <u>one</u> motorcoach</i>							
	<i>55-59 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>50-54 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>45-49 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>40-44 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>35-39 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>30-34 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>25-29 Paying (+3 free)</i>	<i>20-24 Paying (+3 free)</i>
TOUR #1 (10 nights/12 days) KILLARNEY, GALWAY, BELFAST, EDINBURGH	\$4,636	\$4,746	\$4,811	\$4,943	\$5,027	\$5,247	\$5,564	\$6,129
Land Only (self-arranged air)	\$3,208	\$3,318	\$3,384	\$3,515	\$3,600	\$3,819	\$4,136	\$4,701

All prices are per person and are based on the number of paying participants staying in double occupancy. Airline surcharges for weekend (Fri, Sat, or Sun) and holiday travel may apply.

The costs vary, depending upon the total number of paying participants sharing certain fixed overhead costs which include *chartered motorcoach, Tour Manager, guides, concert costs*, etc. Please consult the Cost Inclusions (located on the following page) which have been used as the basis for our offer.

These costs are based on individual payments made directly to MCI. All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements herein are based on rates (including foreign exchange rates) in effect at the date of this offer and are subject to change. Adjustments may be made if the exchange rate varies more than 5%.

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COST INCLUSIONS

- **AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip transportation by scheduled airline carrier. Air fares are subject to change pending space availability at the time of group booking.
 - Includes up to \$550 for U.S. Government airline taxes, fees, and estimated fuel surcharge.
- **COACH TRANSPORTATION:** Local modern deluxe motorcoach transportation within Ireland and Scotland upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- **INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTATION:** Additional instruments and/or equipment will be transported in the storage area underneath the motorcoach.
- **CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS:** All performance and workshops are professionally provided in superior venues with attention to technical details and effective publicity. All venues mentioned in this quote are used as reference only and are subject to confirmation.
- **ACCOMMODATIONS:** Hotel accommodations in superior tourist-class (3 & 4-star) hotels chosen for location, reputation, cleanliness, and service. The price is based on double occupancy, all rooms with private facilities. All hotels mentioned in this quote are confirmed for 2021. This offer is based on staying at the following accommodations:

Killarney: [Gleneagles Hotel](#)

Belfast: [Holiday Inn City Centre](#)

Galway: [Jury's Inn](#)

Edinburgh: [Holiday Inn Corstorphine Road](#)

- **MEALS:** Meals as noted in the tour itinerary.
- **ENTRANCE FEES:** The following Entrance fees are included:
 - **Tour 1** – Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, Clonmacnoise, Titanic Belfast, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Cathedral, St. Andrews Castle, Kelvingrove Museum, Shannon Car Ferry, Ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan
- **TOUR ITINERARIES:** Electronic versions of the tour itinerary are available listing hotel addresses, telephone and websites.
- **TOUR MANAGEMENT:** One full-time, multi-lingual Tour Manager will be on each motorcoach through the entire tour. MCI's European office staff is easily available 24 hours daily (even on weekends) to render assistance whenever needed.
- **EXCURSIONS:** Conducted by licensed, professional guides as outlined in the day-by-day Tour itinerary.
- **GRATUITIES:** Tips to hotel personnel (including meals) are included. Tips to tour manager(s), licensed guides, and motorcoach driver(s) are not included.
- **INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTING:** MCI will handle the accounting and payment processing for each individual on tour.
- **EACH PARTICIPANT RECEIVES:** 1 Flight bag, and 2 luggage tags
- **TRAVEL NOTES:** Pre-departure Travel Notes are available to each participant containing useful information about travel preparation, destination information, useful packing and cultural conditioning suggestions.
- **FREE TRIPS:** Three free trips (based on double occupancy).
- **LIABILITY INSURANCE:** \$3M MCI Tour Liability Insurance coverage.
- **TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Individual insurance coverage is included in all MCI programs with MCI arranged airline transportation.

Summary of coverage:

- \$10,000 – Travel Accident
- \$300 – Baggage Coverage
- \$1,000 – Medical Expense
- \$600 – Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Delay



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COST EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Instrument / equipment rental & cartage, if needed.
- Concert programs, if needed.
- Transportation to and from the Newark, NJ.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Meals as noted in the tour itinerary.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.
- Difference between current and actual costs for the airline taxes and the estimated fuel surcharge, if applicable.



Eastern Pennsylvania Choral Society American Celebration of Music in Ireland & Scotland

July 15 – 26, 2021 (10 nights/12 days)

Day 1 Thursday, July 15, 2021

Depart via scheduled air service to Shannon, Ireland

Day 2 Friday, July 16 Shannon / Bunratty / Killarney (D)

Arrive in Shannon

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to Killarney via Bunratty

Visit Bunratty Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendor. Also visit the Folk Park, a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Stroll from house to house or around the charming village street to experience village life in 19th century Ireland

Lunch, on own and leisure time in the village of Adare

Continue on to Killarney

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 3 Saturday, July 17 Ring of Kerry / Killarney (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart hotel for a Ring of Kerry Highlights tour including Moll's Gap and Ladies View. Moll's Gap is a spectacular photographic viewing with a magnificent view of Death Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View viewing point which gives a different perspective of the countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains

Lunch, on own

Afternoon return to Killarney for time at leisure

*Performance at St. Mary's Cathedral in Killarney as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 4 Sunday, July 18 Cliffs of Moher / Galway (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Galway, taking the Shannon car ferry-en route

Lunch, on own

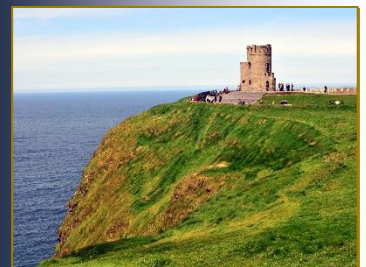
Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. On a clear day, the views are tremendous

Continue on to Galway via the Burren region

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Dinner, on own

Overnight at the hotel



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Day 5 Monday, July 19 Connemara / Galway (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart the hotel for a journey through the Connemara region. Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains, a land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland

Visit the Marble Factory and Galway Crystal Factory (group will be split with morning/afternoon visits)

Lunch, on own between factory visits

Return to Galway

*Performance at St. Nicholas Church in Galway as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Evening dinner and overnight

Day 6 Tuesday, July 20 Belfast (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Belfast via visit to Clonmacnoise

Visit Clonmacnoise

Lunch, on own

Continue to Belfast

Check-in to the Holiday Inn City Centre

Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 7 Wednesday, July 21 Belfast (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart the hotel for a panoramic tour of Belfast

*Performance at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast as part of the American Celebration of Music in Ireland**

Lunch, on own

Visit Titanic Belfast

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 8 Thursday, July 22 Edinburgh (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Belfast port

Stena Line Cairnryan ferry

Lunch, on own

Continue to hotel

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Dinner and overnight at the hotel

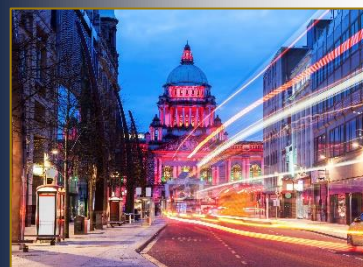
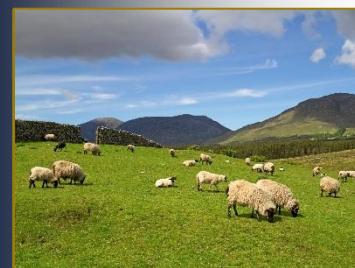
Day 9 Friday, July 23 Edinburgh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart hotel for panoramic tour of Edinburgh to include Holyrood Palace, St. Andrew's Square and Queen Street Gardens Princes Street, George IV Bridge, Chambers Street, South Bridge, and Regent Road

Visit Edinburgh Castle, which along with its rock, is probably the best-known view in Edinburgh. It has been a royal residence since the 11th century, although the majority of buildings you will see are those resulting from its use as a military garrison. See the Honours of Scotland (including the Scottish Crown Jewels) and the Royal Scots Regimental Museum

Lunch, on own



Afternoon at leisure as time allows

Dinner, on own

*Performance at St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh as part of the American Celebration of Music in Scotland**

Overnight at the hotel

Day 10 Saturday, July 24 St. Andrews / Edinburgh (B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart hotel and visit St. Andrew's Castle and Cathedral

Lunch, on own with some time at leisure

Afternoon return to Edinburgh

Evening dinner and entertainment at the Spirit of Scotland Show

Overnight at the hotel

Day 11 Sunday, July 25 Glasgow / Edinburgh (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart hotel for excursion to Glasgow

Panoramic tour of Glasgow to include George Square, City Chambers, Gallery of Modern Art, Glasgow Cathedral, St. Mungo Museum, Glasgow Green and People's Palace, Kelvin Park, and Buchanan Street

Lunch, on own

Visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, one of Scotland's most popular museums. With 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying an astonishing 8,000 objects, the extensive collections are wide-ranging and internationally significant

Some time at leisure and return to the hotel

Dinner, on own and overnight at the hotel

Day 12 Monday, July 26 Depart for home (B)

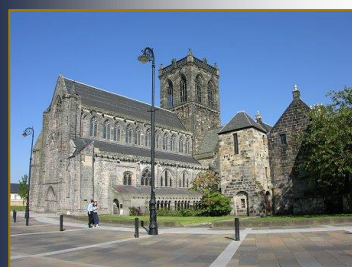
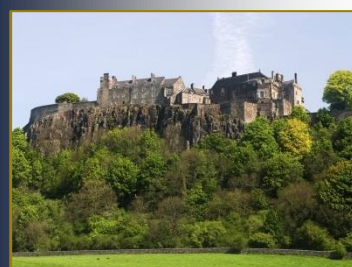
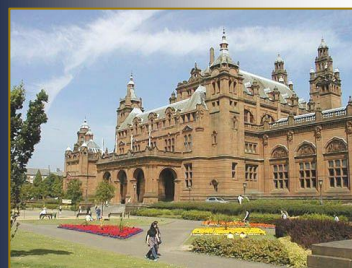
Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the departure airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*

***This is a very flexible itinerary.** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*

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Payment & Cancellation Schedules
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PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$325 per person (non-refundable)Due: September 15, 2020
\$1,500 per personDue: November 15, 2020
\$1,500 per personDue: February 15, 2021
Final Payment (remaining balance)Due: May 1, 2021

CANCELLATION SCHEDULE

\$325 per person (non-refundable)Penalty Begins: September 15, 2020
25% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: December 1, 2020
50% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: March 1, 2021
100% per person, of total tour costsPenalty Begins: May 5, 2021

Amount penalized is % of the total tour cost, not % of what has already been paid.

Please note that the above payment and cancellation schedule is based on the initial deposit date as well as subsequent on-time payments and can be modified with your input and feedback.

This schedule is subject to change should any payment dates be missed.

Participants that postponed from the 2020 tour have already submitted their first per person deposit and will resume payments on November 15, 2020. For any new participants, the initial per person deposit must be received by September 15, 2020.