

Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra

Concert Tour to the Philippines and South Korea

May 30 - June 13, 2015

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Dear students, parents, and friends of the Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra,

The Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra (HRO) has been proudly making music for over 200 years. Founded in 1808, HRO is considered the oldest continuously performing symphony orchestra in the United States. With over 80 members, the orchestra is the largest student musical group at Harvard College and performs four concerts each year in the historic Sanders Theatre. Since 2009, the orchestra has been conducted by Maestro Federico Cortese, a Senior Lecturer of Music at Harvard University. HRO's concerts are a central component of the arts community at Harvard University. Each year, the orchestra performs four subscription concerts and often performs as part of Harvard's ARTS First festival. In recent years, the orchestra has collaborated with artistic talents including Yo-Yo Ma, the Silk Road Ensemble, Mark O' Connor, Lynn Chang, and Robert Levin. In addition, HRO actively cooperates with various musical ensembles, including the Harvard Holden Choirs and the Harvard-Radcliffe Chorus. In past years, the orchestra has traveled internationally on tours to Mexico (1962), Canada (1972), the former Soviet Union (1984), Europe (1992), Brazil (2000), South Korea (2008), Cuba (2011), and, most recently, Israel and Jordan (2013).

We are incredibly thrilled to be traveling to the Philippines and South this summer. Building on our most recent tours to Cuba and the Middle East, we aim to continue a long tradition of diplomatically meaningful tours. Our exchange will be highlighted by performances in Mindoro Island, Manila, Busan, and Seoul. Among many exciting projects, we will engage in educational and musical outreach for the benefit of Filipino street children sponsored by the Stairway Foundation, perform with the Manila Symphony Orchestra at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, engage in cultural and educational exchange with Inje University, and visit regions of the Korean demilitarized zone to learn about the political conflict between the two Koreas.

Below, you will find itineraries, flight information, and other information pertinent to our travels. In the past few weeks, we have sent out a personal information form, a housing form, and vaccine suggestions in order to aid us in making sure everyone's experience abroad is comfortable and safe. We hope that this packet will excite you about tour and further make the experience the best it can be.

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation so far. These two weeks in June are going to be extraordinarily memorable and important for all of us, so we hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are!

Sincerely,

Joseph Park '15, Lee Ann Song '15, and Anes Sung '16
Harvard-Radcliffe Orchestra, Tour Directors

Pre-tour Itinerary

May 17, 2015

Commencement housing
becomes available (optional)

Location TBA

Key pick up:

May 17 (12-6pm)

May 24 (12-6pm)

May 29, 2015

Mandatory Pre-tour rehearsal
1-3pm: Rehearsal I
3-4pm: Break
4-6pm: Rehearsal II

Cambridge, MA
Paine Hall, Harvard
University

Itinerary

May 30, 2015

9:30 PM

Depart Harvard for Boston Logan by bus

*64 Linnaean St (Currier
House)*

May 31, 2015

1:45 AM

Depart Boston to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific
CX811

Boston Logan Airport

5:35 AM

Arrive in Hong Kong

*Hong Kong
International Airport*

June 1, 2015

7:45 AM

Depart Hong Kong to Manila on Cathay Pacific
CX907

9:50 AM

Arrive in Manila

*Ninoy Aquino
International Airport*

11:00 AM

Bus transfer to Batangas

Batangas

1:00 PM

Boat transfer to Puerto Galera

Puerto Galera

2:30 PM

Transfer to Stairway Foundation

Mindoro Island

3:00 PM

Check-in at Stairway Foundation

4:00 PM

Beach time, relaxation

7:00 PM

Dinner at Stairway Foundation (team 1 dish duty)

8:30 PM

Gather at stage for socializing, cultural exchange,
practice

10:30 PM

Free time/rest

June 2, 2015

7:00 AM

Breakfast (team 2 dish duty)

8:00 AM

Introduction and tour of Stairway Foundation

10:00 AM

Snack/break

10:15 AM

Morning activities

12:00 PM	Lunch (team 3 dish duty)
1:00 PM	Music workshop with children
3:00 PM	Snack/break
3:15 PM	Rehearsal for evening presentation
5:00 PM	Beach time
7:00 PM	Dinner (team 4 dish duty)
8:00 PM	Chamber concert for SFI scholars and invited guests
9:30 PM	Full moon gathering on the beach with snacks and drinks; send of “wishing boat,” a Youth for Change tradition
11:00 PM	Rest

June 3, 2015

8:00 AM	Breakfast	
9:30 AM	Departure from Stairway	
10:30 AM	Boat transfer on MSL chartered boat	<i>Puerto Galera →</i>
		<i>Batangas</i>
		<i>Manila</i>
12:00 PM	Bus transfer to Manila	
2:00 PM	Check-in to Intercontinental Hotel	
2:30 PM	Lunch at hotel/free time	
6:00 PM	Walk from hotel to Glorietta Mass Hall	
6:30 PM	Rehearsal (with snacks and beverages provided by Ayala)	
9:30 PM	Dinner	

June 4, 2015

8:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel
10:00 AM	Walk to Greenbelt 5, the Gallery for rehearsal with Manila Symphony Orchestra
12:00 PM	Public concert
2:30 PM	Lunch
4:30 PM	Bus transfer from Greenbelt to ISM
5:00 PM	Free time
6:00 PM	Rehearsal at ISM with MSO
9:30 PM	Bus transfer from ISM to hotel
10:30 PM	Dinner at Intercontinental Hotel

June 5, 2015

7:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel
8:30 AM	Bus tour of Manila (lunch included)
1:00 PM	Rest in hotel
3:00 PM	Bus transfer from hotel to ISM
4:00 PM	Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Dinner (buffet at canteen)
8:00 PM	Concert at ISM
10:00 PM	Bus transfer from ISM to hotel
11:00 PM	Rest in hotel

June 6, 2015

1:00 AM	Bus transfer from hotel to airport	
3:30 AM	Depart Manila to Busan on Asiana OX706	<i>Ninoy Aquino</i>

8:00 AM	Arrive in Busan; pick up by Hana Tour Agency	<i>International Airport Gimhae International Airport</i>
9:00 AM	Visit Igidae Park or Orkydo Skywalk if time allows	
10:30 AM	Early check-in for seven rooms at Crown Harbor Hotel	
12:00 PM	Visit UN Memorial Cemetery and Busan Municipal Museum	
1:00 PM	Lunch on your own	
2:00 PM	Check in to remainder of hotel rooms	
2:30 PM	Bus transfer to Inje University	
3:00 PM	Rehearsal	
7:00 PM	Bus transfer to Busan city for dinner at local restaurant	
<i>June 7, 2015</i>		
8:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel	
9:00 AM	Yongdusan Park, Busan Tower, Jagalchi Market	
10:30 AM	Transfer to Nurimaru APEC House	
11:10 AM	Explore Nurimaru APEC House and enjoy free time at Haeundae Beach	
12:30 PM	Transfer to Centum City Shopping Mall	
1:00 PM	Lunch at mall	
2:00 PM	Free time at mall	
3:00 PM	Transfer to Busan Cultural Center	
3:30 PM	Rehearsal	
6:30 PM	Meal box dinner	
7:30 PM	Concert	
<i>June 8, 2015</i>		
8:00 AM	Breakfast at hotel	
9:00 AM	Check out of hotel, transfer to Gyeongju	
11:00 AM	Bulguksa Temple	<i>Gyeongju</i>
12:30 PM	Lunch at local restaurant http://www.gosaek.co.kr/page/main_frame.html	
1:30 PM	Bus transfer to Seoul	
7:00 PM	Dinner at local restaurant	
8:20 PM	Check-in to Center Mark Hotel	
<i>June 9, 2015</i>		
7:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel	
8:30 AM	Transfer to Paju	
10:20 AM	Explore Demilitarized Zone and 3 rd Infiltration Tunnel	<i>Paju</i>
1:00 PM	Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant	
2:00 PM	Transfer to Ewha University	
3:30 PM	Rehearsal	<i>Seoul</i>
6:30 PM	Return to hotel; dinner on your own	
<i>June 10, 2015</i>		
8:30 AM	Breakfast at hotel	

9:30 AM Visit Gyeongbokgung Palace
11:00 AM Transfer to KIS Pangyo campus
12:00 PM Concert/Presentation at KIS
3:00 PM Transfer to Ewha University
4:00 PM Rehearsal
7:00 PM Dinner at a local restaurant
8:45 PM Return to hotel

June 11, 2015

8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel
10:00 AM Visit Samcheong-dong, Myeong-dong, and
Gwangjang Market (lunch on your own)
2:00 PM Transfer to Seoul Arts Center
3:00 PM Rehearsal
6:00 PM Meal box dinner
8:00 PM Concert

June 12, 2015

8:00 AM (tentative) Breakfast at hotel
Full day Seoul tour (National Museum of Korea,
Hangang River Ferry, Namson Hanok Village, N
Seoul Tower)
Fairwell dinner at hotel

June 13, 2015

8:00 AM Breakfast at hotel
9:00 AM After breakfast, transfer to Incheon International
Airport
1:35 PM Depart Seoul to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific
CX439 *Incheon International
Airport*
6:10 PM Depart Hong Kong to Boston on Cathay Pacific
CX812 *Hong Kong
International Airport*
9:40 PM Arrive in Boston *Boston Logan Airport*

ITINERARY FOR 4 FLIGHTS FROM JFK:

(George Goodwin, Handong Park, Jennifer Kim, Aviva Hakanoglu)*

*flights and itinerary subject to change depending on availability of Boston flight

May 31, 2015

4:00pm

Depart Harvard Campus

6:35pm-8:07pm

BOS → JFK on flight AA1664

June 1, 2015

1:30am-5:15am

JFK → HKG on flight CX 845

7:45am-9:50am

HKG → MNL on CX 907

RETURN FLIGHTS

June 13, 2015

1:35pm-4:10pm

ICN → HKG on CX 439

6:10pm-9:40pm

HKG → BOS on CX 812

TRAVEL TIPS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Dress for the weather – hot! Light clothing is ideal year-round, and absolutely during the hot and dry months from March to May. Temperatures average from 78°F/25°C to 90°F/32°C. Mean humidity is at 77%.

Never leave home without your rain gear, umbrella, and heavy clothing during the rainy months from June to October as well as when setting out to the mountainous areas.

When shopping in a public market, it is perfectly acceptable to haggle for the cheapest price.

English is the most widely spoken next to Filipino/Tagalog, the national language. Learning the basic local phrases may come in handy. Over 111 local dialects are spoken in the country.

Comfortable yet sturdy footwear are best, as travelling the islands will often involve some walking.

When headed to the remote areas, come prepared with an insect repellent and even your own water in handy containers. Always have the island map with you.

Prepare to hop in a jeepney, tricycle, or pedicab—exotic modes of land transport that are the most commonly available for going around. Always bring loose change when taking public transport.

Know the transport schedules. Some destinations are only being serviced intermittently, not to mention extreme weather conditions that will affect these schedules.

Air-conditioned taxis should cost PhP30 on the meter. An extra PhP2 will be added for every 500 meters.

Casual clothing is acceptable inside churches and business offices. Dining establishments and hotels impose no dress code but shorts and slippers are deemed improper.

For formal occasions, the traditional Barong Tagalog, the Philippine national costume for men, is just as suitable as the suit-and-tie.

When travelling by car, be mindful of the number coding ordinance for vehicles that is being implemented strictly in selected cities.

Do not miss visiting during the summer, when there is a concentration of major festivals, celebrations, and events.

Adapt to local customs; accept local differences. The Filipinos are divided culturally into regions a total of 16, at present, each with its own distinct traits and traditions.

The Philippine monetary unit, the peso, is generally preferred for financial transactions. Money-changing shops are available in key cities and towns.

Tipping is expected for many services. The standard amount is 10% of the total bill. Tipping is optional on bills that include a service charge, which is often 10% as well of the total bill.

Be sure to sample the endless variety of native delicacies and local cuisine, which differ in every region. The Philippines is made up of 7,107 different flavors that you will want to take home with you.

For tourist information and assistance, get in touch with the Department of Tourism and any of its accredited offices nationwide.

Antimalarial medication is not necessary for travel to Mindoro according to our contacts at the Stairway Foundation and bug spray will be provided on the island. Anyone who wishes to may bring medication and may leave it with Dr. Stein, the tour physician.

HOTEL ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

GIRLS	BOYS
Aviva Hakanoglu Lee Ann Song	Sasha Scolnik-Brower Ari Korotkin
Dominique Kim Jennifer Kim	Perry Choi Joseph Park
Anes Sung Annie Bishai	George Goodwin Henry Shreffler
Consuelo Hylton Lexi Smith	Nat Goldberg Aaron Roper
NaYoung Yang Anna Sato	Peter Chang Max Hopkins
Elizabeth Letvin Marion Stein	Anton Gillespie Grant Hoechst
	Gavin McDowell John Austin
	Albert Li Grant Zhao
	Fred Metzger Nick Pascucci
	Brendan Pease Handong Park
	Federico Cortese

**Accommodation Plan at Stairway Facilities on Mindoro Island
June 1-3, 2015**

House	Room	Capacity	Name
Yellow House	1	5	1. Aviva Hakanoglu
			2. Lee Ann Song
			3. Dominique Kim
			4. Anes Sung
			5. Jennifer Kim
	2	4	1. Anton Gillespie
			2. Ari Korotkin
			3. Nate Goldberg
			4. Brendan Pease
3	3	1. Annie Bishai	
		2. Consuelo Hylton	
		3. Lexi Smith	
4	2	1. NaYoung Yang	
		2. Anna Sato	
5	5	1. Nick Pascucci	
		2. Joseph Park	
		3. Grant Hoechst	

			4. Sasha Scolnik-Brower
			5. Perry Choi
	6	4	1. George Goodwin
			2. Henry Shreffler
			3. Fred Metzger
			4. Aaron Roper
Orange House	11	2	1. Marion Stein
			2. Elizabeth Letvin
	12	4	1. Max Hopkins
			2. Peter Chang
			3. Albert Li
			4. Grant Zhao
	13	3	1. Gavin McDowell
			2. John Austin
			3. Handong Park

ACCOMODATIONS

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Brgy. Aninuan
Puerto Galera
Oriental Mindoro 5203 Philippines

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