



Dear GNOYO Parents:

In celebration of the 25th anniversary milestone of the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras, I have some exciting news to share with you! GNOYO has been invited to tour, participate and perform in the South of France at an international Music Festival next summer! *Time is of the essence*- we have to move quickly if this tour going to be a reality for GNOYO. Therefore, I am writing this letter at this time to ask for your presence at a meeting this coming Saturday, October 12th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 204 G at Loyola University music building.

At the end of this meeting, each parent or guardian will be given a short survey by which we can anonymously gather some initial data that will help us to move forward with the plans.

To have the opportunity to perform in some of the most famous cities in the south of France such as Nice and Toulon, is an honor and a chance of a lifetime--one that will have a great impact in positively shaping the future of our young and deserving musicians

During this, GNOYO's 25th anniversary season, I cannot think of a more exciting and meaningful way to celebrate our past accomplishments and look toward our future with great anticipation as we work toward maintaining our goal of being one of our nation's premiere youth performing ensembles.

We have talked with the organizer in France and have had all our initial questions answered. The next step is to submit a security deposit for the basic accommodations to be reserved. However, before we do this, we would like to have the consent of our members and their families. Space is limited based on the need of the orchestra.

Non-members of the Symphony will have to audition and will be accepted on a need base and on a first come first serve basis.

On Saturday, we will discuss the following items about this opportunity in further detail:

1. Summary of invitation

"We would like to invite you and the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras to the Riviera International Massive Music Festival aiming to bring musicians from all over the world. The festival is dedicated to combine music and artistic sports in bringing awareness to cancer prevention. We are delighted to welcome you to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestras. We will dedicate all our energy and experience to make sure that your tour is a magical sight seeing experience with intensive artistic activities.

2. Tentative Itinerary: Along with the Riviera International Massive Music Festival which GNOYO will be part of, here are the 8 other tentative concert of the tour this is subject to change as other cities are expressing interest in hosting us.

July 2nd 6:00pm performance in the City of Fréjus
July 3rd 6:00pm performance in the City of Grasse
July 4th 6:00pm performance in the City of Le Broc
July 5th 2:00pm performance in the City of Saint-Raphaël
July 5th 6:00pm performance in the City of Mouans-Sartoux
July 6th to July 12th 16 Concerts will take place in the palace of congress of Saint-Raphaël during the Riviera Massive Music Festival
July 13th performance in the City of Vence
July 14th performance in the City of Fréjus

3. A non-refundable \$250 security deposit per member is required by October 30, 2019 for us to proceed with our tour plan. We have a very limited 100 seats reserved. Parents are welcome to join us on the tour some are required to come for younger students who make it through the audition process.
4. Our audition process for non Symphony Members
5. Cost of the tour is estimated at \$3500 per person.
6. The anticipated tour dates would be from June 30th - July 15th, 2020.
7. The Package will include airfare, motor coach transportation, hotels, breakfasts, lunch and dinners. Plans include sightseeing, educational master-classes, workshops, initiation to archery, artistic fencing, 8 tour performances and 16 festival performances. We will have a parent fundraising group working on earning some of these funds necessary for each student's participation.
8. Fundraising

Please come to this meeting with general ideas, fundraising ideas and questions.

I truly believe that the young people of the greater New Orleans area, who are committed to making music an integral part of their lives, deserve this unique opportunity that promises to infuse our community with energy and hope for the future.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at musicdirector@gnoyo.org if you have any questions before the meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jean Montès
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