

# Classical Roots Tour to Vienna and Salzburg

Hosted by **Rich Capparella**

April 10-19, 2011



Join Classical KUSC and our afternoon drive host Rich Capparella in the Spring of 2011 on a tour to two great music capitals of Europe, Vienna and Salzburg.

You will savor three of the world's greatest orchestras: the Berlin Philharmonic at the prestigious Salzburg Easter Festival with concerts led by Sir Simon Rattle and the Los Angeles Philharmonic's music director, Gustavo Dudamel; the mighty Vienna Philharmonic in the intimacy of the Theater an der Wien; and the Vienna Symphony led by Fabio Luisi in the complete *Midsummer Night's Dream* music of Mendelssohn and narrated by none other than film star Maximilian Schell.

There will also be a private performance exclusive to the group in the birthhouse of Schubert, as well as viewings of the Hapsburg treasures, museums and palaces, a cruise on the Danube, Easter markets and much more.

Five concerts, deluxe hotels, fine dining, delightful cafés, expert guides, and KUSC's Rich Capparella's commentary—will make this a cultural experience not to be missed!

## TOUR PRICING

**\$5,695.00\*** per person, ground only

**\$(TBA)** with group flight

**\$735.00** Single supplement

## DEPOSIT

**\$ 1,000.00** per person (\*includes a \$500 contribution to KUSC)

Deposit deadline is **February 4, 2011**. After that date please call for availability.

Call: 213-225-7534 or 800-727-2995 for more information

## KUSC Afternoon Drive Time Host Rich Capparella

Rich is the announcer for concert broadcasts in Southern California for the Pacific Symphony Orchestra, and the Metropolitan Opera Western Regional Auditions Finals. His recording company, Cardiff Studios, produces commercials and programming for U.S. arts organizations including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Kansas City Symphony. In December of 1998, Rich debuted at Carnegie Hall as a narrator for a performance of Benjamin Britten's *World of the Spirit*. In 1999 he made his first appearance with the Boston Pops and conductor Keith Lockhart, narrating *The Night Before Christmas*. Beginning in 1998 Rich became a member of the annual Grammy Awards screening committee for classical music. In 2001, as part of Los Angeles Music Week, Rich was honored in chamber by the Los Angeles City Council for his contributions to the city's music community. The following year he provided program notes for LAGQ: *Latin*, the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet's debut album for the Telarc label. The album received a Grammy Nomination in the "Best Crossover Album" category. One of Rich's secret passions has reemerged within the past few years. He is once again active as a lead singer and guitarist with a four-piece cover rock band, "Otherwise Normal". His other interests include the deep blue sea. He's been a scuba instructor and has conducted tours to the Caribbean and the Fiji Islands. He's also tried his hand at skydiving. Rich and his wife Marcia, a private school administrator, live in Santa Monica, California.

## Daily Itinerary

### Sunday, April 10

- Optional group flight from LAX to Vienna International Airport arriving on the next day

### Monday, April 11 (Vienna)

- Arrival and check-in to the beautiful 5-star Hotel Herrenhoff, in the historic center of Vienna
- **Welcome reception and dinner at the Café Sacher, home of the famous Sacher torte**

### Tuesday, April 12 (Vienna)

- **Daily continental breakfast at the hotel**
- Morning walking tour through Old Vienna from Saint Stephen's to the Imperial Palace and the Hapsburg Treasures
- **Lunch at a typical Viennese bistro**

- Tour of the renowned Kunsthistorisches museum, home to one of the most important collections of Old Master paintings
- Late afternoon tour of Beethoven's house in the suburb of Heiligenstadt, and Schubert's Birthhouse, with a private concert featuring songs by Beethoven and Schubert
- Evening free



### Wednesday, April 13 (Vienna)

- Morning tour of Vienna art nouveau (*Jugendstil*) art, architecture and design; coach tour of architectural highlights, Secession building to see Gustav Klimt's Beethoven Frieze, and the Leopold Museum
- **Lunch at the historic Café Central**

- Afternoon free
- Evening concert by the Vienna Symphony led by maestro Fabio Luisi and narrated by Maximilian Schell, at Vienna's magnificent Musikverein in an all-Mendelssohn program

### Thursday, April 14 (Vienna)

- Day excursion to the lovely Wachau countryside along the Danube.
- Travel to the town of Melk to tour the famed Benedictine Monastery



- **Lunch nearby with a tasting of Wachau wines**
- Board the SS Prinz Eugen for a cruise along the Danube to the town of Krems & motor coach back to Vienna
- Dinner and evening free

### Friday, April 15 (Vienna)

- Free day to enjoy Vienna on your own. Optional visit to the 18th century palace and gardens of Schönbrunn, the Imperial summer residence, with a stop at Mozart's poignant grave at St. Marx Cemetery
- **Dinner at the elegant Restaurant Korso, in the Hotel Bristol**
- Evening Easter concert by the Vienna Philharmonic, led by Peter Schneider in the Theater an der Wien; music by Dvorak and Suk



### Saturday, April 16 (Salzburg)

- We bid *aufwiedersehen* to Vienna and travel by private motorcoach to the peaceful region of lakes and mountains called the Salzkammergut

- **Lunch in Bad Ischl at the Villa Schratt**

- Tour the town of St. Wolfgang, view the unique late-Gothic winged altar in the little church – then to St. Gilgen, birthplace of Mozart's mother

- Check in to the Salzburg Sheraton Hotel & evening free

### Sunday, April 17 (Salzburg)

- Walking tour through Mozart's town—from the Mirabel Gardens to the Cathedral to the Archbishop's Palace—tour the house where Mozart was born, and visit the graves of Mozart's wife, sister and father



- **Lunch at Stiftskeller St. Peter's**
- Evening concert at the Salzburg Easter Festival with the Berlin Philharmonic, Gustavo Dudamel conducts Stravinsky's Firebird



### Monday, April 18 (Salzburg)

- Day on your own
- Evening concert of the Berlin Philharmonic, Sir Simon Rattle conducts Rachmaninoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony
- **Farewell Dinner—location to be determined**

### Tuesday, April 19

- Hotel check-out and motor coach to Munich for flight back to Los Angeles

Itinerary is subject to change. Meals in bold are included in the price of the tour.