Prague • Passau • Melk • Dürnstein
Vienna • Bratislava • Budapest
aboard the Deluxe m.s. AMADEUS SILVER II
with Peabody Dean Paul Mathews
July 13 to 24, 2016
Dear Alumni & Friends:

We invite you to join us on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s Great Masters. Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards and medieval castles, the Danube River Valley has resonated with musicians, artists, poets and travelers throughout the centuries and has contributed to the world the genius of its most renowned virtuosos.

Our comprehensive itinerary encompasses five countries in the heartland of central Europe. It has been custom designed and will be carefully orchestrated to include private performances featuring the musical heritage of Europe’s most accomplished composers, including Mozart and Beethoven, and to allow opportunities to explore seven UNESCO World Heritage sites. Cruise the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II, one of the finest ships to ply the waterways of Europe, launched in 2015 and docking often right in the heart of the cities. Spend three nights in the historic and world-class city of Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” in a deluxe, centrally located hotel.

Your experience is enhanced by a comprehensive schedule of exclusive and specially arranged expert lectures, private classical music performances and guided excursions in Prague and in each port of call along the Danube River.

Traveling through the heartland of Europe has never been more historically rich and culturally exciting. This exceptional program is an excellent value and sure to strike a chord with both new and repeat travelers as it taps into the heart and soul of this extraordinary region, as well as its great composers, art and architectural masterpieces. I encourage you to book now as this popular trip sells out quickly. Early Booking Savings are only available through April 4, 2016.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
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U.S./Czech Republic
Wednesday and Thursday, July 13 and 14
Depart the U.S. for Prague, the “City of a Thousand Spires,” a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing 600 years of virtually untouched architecture. Upon arrival, check into the deluxe INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA HOTEL. Attend a private Welcome Reception Thursday evening in the hotel.

Prague
Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16
On the guided walking tour, explore the diverse cultural legacy of Prague, celebrated for its splendid combination of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Walk along the narrow, picturesque lanes of the Staré Město (Old Town) to the Orloj, the ornate, 15th-century astronomical clock of the Old Town Hall. See the world-famous Charles Bridge, adorned with 17th- and 18th-century Baroque statues. Enjoy a brief private performance of Mozart’s music and a specially arranged private tour of the Estates Theatre, where the prodigy’s opera, Don Giovanni, premiered in 1787. In Josefov, the Jewish Quarter of Prague, visit Europe’s oldest extant Jewish house of worship—the Gothic-style Old-New Synagogue—and walk amongst the moss-covered, 15th-century headstones of the Old Jewish Cemetery.

On Saturday, tour the fascinating former residence of Bohemian royalty, the Hradčany complex of castles, churches and museums, whose spires dominate the city skyline. By special arrangement, view original Beethoven manuscripts and enjoy a private string quartet concert in the family-owned, 16th-century Lobkowicz Palace. Visit the neo-Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most significant cathedral in Prague, and see the Royal Mausoleum and magnificent St. Wenceslas Chapel. Then walk through the “Golden Lane,” a quaint byway lined with small, Mannerist-style houses and workshops once occupied by castle goldsmiths, alchemists, artisans and guards. Author Franz Kafka was said to have lived here between 1916 and 1917.

Prague/Passau, Germany
Sunday, July 17
Travel across rolling hills and through the bucolic wooded Czech and German countryside to Passau, where three legendary rivers—the Danube, Ilz and Inn—meet. Enjoy lunch in a historic, traditional German restaurant before the walking tour along the cobbledstone streets of Altstadt, Passau’s Old Town. Visit the Baroque-style St. Stephan’s Cathedral, consecrated in the 12th century, where the largest pipe organ in the world is housed.

Embark M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II. Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. Following dinner, enjoy a short concert by the ship’s musicians.

Linz, Austria, for Salzburg
Monday, July 18
This morning, arrive in Linz and transfer to Salzburg, a delightful UNESCO-designated city and the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Enjoy a walking tour of Salzburg’s Old Town to admire its splendid Baroque architecture, the majestic 17th-century Cathedral and the landmark Festung Hohensalzburg, the largest fully preserved fortress in central Europe. Stroll through lovely Mirabell Gardens and along the charming Getreidegasse pedestrian thoroughfare to see the house where Mozart was born in 1756.

Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and time at leisure to explore Salzburg. Drive through the breathtaking Austrian countryside featured in the classic movie,
Dürnstein is nestled within the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site that contains traces of past civilizations, including medieval villages, castles and monasteries.

**Melk/Dürnstein Tuesday, July 19**

In the riverside town of Melk, visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey, a showcase of impressive Austrian baroque architecture, priceless relics and stunning 18th-century ceiling frescoes by Paul Troger. In the abbey’s beautiful Stiftskirche (church), admire the striking, perfectly intact 16th-century altarpiece by “Danube School” master Jörg Breu the Elder. A prestigious center of scholarship throughout the Middle Ages, the abbey’s library is today a repository of 100,000 medieval manuscripts.

This afternoon, visit the charming medieval village of Dürnstein, situated below the hilltop ruins of Castle Kuenringer, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner after the Third Crusade. Walk through the quaint, picturesque village to visit the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Abbey Church and enjoy a short, private organ concert inside the 15th-century Stiftskirche Dürnstein.

In the lingering light of summer, be on deck this evening as you cruise the Danube’s spectacular and fabled Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where terraced vineyards blanket hillsides dotted with the haunting ruins of medieval castles.

**Vienna Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21**

The former seat of the Habsburg Empire, Vienna’s historic center is an open-air museum of splendid Baroque architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour this remarkable city, which owes its present appearance to Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef, who created the famous Ringstrasse showcasing its finest landmarks—the impressive Vienna State Opera House and the lavish Hofburg Palace. Visit the iconic, Gothic Stephansdom (St. Stephen’s Cathedral).

Enjoy a private, specially arranged performance of Mozart’s music in the Sala Terrena, Vienna’s oldest concert hall and where Mozart resided, worked and performed briefly in 1781. Wednesday afternoon is at leisure to further explore the cultural treasures of Vienna on your own.

The Sound of Music, and stop in the picturesque town of Mondsee to see the historical church where Maria and Baron von Trapp were married in the film.
Fortified and rebuilt over the course of one thousand years, Bratislava Castle dominates the city skyline from its perch 300 feet above the Danube.

On Thursday, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the spectacular summer estate of the imperial Habsburgs. It was here, in one of the grand salons decorated in a priceless collection of art and antiques, that a six-year-old Mozart first performed for the Empress Maria Theresa and her daughter, the future Queen of France, Marie Antoinette. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits.

The ship overnights in Vienna on both Wednesday and Thursday.

**Budapest, Hungary**  
**Saturday, July 23**

Austrian-born, nevertheless the “most Hungarian Habsburg,” Archduke Joseph is credited with creating in Budapest an imperial capital that rivaled Vienna. Buda and Pest, the centuries-old twin cities that face one another across the Danube River, the embankments along this storied river and the Buda Castle Quarter together are designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin your tour in Pest to see the elegant, neo-Gothic limestone Parliament Building, built between 1884 and 1904 and towering over the river. Pass through Heroes’ Square and admire the monuments honoring the Magyar chiefs who conquered Hungary in A.D. 896. Visit the 19th-century, neo-Renaissance Hungarian State Opera House. One of the most beautiful performing arts venues in the world, its interiors are decorated with frescoes by eminent painters, including Mór Than and Károly Lotz. Here, you will enjoy a private, specially arranged aria performance by an opera singer for our group.

The imposing Chain Bridge links river-level Pest to the hills of Buda on the other side of the Danube. On Castle Hill, visit the stately, late-19th-century, neo-Romanesque Fisherman’s Bastion, where seven turrets symbolize the seven Magyar tribes that settled in the Carpathian Basin, offering exceptional panoramic views of the city.

On board the ship this evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception and Dinner followed by a traditional folklore performance.

**Budapest/U.S.**  
**Sunday, July 24**

Continue on the Budapest Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

The glory of St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Vienna is its ornately tiled roof featuring a mosaic of the double-headed eagle, a symbol of the Habsburg dynasty.
Deluxe M.S. AMADEUS Silver II

The meticulous crafting of the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS Silver II, launched in 2015, sets new standards in ship design and technology and features the comforts of a deluxe floating hotel.

This exclusively chartered ship offers 84 river-view, air-conditioned, stylishly appointed Suites (284 square feet) and Staterooms (from 172 square feet), among the most spacious of any European river ship. Most accommodations feature a floor to ceiling panoramic window that automatically drops down, creating a French balcony. Junior Suites feature a private balcony and an interior sitting area. Each Suite and Stateroom provides two twin beds (convertible to one queen-size bed), a private bathroom with shower, individual climate control, direct dial telephone, flat-screen television, safe and hair dryer.

Freshly prepared continental meals featuring local ingredients are served in single, unassigned seatings in the delightfully scenic Panorama Restaurant and include early-risers’ coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack. Complimentary wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.

Inviting public facilities are spacious and include the Panorama Bar, Lido Bar, Amadeus-Club with Internet station, beauty salon, boutique, fitness studio with massage services and early morning exercise classes. The Sun Deck has a chess board and shuffle board. Guests will also appreciate the complimentary use of an audio headset, available to all passengers for listening enhancement during shore excursions. The ship has an elevator and laundry service is available.

The English-speaking, international crew provides warm hospitality. The AMADEUS Silver II meets the highest safety standards and is one of the only European river ships to have been awarded the “Green Certificate” of environmental preservation.

Berlin Pre-Program Option

One of Europe’s preeminent centers of history, art and music, Berlin is known for its world-class museums, grand opera house and eclectic architecture. On the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Museum Island, explore the Pergamon Museum; visit the Wall Museum at Checkpoint Charlie, the former border crossing between East and West Berlin; and enjoy a panoramic city tour cruise along the Spree River. En route to Prague, enjoy a walking tour through seldom-visited Dresden, known as the “Jewel Box of Germany” for its splendid Baroque and Rococo architecture and its cultural and artistic significance. Accommodations for three nights are in the ideally located, deluxe WESTIN GRAND BERLIN HOTEL.

Budapest Post-Program Option

Extend your stay in captivating Budapest, amid the majestic hills of Buda and the artistic, bohemian avenues of Pest on either side of the Danube River. Visit the stately, Gothic Revival-style Parliament Building, and enjoy an excursion into Hungary’s great protected Puszta (plains), including a display of master horsemanship and a traditional regional lunch. Accommodations are for two nights in the Five-Star SOFITEL BUDAPEST CHAIN BRIDGE HOTEL.

Berlin’s majestic Brandenburg Gate is modeled after the Acropolis of Athens.
Included Features
In Prague
◆ Three nights in the centrally located, deluxe INTERCONTINENTAL PRAHA HOTEL with breakfast each morning.
◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.
◆ Walking tour of Prague's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, through the Staré Město (Old Town) and Josefov (Old Jewish Quarter).
◆ Half-day city tour, highlighted by a visit to the magnificent Hradčany Castle complex, including its Gothic-style St. Vitus Cathedral.
◆ Specially arranged guided tour of Lobkowicz Palace with private concert of classical music.
Scenic transfer from Prague to Passau, Germany, and a walking tour of Passau featuring its charming Altstadt (Old Town) and a visit to the 12th-century St. Stephan's Cathedral, with lunch.
On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II
◆ Seven-night cruise on the legendary Danube River from Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, with port calls at Linz for Salzburg, Melk, Dürnstein and Vienna, Austria; and Bratislava, Slovakia.
◆ Deluxe, river-view, air-conditioned Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.
◆ All meals served at single, unassigned seatings—early-risers' coffee, buffet breakfast and lunch, afternoon tea, four-course dinner and late-evening snack—featuring fine continental cuisine.
◆ Complimentary house wine and beer are served with lunch and dinner.
◆ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Classical music concert on board by the ship's musicians.
◆ Excursion to Salzburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the stately Mirabell Gardens and lunch.
◆ Tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk, a Baroque masterpiece.
◆ Walking tour of picturesque Dürnstein, featuring a brief, private organ recital inside the Stiftskirche Dürnstein.
◆ Cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Panoramic tour of the world-class city of Vienna, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring a private performance of Mozart's music.
◆ Tour of the Habsburgs' opulent, 18th-century Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Guided tour of Bratislava's medieval Old Town.
◆ Tour of Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage site, highlighted by a visit to the Hungarian State Opera House and a private, specially arranged, brief aria performance.
◆ Specially arranged, exclusive Hungarian folklore performance on board.
Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, led by experienced English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship and in the hotel.
◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the travel program.
◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure material.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
Musical Legacy of the Habsburg Empire

Since the 18th century, the lands encompassing the Danube River Valley—Austria, Hungary and Germany—and the Czech Republic have bequeathed to the world an unparalleled musical legacy. The 1700s saw the creative genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Josef Haydn and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In the 19th century, such musical titans as Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, Johannes Brahms, Frédéric François Chopin, Franz Liszt and Antonín Dvořák reigned over the courts and orchestra halls of central Europe.

This exclusive journey highlights the musical traditions of master composers and their enduring vitality. See the stage in Prague’s prestigious Estates Theatre, where Mozart premiered his famous opera, *Don Giovanni*, and attend a private performance of the great composer’s works. Admire the world’s largest cathedral pipe organ in Passau’s Cathedral of St. Stephan. View a collection of Beethoven’s original manuscripts and attend a private performance of music by Beethoven, Dvořák and other composers in Lobkowicz Palace. Enjoy a short organ recital within the 15th-century Stiftskirche Dürnstein. Stroll through the historic center of Vienna in the footsteps of Beethoven and Brahms, see the city’s famous Opera House and attend a private performance of Mozart’s music at Sala Terrena, the oldest concert hall in Vienna. Enjoy a classical music performance by the ship’s musicians.

The golden statue of “Waltz King” Johann Strauss immortalizes Vienna’s rich musical legacy.
LAND/CRUISE TARIFF (per person, based on double occupancy)

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◆ Singles are available in category 5 at $11395 and in category 2 at $12195 on or before April 4, 2016. Add $1000 for reservations made after April 4, 2016.

◆ Taxes are an additional $240 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

SYMPHONY ON THE BLUE DANUBE RESERVATION FORM

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For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call 800-548-5481 or 410-516-0363.

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Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)

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Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 027-07/13-16-051

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Berlin Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Budapest Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/We agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

Make checks payable to 2016 Symphony on the Blue Danube.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

VISA MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

1st Choice ______ 2nd Choice ______

Double occupancy (two twin beds).

Double occupancy (one queen bed).

Single accommodations.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Berlin Pre-Program Option

Double at $840 per person.

Single at $1140 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Budapest Post-Program Option

Double at $795 per person.

Single at $1095 per person.

I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from ____________________________

( Fill in departure city) to Prague, Czech Republic, with return from Budapest, Hungary, at additional cost to be advised. I

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I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.
CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including PrePost Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective unless received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($10 PrePost Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $800 ($200 PrePost Program(s)) per person; from 61 through 94 days prior to departure, 40% of the published full regular tariffs; from 45 through 60 days prior to departure, 55% of the published full regular tariffs; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 70% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

RESERVATIONS: To reserve a program, the deposit fee for the program together with the required deposit, by April 4, 2016. In the event a “discounted” reservation is made, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted. In the event the deposit is not received by April 4, 2016, the reservation will be cancelled, and the deposit will be forfeited. Deposit fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. If the trip is canceled or rescheduled, you will be notified by Gohagan and have the option of obtaining a refund of the deposit or applying the deposit to a similar program.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowances are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. You are responsible for your own baggage. Gohagan is not responsible for any baggage lost or damaged during your trip.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability which would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.