

Rhinebeck-Rheinbach Exchange Program 2023



Schedule

This is the 45th year of the musical exchange between students from Rhinebeck, NY and Rheinbach, Germany. This summer 26 students and their 14 chaperones from Rhinebeck will come to Rheinbach from July 13th thru July 26th. They will be hosted by German families from Rheinbach and the surrounding communities. The American students and their German friends will work together in rehearsals and will present their musical programs in concerts open to the public. During their stay, the American guests will visit some of the local historical and cultural places, like Cologne, Trier or Drachenfels in Königswinter.

All rehearsals will take place at the School St. Joseph-Gymnasium (SJG). The departure and arrival locations can be taken from the following program. All participants will be informed promptly about changes to the departure and arrival times.

Tuesday, August 1st

Michael Küßner, Thomas Löffler

- 9:10 a.m. Arrival with flight United Airlines Nr. 960 at Frankfurt
- 12:00 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach at Himmeroder Wall

Wednesday August 2nd

Rheinbach

Bring lunch and instruments

Thoralf Quadflieg, Stephan Flessau

- 8:30 a.m. First rehearsal for everybody
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on the schoolyard
- 1:00 p.m. Departure from SJG to town hall
- 1:30 p.m. Reception by the Mayor of Rheinbach in town hall (German participants and host families are welcome to join)
Tour of Rheinbach
- 4:00 p.m. Pick up at SJG

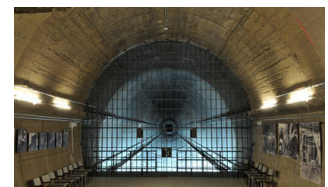
Thursday, August 3rd

Government Bunker

Bring lunch and instruments, warm clothes (53 °F inside bunker)

Julian Ulonska, Gabi Beyer-Bauer

- 9:00 a.m. Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Meeting at Himmeroder Wall
- 1:00 p.m. Departure by busses
- 2:00 p.m. Tour of Government Bunker (Regierungsbunker)
- 4:00 p.m. Departure from Government Bunker
- 4:30 p.m. Pick up at Himmeroder Wall
- 6:45 p.m. Meeting in front of Pin-Up Bornheim
(self organized transport; carpooling recommended)
- 9:00 p.m. Pick up at Pin-Up Bornheim



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Friday, August 4

Cologne

Elizabeth Weckes, Andreas Wiedemann

Bring lunch and instruments

- 9:00 a.m. - Final rehearsal for Altenberger Dom at SJG
- 12:00 p.m.
- 12:15 p.m. Walking to train station
- 12:50 p.m. Departure from track 2. Change to train at track 1 in Bonn. Departure to Cologne Main Station at 1:33 p.m.
- 2:02 p.m. Arrival in Cologne
- 2:15 p.m. Meeting in front of the Cathedral, guide tour
Freetime, time for Shopping
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting at the "Kreuzblume in front of the Cathedral,
Departure to KölnTriangle across "Hohenzollernbrücke"
- 5:30 p.m. Visiting "KölnTriangle"
- 6:30 p.m. Meeting at train Station "Köln Messe/Deutz"
- 6:50 p.m. Departure from "Köln Messe/Deutz", track 7. Change to track 5 in Bonn. Departure for Rheinbach at 7:40 p.m.
- 8:08 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach. Pick up from train station



Saturday, August 5

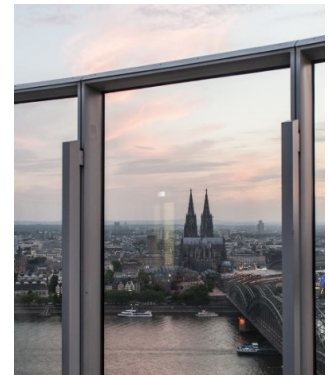
Family weekend – no activities planned

Sunday, August 6

Bring instruments and Exchange- T-Shirt

Annemarie Löffler, Thomas Löffler

- 9:45 a.m. Meeting in front of Altenberger Dom
(self organized transport; carpooling recommended)
 - 11:00 a.m. Musical performances during church services at Altenberger Dom
- Family weekend** – no activities planned



Monday, August 7 First day of school for Germans, Chocolate Museum

Bring lunch and instruments

Julian Ulonska, Thoralf Quadflieg

- 7:45 a.m. Meeting of the american participants on the terrace in front of the Mariensaal at SJG
- 7:50 a.m. Start of school. German students attend their classes.
Departure of the american participants to train station
- 8:20 a.m. Departure from track 2. Change to track 1 in Bonn. Departure to Cologne Main Station at 9:04 a.m.
- 9:28 a.m. Arrival in Cologne
Walking to Chocolate Museum
(20 minutes walk alongside the Rhine)
- 10:00 a.m. Arrival at Chocolate Museum
- 10:15 a.m. 1st tour
- 10:30 a.m. 2nd tour
- 12:00 p.m. Meeting in front of the Chocolate Museum. 20 minutes walk to train station
- 12:32 p.m. Departure from Cologne from track 9. Change to track 5 in Bonn. Departure to Rheinbach at 1:10 p.m.
- 1:38 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach, walk to SJG
- 2:00 p.m. Rehearsal at SJG
- 6:00 p.m. Pick up at SJG



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Tuesday, August 8

Trier

Bring lunch

Elizabeth Weckes, Andreas Wiedemann

- 7:30 a.m. Meeting of american participants at Himmeroder Wall
- 7:45 a.m. Departure by busses
- 7:50 a.m. German students attend their classes
- 10:00 a.m. Arrival in Trier. Tour of imperial thermal baths „Kaiserthermen“
- 12:15 p.m. City & Quest. Free time
- 3:45 p.m. Meeting at busses
- 4:00 p.m. Departure from Trier
- 6:00 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach and Pick up from Himmeroder Wall



Wednesday, August 9

Bonn, Drachenfels

Bring lunch and exchange-T-Shirt

Sonja Schaefer, Sarah Wanzek

- 7:50 a.m. German students who are not taking part in the trip to Bonn attend their classes
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting at train station in Rheinbach
- 9:20 a.m. Departure from track 2 to Bonn
- 9:49 a.m. Arrival in Bonn. Free time to shop. Haribo opens at 10:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m. Meeting at the old town hall for a group picture, walking to „Alten Zoll“
- 11:50 a.m. Departure by boat from „Alten Zoll“
- 12:40 p.m. Arrival in Königswinter. Ride with the rack railway „Drachenfelsbahn“
- 1:30 p.m. Lunch on top of Drachenfels
- 2:45 p.m. Decend with Drachenfelsbahn to middle station
- 3:00 p.m. Selfguided tour of the castle “Drachenburg”
- 4:45 p.m. Meeting at ground station
- 5:20 p.m. Departure by boat from Königswinter
- 6:00 p.m. Arrival in Bonn at the "Alten Zoll"
- 6:25 p.m. Departure from Bonn from track Gleis 5 to Rheinbach
- 6:53 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach. Pick up at train station

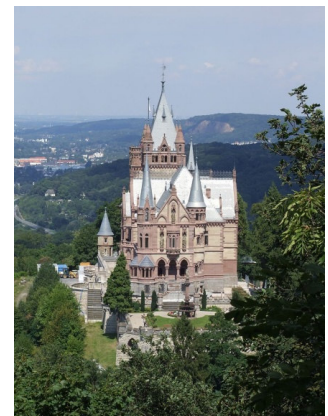


Thursday, August 10 Brühler Schlösser

Bring lunch and instruments

Christoph Hillgruber, Thoralll Quadflieg

- 8:00 a.m. Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:40 p.m. Meeting at train station in Rheinbach
- 1:50 p.m. Departure from track 2. Change to track 1 in Bonn. Departure to Brühl at 2:33 p.m.
- 2:44 p.m. Arrival in Brühl
- 3:30 p.m. 1st tour
- 3:45 p.m. 2nd tour
- 4:00 p.m. 3rd tour
- 5:30 p.m. Meeting at train station in Brühl
- 5:46 p.m. Departure from track 1. Change to track 5 in Bonn. Departure to Rheinbach at 6:10 p.m.
- 6:38 p.m. Arrival in Rheinbach. Pick up at train station



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Friday, August 11

**Schuljahreseingangsgottesdienst
Gala Konzert**

Bring lunch, instruments and exchange-T-Shirt

Annemarie Löffler, Thomas Löffler

- 7:50 a.m. Meeting in "Studio" at SJG for set up and soundcheck
- 9:45 a.m. School year start church service (Schuljahreseingangsgottesdienst).
Afterward free time for american students (time to shop in Rheinbach, voluntary participation in regular school classes)
Free afternoon
- 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal at Stadttheater
- 7:00 p.m. Gala-Concert at the Stadttheater (Entrance: 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, August 12

Julian Ulonska, Michael Küßner

- 10:00 a.m. Final Rehearsal for Maria Laach at SJG
- 12:00 p.m. Pick up at SJG
Family afternoon – no activities planned
- 6:00 p.m. Chaperone-Meeting at "Gilden im Zims" in Cologne (only for Chaperones and members of the committees)



Sunday, August 13 Concert at Maria Laach

Bring instruments and exchange-T-Shirts

Annemarie Löffler, Thomas Löffler

- 9:00 a.m. Meeting in front of Maria Laach (self organized transport; carpooling recommended)
- 10:00 a.m. Musical performances during church services at Maria Laach
Free afternoon
- 5:00 p.m. Meeting of Chaperones and members of the committees at SJG
- 6:00 p.m. Rheinbach Café at SJG



Monday, August 14

Bring small lunch and tissues to dry your tears

- 5:30 a.m. Meeting at Himmeroder Wall
- 6:00 a.m. Departure by bus from Himmeroder Wall
- 11:10 a.m. Departure with flight United Airlines Nr. 961 from Frankfurt Airport

Safe Travels and Fare Well!

