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OCTOBER 15-25, 2022

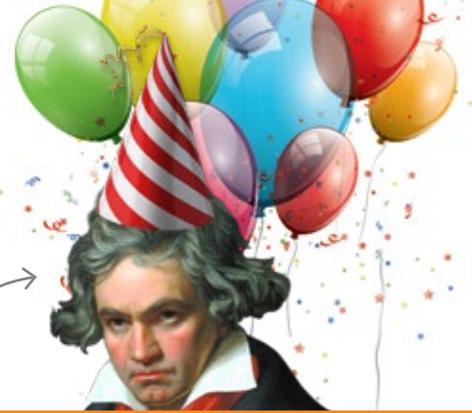
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# A FLOATING MUSIC FESTIVAL JOURNEY BY RIVER SHIP **PRAGUE** **SALZBURG** **VIENNA** **BUDAPEST**

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Join friends and fans of **Minnesota Public Radio** and the **Minnesota Orchestra** for a historic cruise down the Blue Danube with host Melissa Ousley. Discover world class museums, grand opera houses and celebrated symphony halls of Budapest, Bratislava, Salzburg, Vienna, and Prague! Your journey begins with three included pre-cruise nights in historic Prague. Walk in the footsteps of Dvorak, Smetana and Mozart while in the Czech capital. In Vienna, we'll celebrate Beethoven's 252nd birthday, savor Sachertorte in a local café, spend time in one of the many marvelous museums and dine with the locals in a charming wine cellar frequented by the great composers. Enjoy backstage tours and insider experiences. Visit the homes of Liszt, Mozart and Beethoven. Musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra will join us for intimate recitals aboard our privately chartered ship, the luxurious *Amadeus Queen*.

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252 Year  
Celebration



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# YOUR HOSTS



**Melissa Ousley**  
*Host/Producer, Classical MPR*

In the fall of 2019, Melissa Ousley became the regular host of Minnesota Public Radio's live broadcasts with the Minnesota Orchestra. Those Friday nights quickly became a highlight of her week. As she puts it, "The exhilaration that comes from playing a small part in bringing such outstanding concerts to our listeners is hard to describe." Melissa's passion for music began as a kid growing up just outside of New York City. Her parents encouraged her to go to concerts and visit art museums, and that's exactly what she did. While she earned a bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music, she's quick to point out that her decades of work in radio is what has taught her the most. When she's away from the airwaves, Melissa loves to run, read, and spend time with friends and family.



**Natsuki Kumagai**  
*Violin*

Natsuki Kumagai joined the Minnesota Orchestra second violin section in the 2017-18 season and won a position in the first violin section in 2019. Born and raised in Chicago, she has served in numerous concertmaster positions at orchestras including the New World Symphony, New York String Orchestra Seminar, and the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra. She is an active chamber musician, winning prizes at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, Saint Paul Chamber Music Competition and Society of American Musicians Competition. She was a member of the New Fromm Players, the quartet-in-residence for contemporary music at the Tanglewood Institute, performing world and U.S. premieres of works by world-renowned composers Marc Neikrug and Joseph Phibbs.



**Michael Sutton**  
*Violin*

A native of Minneapolis, Michael Sutton joined the Minnesota Orchestra in 1997. He performed Martin's Three Madrigals with violist Kenneth Freed at a 2007 chamber music concert, and he has appeared on Sommerfest programs playing chamber music with pianist William Wolfram and violinist Pekka Kuusisto. In addition to performing in Minnesota Orchestra programs, he is concertmaster of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, a post he accepted in fall 2014. He also is a faculty member at the MacPhail Center for Music and a violin coach for the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies. For four years Sutton was a concertmaster of the New World Symphony in Miami Beach; he was also a leader at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and the Pacific Music Festival in Japan.



**Andrew Staupe**  
*Piano*

Emerging as one of the distinctive voices of a new generation of pianists, Andrew made his Carnegie Hall debut to critical acclaim in 2012. He has appeared as soloist with the Baltimore Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Houston Symphony, Colorado Symphony, and many other orchestras throughout the United States. He has collaborated with distinguished conductors Osmo Vänskä, Bobby McFerrin, Jahja Ling, Gerard Schwarz, Andrew Litton, Cristian Macelaru, Larry Rachleff, Lucas Richman, Daniel Hege, and Josep-Caballé Domenech. He has performed across the United States and extensively in Europe, appearing in Russia, Holland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, France, and Germany.



**Matthew Brumley**  
*Earthbound Expeditions*

Matthew Brumley is the founder of Earthbound Expeditions and has been leading and creating public radio and museum adventures worldwide for 25 plus years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. He has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Listen to Matthew's travel segment at KNKX – NPR Public Radio, Seattle.



**Amy Hyatt**  
*Classical MPR*

Amy Hyatt is a dynamic event and travel manager with over 25 years' experience, currently working at American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. Her global success includes managing events, initiatives and group trips in over 40 countries, including as a member of two Olympic committees. Amy believes in the power of public media, travel, hospitality and empathy to transform the world. Her values and home are deeply rooted in Minnesota.



# YOUR CLASSICAL JOURNEY BEGINS

**DAY 0 OCT. 14: DEPART USA**  
Optional overnight flight to Europe.

**DAY 1 OCT. 15: HISTORIC PRAGUE**  
Considered by many to be the most beautiful European capital, Prague is the city of Smetana, Dvořák, Kafka and the town Mozart loved best. The city is also home to three historic opera houses, the Czech Philharmonic, and several chamber orchestras. Enjoy a welcome orientation dinner before settling in for the night at your hotel. *Sleep in Prague (D)*



**DAY 2 OCT. 16: PRAGUE'S OLD TOWN & JEWISH QUARTER**  
**MUSIC EVENT** Our historic walking tour of Prague will start at its center, Wenceslas Square.

En-route to the Old Town Square, we'll see the illustrious Estate Opera House where Mozart conducted *Don Giovanni* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. Our journey continues to Prague's stirring medieval Jewish quarter. After enjoying a traditional Czech lunch, the afternoon is yours before meeting your hosts for your first classical music concert. *Sleep in Prague (B,L)*

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St Stephen Basilica, Budapest



**DAY 3 OCT. 17: CHARLES BRIDGE & PRAGUE CASTLE**

**MUSIC  
EVENT**

After breakfast, we make our way past Charles University to Charles Bridge. We'll cross the very river that lends its name to Smetana's symphonic Czech masterpiece, the *Vltava*. Then we'll ascend the hill to one of Europe's most impressive castles: Prague Castle. A UNESCO World heritage site, it consists of palaces and ecclesiastical buildings of various architectural styles, from Roman-style buildings from the 10th century through Gothic modifications in the 14th century. A second classical concert is included this evening! *Sleep in Prague*. (B)

**DAY 4 OCT. 18: DEPART PRAGUE / BOARD SHIP**

Welcome to Hungary! We depart this morning for Budapest and embark the *Amadeus Queen* in the afternoon to begin our custom classic cruise on the Danube. A welcome cocktail party and dinner will be served on board. (B,D)

**DAY 5 OCT. 19: CLASSICAL BUDAPEST: THE CITY OF FRANZ LISZT**

**MUSIC  
EVENT**

Enjoy a full day exploring Budapest! Enjoy a private piano recital at the Franz Liszt Memorial Museum and tour the historic State Opera

house. Also included, an excursion to Buda Hill where you'll have time to soak in the stunning views. In the late afternoon you may wish to visit one of the famous bath houses. Enjoy an evening cruise and the city lights as we set sail for Bratislava, Slovakia! (B,L,D)

**DAY 6 OCT. 20: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA**

**MUSIC  
EVENT**

By mid morning the ship reaches the historic capital city of Bratislava. Founded over 2,000 years ago, the city once served as the capital of Hungary. You'll be enchanted by the quaint lanes of old town. Sip a hearty Slovak schnapps and learn about the history and customs of this small mountainous country. Enjoy an after dinner shipboard classical concert. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 OCT. 21: VIENNA: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GREAT COMPOSERS**

**MUSIC  
EVENT**

This morning we walk in the footsteps of Beethoven, Schubert, Mahler, Brahms, Strauss, Mozart and the Habsburgs! Accompanied by local experts, learn why Vienna in the 18th century was the musical capital of Europe. Visit Mozart's house where he composed *The Marriage of Figaro* and enjoy a **private concert** in the very chamber where Mozart himself first performed in Vienna as a young man. Enjoy an evening in Vienna. (B,L,D)

**DAY 8 OCT. 22: CLASSICAL VIENNA**

In celebration of Beethoven's 252nd birthday, we'll devote a morning to the great composer. Though born in Bonn, Beethoven called Vienna home. We'll visit some of his favorite haunts and inspiring sights. Also enjoy a private tour of the Vienna Fine Arts Museum and Wiener Musikverein (home to the Vienna Philharmonic). (B,L,D)

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**SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS**

**Natsuki Kumagai** – Violin

**Michael Sutton** – Violin



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Astronomical clock, Prague



Bratislava Castle

#### DAY 9 OCT. 23: THE MONASTERY OF MELK

##### MUSIC EVENT

Beethoven loved nature, and was inspired to write the Pastoral Symphony (the 6th symphony) by his regular walks in the countryside around Vienna. Today we'll explore Austria's stunning countryside and take a tour of the Benedictine Abbey of Melk, which is a UNESCO world heritage site. Enjoy an after-dinner shipboard classical concert. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10 OCT. 24: SALZBURG: A DAY WITH MOZART

##### MUSIC EVENT

Journey past the town of Linz through the Wachau Valley enroute to Salzburg. Enjoy an included walking tour in Salzburg with local historians and relive the life of Mozart. See the very house where Mozart was born on January 27, 1756 and stroll through the charming alleyways of this Baroque jewel. Enjoy a **classical concert** in a monastery. Our gala farewell dinner is this evening. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 11 OCT. 25: PASSAU/JOURNEY CONCLUDES

We arrive this morning in Passau, Germany for disembarkation. Complimentary transport will be offered to the Munich airport for all travelers. Return home with a lifetime of joyful memories. Bon Voyage! (B)

## TRIP FACTS

- Departs USA:  
October 14, 2022
- Starts in Prague:  
October 15
- Ends in Passau:  
October 25
- Special group air rate from Minneapolis. Includes all taxes, fees and transfers while in Europe. To be announced by December 1, 2021.

## INCLUDED IN YOUR JOURNEY

- Hosted by Melissa Ousley of Minnesota Public Radio
- Special highlights including lectures, theme dinners, and on-board musical performances by Minnesota Orchestra musicians: Natsuki Kumagai and Michael Sutton
- Three pre-cruise nights in glorious Prague
- A top opera/classical performance in Prague
- Concerts in Prague, Salzburg, Budapest and Vienna
- Exclusive tours of celebrated opera houses
- Special visits to the homes of the great composers
- Seven nights first-class cruising on the Danube
- Unique dining experiences featuring regional dishes
- Complimentary wine served at dinner while on board the ship
- Airport transfers for those arriving/departing with the group
- Travel with like-minded classical music lovers
- Minnesota Orchestra Beethoven symphonies five disc box set



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## YOUR EXCLUSIVE RIVER SHIP: **MS AMADEUS QUEEN**

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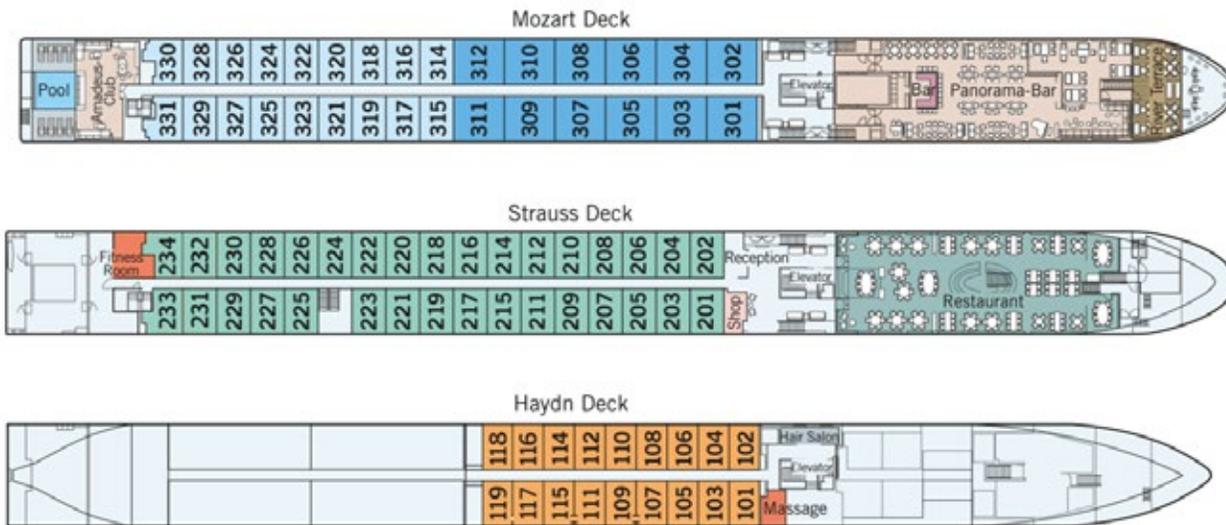
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—Bonnie and Tom, USA



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# Registration Form



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Today's Date

October 15-25, 2022

Destination / Tour Name

Dates of Tour

If applicable:

Group Air:  Yes  No Earthbound Alumni / other discount:  Yes  No

Select one:

I have selected a roommate whose name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a roommate (Single supplement fee waived if a willing roommate is confirmed)

I wish to have a single cabin throughout the tour/cruise

Preferred Room Type:  1 Queen Bed  2 Twin Beds

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Bratislava castle at sunset

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