Brandeis University Chorus  
2008 Germany & Austria

The Brandeis University Chorus, under the direction of Dr. James Olesen, will tour Munich, Germany and Salzburg, Austria from February 17-24, 2008. This will be the first international tour of any student music ensemble at Brandeis. The purpose of this tour is to share our music and Brandeis community internationally, while experiencing and learning about foreign cultures. The University Chorus will be performing works of the German and Austrian traditions, the American tradition, the Jewish tradition, as well as music by Brandeis composers, representing our hosts and Brandeis University.

Our tour will last for eight days and six nights, including five concerts in Munich and Salzburg at important venues, including Frauenkirche and Wieskirche in Munich, and the SalzburgDom, the cathedral of Salzburg. A memorial service will be performed at a synagogue within the grounds of the Dachau concentration camp, located just outside of Munich. These performances and musical exchange with the people of Germany and Austria serve Brandeis’ goal of continuing to be a global university and community that is instrumental in academic, political and social progress in the United States and around the world.

In addition to our musical ambassadorship, the tour also features exciting opportunities to explore and learn about the German and Austrian cultures, through professionally guided tours and free time to visit historical and cultural sights in both countries. The educational portion of the trip culminates with a visit to the Dachau concentration camp, giving the members of the Brandeis University Chorus an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reflect on the history of the Jewish people and their plight during World War II, while recognizing the importance of the Jewish community in the conception and development of Brandeis University.

All in all, the Brandeis University Chorus 2008 Tour will be a unique opportunity to share the values of Brandeis University internationally, confirming our school’s niche in the world as a global institution and community that is on the forefront of the search for international coexistence.

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This tour is being funded in part by the participating students, with the assistance of fundraising efforts of a student committee and the Department of Music. Donations are very welcome, and are tax-deductible. For more information contact Nicholas Brown (Tour Manager) at (617)222-0793, or nabrown@brandeis.edu.

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Participant List

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