



INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL
OF
THE **AEGEAN**

Peter Tiboris
Artistic Director and Conductor
Raymond S. Hughes
Principal Guest Conductor

Apollon Theater - "La Piccola Scala" (1864)

ANNOUNCING!!

Festival of the Aegean in Greece

July 14 - 18, 2010

(Arrive July 7 and depart July 20, 2010)

**MidAmerica Productions &
The Municipality of Hermoupolis, Syros
Mayor Yannis Dekavallas and Cultural Council President, Yannis Pitaoulis
Peter Tiboris – General Director and Artistic Director**

P R E S E N T

**SIXTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL OF THE AEGEAN, Island of Syros, Greece
July 14 - 18, 2010**

**For Distinguished North American Bands and Big Band Jazz Ensembles to be part of the
International Festival of the Aegean**

**Apollo Theater: "LA PICCOLA SCALA"
(Opening Performance: April 20, 1864, Verdi's Rigoletto)
Miaouli Piazza**

Capital City of Hermoupolis on the Island of Syros in the Cyclades

**"Its port and capital, Hermopoulis, Syros, is likely to put you in mind of Paris, Genoa, maybe even Venice."
■ Arthur Durrell, *Author*, 1950**

An audition by CD is required before acceptance.

Initial Deposit Registration -- January 15, 2010

www.festivaloftheaegean.com

**This is an international Festival with international press and guests.
Performances and performers of the highest caliber are sought.**

BAND ITINERARY

Wednesday - July 7:

- Arrive Athens. Private air-conditioned coach transfer to one of the following:
ELECTRA PALACE HOTEL → (www.electrapalace.athenshotels.it/)
ESPERIA PALACE → (www.esperiahotel.com.gr/)
HOTEL PLAKA → (www.plakahotel.gr/) or similar.
- Double accommodation.
- Professional guide escorting through a walking tour of Ancient PLAKA below the Akropolis and the Ancient Agora, major restaurant and shopping area similar to Greenwich Village in NYC, but below the ancient Akropolis.

Thursday - July 8:

- Breakfast. Followed by a professional half day guided tour of the Akropolis, Parthenon and Akropolis Museum.
- Bus from hotel for half-day sightseeing, finishing at 2:00 pm.
- Remainder of day free

Friday - July 9:

- Breakfast.
- 8:30 am Half-day tour with bus and guide to the marvel of the Corinth Canal, Ancient Corinth where St. Paul the Apostle preached and lived, and the Corinth Museum.
- 2:00 pm Return to Athens
- Remainder of day free.

Saturday - July 10:

- Breakfast.
- 8:30 am Half day tour with bus and guide to SUNION which is the temple of Poseidon.
- 1:00 pm Return to Athens
- 9:00 pm Evening concert, #1 of 3 in Athens

Sunday - July 11:

- Breakfast.
- Bus to Piraeus Port for HIGH SPEED FERRY to Syros (3 hours).
- Arrive Syros and transfer to one of the following (or similar):
FRANCOISE HOTEL → (www.francoise-hotel.com/)
BENOIS HOTEL --> (www.benois.gr/) or similar at Galissas Beach.
- Double accommodation.

Monday - July 12:

- Breakfast.
- 9:00 am Half-day tour of Syros with guide and air-conditioned bus.
- Remainder of day free.

Tuesday – July 13:

- Breakfast.
- 10:00 am Optional Morning Ferry to Mykonos (30 minute ferry ride—explore Mykonos town) Round-trip cost - 20 Euros per person to be paid on the day of departure.
- Return that evening.

Wednesday - July 14:

- Breakfast.
- Morning and Afternoon free.
- 7:30 pm transfer from hotel to theater. (Bus provided to and from the Theatre)
- 9:00 pm Attend opening of Festival Gala at Theatre “CARMEN”
- Post concert Mayor’s Reception.
- 1:00 am Transfer from theater to hotel.

Thursday - July 15:

- Breakfast.
- Morning rehearsal.
- 7:00 pm Set up, transfer by bus to and from Piazza.
- 9:00 pm Evening concert, #2 of 3, in the Miaouli Plateia Piazza, open and free to public

Friday - July 16:

- Breakfast.
- All day free.
- Optional day-trip to Paros (if available) Cost – 22 Euros per person payable on day of departure.

Saturday - July 17:

- Breakfast.
- Morning and Afternoon free.
- 9:00 pm Attend Haydn’s MASS IN THE TIME OF WAR and Dvorak’s SYMPHONY #9 “NEW WORLD” at the Apollo Theater.

Sunday - July 18:

- Breakfast.
- 7:00 pm Transfer to Plateia for Warm-up
- 9:00 pm Concert #3 of 3 in Miaouli Plateia Piazza.

Monday - July 19:

- Breakfast.
- Transfer by bus to Hermoupolis port for High Speed Ferry to Piraeus in Athens.
- Bus transfer from Piraeus Port to Hotel (same hotel as arrival).
- Gala Greek Finale Dinner in Plaka with live music and dance.
- 2:00 am Return to Hotel

Tuesday - July 20:

- Breakfast.
- Transfer from hotel to airport.

The total cost for all above services and descriptions in this itinerary is 1399 Euros, which includes all taxes and VAT (value added tax). Based on the exchange rate, April 29, 2009, 1 Euro = \$1.32, total package price is \$1,993 in US dollars; price based on double occupancy. No airfare included. Single occupancy cost is 349 Euros (\$497) additional.

The exchange rate for your ensemble of performers and non-performers will become fixed and firm at the time of the FIRST DEPOSIT and the amount of dollars for this program will not change regardless of whether the dollar weakens or strengthens for later deposits.

Deposit deadlines:

\$250 per person on or before January 15, 2010 (final cost is fixed based on 1,399 Euros converted to dollars at the time of the first deposit.)

\$500 per person on or before March 1, 2010.

\$500 per person on or before May 1, 2010.

Balance due on or before June 1, 2010.

Payment is only acceptable by check or wire transfer. Credit cards are not permissible.

ALL CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO: MIDAMERICA PRODUCTIONS

Note:

1 FREE LAND Package (1399 Euros) on 35 paying land packages (#36 is free).

All deposits and payments are non-refundable, if participant cancellation occurs; cancellation insurance is recommended. If MidAmerica Productions cancels the tour, all monies will be immediately and completely refunded.

Airfares are the responsibility of the ensembles.

All instruments and cartage are the responsibility of the ensemble.

Itinerary, concerts, artists and repertoire are subject to change without notice.

If you are a US citizen, a valid passport is required but no visa is required.

If you are NOT a US citizen, please check with your embassy regarding entry requirements to Greece.

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