



Minnesota Youth Symphonies Cuba Tour – June 24-July 1, 2017

Tour Overview

Join MYS Symphony Orchestra on a thrilling musical exchange and cultural exploration of Cuba. MYS will embark on their first international tour in over 35 years. Create life-long memories and friendships, open your heart and expand your mind while sharing your passion for music with Cuban students and audiences.

The tour is arranged by Classical Movements which has a special agreement with the Cuban Institute of Music to bring important American ensembles to Cuba and which has worked there for 19 years. Says Neeta Helms, President of Classical Movements “Manny Laureano was a huge hit in Cuba. His personality and fluent Spanish combined with his obvious joy during the Minnesota Orchestra tour to Cuba did not go unnoticed by the Cuban students, officials and musicians who collaborated. His youth orchestra, combined with Nachito Herrera, who is also well known and loved by the Cubans, is going to make this a very important and attractive ensemble for the Cuban music loving population.”



Preliminary Tour Inclusions

Transportation, Meals, and Accommodations:

- Round trip airfare to Cuba and all land transportation in Cuba
- Three-star tourist class hotels
- Havana, 3 nights
- Camagüey, 2 nights
- Holguín/Pesquero, 1 night
- Santiago de Cuba, 1 night
- 14 meals

Performance and Cultural Exchange:

- 3 promoted concerts
- Outreach / musical exchanges
- Cuban masterclasses / workshops
- Guest Artist, Nachito Herrera

Sightseeing:

- Guided city tours and entrance fees to many historical cities and landmarks

“The opportunity to go to Havana with the Minnesota Orchestra was a more influential experience than I expected. Meeting their young musicians moved my heart,” says Manny Laureano, who participated in the Minnesota Orchestra’s May 2015 visit to Cuba in his role as principal trumpet. He knew immediately that he wanted to give the students in his orchestra the chance to be musical ambassadors. Cuban American pianist, Nachito Herrera, will be our guest artist on the tour.



* This concert tour is subject to the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Cuban Assets Control Regulations and an Official Invitation and Approval by Cuban Authorities.

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