

New England Festivals!



The BSO at Tanglewood led by Kurt Masur

Join Classical KUSC for some of the finest summer music, theatre, and dance in the US, in the lovely Berkshires of western Massachusetts this summer.

Popular host Dennis Bartel will be on board for this deluxe week-long tour to the festivals of Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow, and Shakespeare & Co.

Through one of the most beautiful regions in the country, we'll tour a part of New England that lives up to every bit of its storybook image. The Berkshires boasts historic Gilded Age mansions and cultural events which attract thousands of visitors from all over the country. The world renowned Tanglewood Festival celebrates its 75th birthday as the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and you'll attend three concerts featuring the superb artistry of Yo Yo Ma, Pinchas Zukerman, Paul Lewis, and Christoph von Dohnanyi under the semi-outdoor Shed. You'll be dazzled by Jacob's Pillow, the best dance festival in the country at 80 years old, with a performance by the Trey McIntyre Project, and enjoy a performance of one of the Bard's great late plays, *The Tempest*, starring Olympia Dukakis as a female Prospero at Shakespeare & Co.'s summer season.

During the day you'll partake in many of the other fascinating attractions the region has to offer, such as a tour of the region's Gilded Age Mansions, including Edith Wharton's home and gardens, The Mount; the Norman Rockwell Museum with his studio intact; and the Bauhaus-inspired Frelinghuysen Morris House. To the north, we'll visit MassMOCA, the world's largest contemporary art museum and one of its very best, and the Clark Art Institute, a small gem. And you can celebrate summer yourself with a spa treatment or round of golf at Cranwell!

Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow & Shakespeare in the Berkshires

August 7-13, 2012

Limited to 25 participants

An exclusive presentation by Classical KUSC

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three concerts at Tanglewood featuring the Boston Symphony Orchestra
- Shakespeare's masterpiece "The Tempest" at Shakespeare & Company, starring Olympia Dukakis
- Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival performance by the Trey McIntyre Project
- Commentary by KUSC's Dennis Bartel!
- Guided tours of Gilded Age mansions, the Norman Rockwell Museum, Frelinghuysen Morris House, and Mass MOCA
- Deluxe lodging at Cranwell Resort & Spa
- Fine dining, a picnic at Tanglewood and a catered dinner on a private estate
- Your choice of a spa treatment at Cranwell or a round of golf on its historic course



Dennis Bartel is a thirty-year veteran broadcaster, having served in Washington, D.C., where among his duties he assumed the role of opera host from Paul Hume upon the legendary music critic's retirement; in Baltimore, where he was founding program director for WJHU; and in Pittsburgh.

Dennis began his broadcast career in his native Los Angeles as morning host at KUSC in late 1970s, when he also produced a celebrated series of hour-long documentaries on California writers. In the summer of 1984, Mr. Bartel returned to KUSC to produce the station's nightly coverage of the Olympic Arts Festival.

He is also an accomplished writer, having published hundreds of articles, stories and essays with such enterprises as Harper's, Time-Life, Doubleday, and others, on a rainbow of subjects including an article on Sikh ashrams to contract killers for which he won a press club award for investigative journalism.

His weekday morning program is heard on Classical KUSC from 5 to 9 am Monday through Friday.

TOUR COST: \$3395 pp, ground only;
Group limited to 25 participants

The New England Festivals tour is an exclusive presentation of KUSC, and is organized by THE GRAND TOUR Travel Company, Peterborough, NH

Daily Itinerary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7



The Mount

380-acre property, Cranwell will host our gala **welcome dinner**.

Welcome to the Berkshires!

Upon arrival of the *optional* group flight at Boston Logan airport, our private motor-coach whisks you across Massachusetts to Lenox, and Cranwell Resort & Spa, your home for the week. In a mansion over 100 years old on its beautifully landscaped

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8: The Gilded Age

After your **breakfast daily** at the hotel, we're off on a guided tour of some of the area's Gilded Age mansions of the 19th century. Carole Owens, a scholar of the period and the Berkshires introduces us first to Tanglewood itself, site of two early elegant mances. Then we travel on to The Mount, the home of author Edith Wharton (*Age of Innocence*, *The House of Mirth*), celebrating her 150th birthday in 2012. **Lunch** overlooking the splendid Italian gardens, follows a tour of the house. We conclude back at Cranwell. Your afternoon is free to relax, or have a spa treatment or round of golf, including clubs and a cart, on us. Tonight we're off to a performance at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, founded 80 years ago by Ted Shawn, and now a National Historic Landmark. The Trey McIntyre Project, led by one of America's hottest choreographers, will perform works that blend ballet and contemporary styles with familiar music.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 Classically Contemporary



Sol Lewitt at MassMOCA

Today an excursion to the north brings us to MassMOCA in North Adams. Created from an old electric foundry, the museum spearheaded the quintessential revival of an old New England manufacturing town into a center of art and artists. At the cutting edge of new art, the Museum's galleries are always filled

with interesting work, including a major 25-year installation of murals by the late Sol LeWitt. **Lunch** is in pretty Williamstown. After lunch we'll peek into the fine Clark Art Institute with its superb collection of French Impressionists and English masterpieces. In the evening, a performance of Shakespeare's wonderful late play *The Tempest*, in a new production at Shakespeare & Co., with a twist: Academy Award-winning actress Olympia Dukakis plays the male lead, Prospero.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 American Values

Norman Rockwell was famous for his extraordinary, iconic images of American life, with a remarkable ability in mood and detail to focus on underlying social issues of his time. We'll explore the work of this underrated artist at the Norman Rockwell Museum which includes his studio intact. **Lunch** is in the

nearby picturesque village of Stockbridge at the venerable Red Lion Inn, with a talk by BSO historian and radio producer Brian Bell. Our first night at Tanglewood features a chamber concert by members of the Boston Symphony, and then an all-Bach orchestral program led by famed violinist Pinchas Zuckerman on the podium.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 Modernism and Ma

This morning we delve back in time into the fascinating early Modernist period of art at the unusual home of American Abstract artists George L.K. Morris and Suzy Frelinghuysen. The couple's grandson Kenny takes us through the house filled with works by such as Picasso, Braque, Leger, and Juan Gris, and shares anecdotes about their interactions with European and American art circles of the period. In the afternoon, you have the option of another performance at Shakespeare & Co., the Bard's great tragedy *King Lear*. Tonight we're back at Tanglewood for a world premiere work by Andre Previn, Elgar's Cello Concerto, with the great Yo Yo Ma as soloist, and the Shostakovich 5th Symphony, all conducted by French maestro Stéphane Denève.



Yo Yo Ma

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 Picnic Performance

After a morning on your own, the group convenes for a final trip over to Tanglewood for a **picnic** on the grounds. Another spectacular performance with the Boston Symphony features the eminent conductor Christoph von Dohnanyi and the hot young British pianist Paul Lewis. On the program: Beethoven's 4th Symphony, Mozart's Piano Concerto #23, and Strauss' *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks*. The tour climax is a **Farewell Dinner** on the terrace of a lovely private estate.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Transfer to Logan Airport and optional group flight to LAX.

TOUR COST

\$3395 per person, ground only, double occupancy
Group flight: \$598
Single supplement: \$900

DEPOSIT

\$800 per person first come, first served

Balance deadline is June 22, 2012.

After that date, call for availability.

Call Minnie Prince of KUSC at 213-225-7534 or mprince@kusc.org to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check for the deposit amount to: KUSC New England Tour, KUSC, PO Box 77913, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Registration materials can be downloaded from www.kusc.org

QUESTIONS?

Contact Minnie Prince of KUSC, 213-225-7534, mprince@kusc.org or The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 or info@thegrandtour.com