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## Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra Takes Vienna and Budapest By Storm!

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This summer, the Senior Symphony of Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO), consisting of 93 of the area's most talented young musicians, embarked on a performance and educational tour to Vienna, Austria and Budapest, Hungary from June 28 - July 8.



The tour included four formal concert performances in some of the world's most renowned halls, including Vienna's Musikverein and Budapest's Bela Bartok National Concert Hall. Students also participated in educational and cultural sight-seeing experiences.

For the first time in MYSO history, three *Progressions* graduates participated in the

European tour. *Progressions'* aim is to increase participation in MYSO by students from the City of Milwaukee who have barriers to music education.

**Please read on for first-hand accounts of what this trip meant to those involved!**

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"This summer I was blessed to have the opportunity to go to Vienna and Budapest with the Senior Symphony Orchestra. Where I live, most people have never even been out of Milwaukee and I am so thankful to say that I have traveled out of the United States.

Seeing Vienna and Budapest was so inspiring for me, especially as a musician. It is now my goal to make it back to Europe and play in even more beautiful and famous concert halls.

Thank you so much for your support and kindness that you show to MYSO and the students. Without the many supporters of MYSO and this tour, my peers and I wouldn't have been able to make our dreams come true. We are forever grateful."

--Malik Johnson, *Progressions* graduate, Senior Symphony Orchestra Member

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"The generous support of UPAF and specifically, UPAF Notable Women, help to make our nationally recognized Community Partnership Programs a reality for hundreds of young people in our region. These life-changing experiences - from their first time on an airplane to historically, culturally and educationally rich sight-seeing and from performing in some of the world's greatest concert halls to standing ovations - are all made possible through the substantial contributions of our community."



-- Linda Edelstein, MYSO Executive Director

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"In 10 days, we explored four cities and played four different concerts, along with exploring countless attractions. My favorite part of the tour was getting immersed in the European culture, and hearing, seeing and feeling how much classical music matters to everyone."

--Neché Veysal, Senior Symphony Orchestra Member

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