

June 22, 2010

Re: Summer 2011 Tour of Spain

Dear Concert and Youth Choristers and Parents,

The San Diego Children's Choir "**Summer 2011 Tour of Spain**" is now taking shape and we are excited about the opportunities for performing in concerts, sightseeing and experiencing the cultural exchanges that have been planned. The tour features a sampling of Spain's great cities of **Madrid, Valencia, Toledo and Barcelona**. The choristers will be able to enjoy the fascinating architecture of these cities, visit famous cathedrals and museums, and partake of the rich history and renowned cuisine of these regions of Spain.

We will be taking an excursion to **Montserrat**, about one hour north of Barcelona in Catalonia where we will tour the Benedictine monk monastery founded in the year 1026 and will attend a concert of the Monastery's famous **L'Escolania** choir, a boys' choir of sopranos and altos based at the Benedictine abbey Santa Maria de Montserrat, as well as holding our own concerts. The **Museu de Montserrat** known for its ecclesiastical paintings, including works by Caravaggio and El Greco. Modern Spanish and Catalan artists are also represented; you'll want to see Picasso's early *El Viejo Pescador* (1895). Works by Dalí and such French Impressionists as Monet, Sisley, and Degas are shown.

Based on 40 participants the cost for this tour is approximately \$3,000. Payments are due on the following dates and in the amounts shown in the chart below. To reserve your place and be assured that your chorister has a place on the tour, a nonrefundable deposit of \$300 is due by September 10, 2010.

Date	Description	Amount
September 10, 2010	Non-refundable deposit	\$300
October 20, 2010	1 st installment	\$675
December 20, 2010	2 nd installment	\$675
February 20, 2011	3 rd installment	\$675
April 20, 2011	4 th installment	\$675

Please note:

The policy of the San Diego Children's Choir is that a chorister must have spent an overnight stay at choir camp or have participated in a previous tour in order to be accepted to tour outside of the United States on our biannual tours. To provide this opportunity, an overnight choir camp has been arranged and opened to all Youth and Concert Choir choristers. The Choir Camp will be held at Camp Stevens in Julian on Saturday October 16th and Sunday October 17th. The cost for the camp is \$135. Please see the enclosed form with more information.

Obtain the following at the Choir Office:

- The **Summer 2011 Tour to Spain** packet
- A **Chaperone form**.
The choir is accepting applications for those who want to chaperone the Summer Tour to Spain.
- Tour **Grant Form**
- **Camp Stevens** Information and sign up form

Please call the choir office 858 587-1087 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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