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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Perth Youth Orchestra 'Tour Germany 2010'

Perth Youth Orchestra has enjoyed a series of successful concert tours in Europe over the past twenty five years. Previous tours have taken the orchestra to performances in Spain, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Our Estonian tour in 2004 brought great acclaim, both abroad and at home, in a year which culminated in a performance for HM the Queen. Our most recent tour, to Poland in 2007, witnessed some of the largest audiences we have ever played for. That is what makes such events so worthwhile for our young players.

We are now planning to visit Perth's twin city in Germany, Aschaffenburg. It is more than 25 years since our last visit to that city and, in Perth's 800th anniversary year, we are assured of a great welcome. It is necessary to start planning now in order that we can successfully coordinate transport, accommodation and concert arrangements for up to 72 players, together with their tutors and conductor. **The Perth Youth Orchestra committee feels confident that it can support plans for 'Tour Germany 2010'.**

The proposed tour dates are from Wednesday 7th – Thursday 15th July 2010, and are subject to confirmation. Please check them against your family holidays, school trips and other potential clashes. The tour is open to all our existing members as well as those who intend to audition for a place in the orchestra for next year. Those who leave PYO this year may consider re-joining the orchestra for the tour, but it should be noted that attendance at the Easter Music Camp 2010 will be an essential part of preparations for Germany.

Your prompt response to this invitation will help us judge the balance of instrumentalists who plan to join the tour. If there are any vacancies left in a particular section they can be made up with players from other groups.

The real cost of this tour is calculated to be over £1100 per person. This includes air fares, coaches, accommodation, meals, travel insurance and excursions as well as the overheads we have for the transport of instruments, concert venues, printing and other administrative costs. **With your commitment to supporting our fund raising events, and with the help of our major patrons, we calculate that we can reduce this cost to £800 per player.** As in previous years, a discount of 50% will be given for second and subsequent family members in the orchestra. Obviously, the more funds we raise the more we can enhance the tour for the orchestra.

If your child wishes to join 'Tour Germany 2010' an initial (non-returnable) deposit of £200 will be required by June 28th, 2009 and the balance due is then payable in twelve monthly payments of £50. We are recommending this savings programme to help you to spread the costs. Alternative payment schemes can be agreed. If financial hardship prevents a player from taking part, we can offer help to obtain funding.

At this stage we invite you to indicate whether or not your child would like to join Perth Youth Orchestra's concert tour next year. Please contact me if you wish clarification on any point. A Tour Information Evening is planned for September 2009, details to follow. **Send no money at present - just complete the enclosed reply slip and return it, by post or email, to the PYO Tour Secretary at the above address by 30th May 2009.**

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Mitchell
PYO Tour Secretary
www.perth-youth-orchestra.org.uk

Perth Youth Orchestra – Tour Germany 2010



I do / do not* wish to reserve a place on the Perth Youth Orchestra Tour to Germany in July 2010.

(* please delete as appropriate)

Player's name _____

Instrument(s) _____

Signed _____
(Parent / Guardian)

(Parent/ Guardian's Name) _____
(CAPITALS PLEASE)

Date _____

Comments/ Questions _____



Please return to Andrew Mitchell, Tour Coordinator, Oakford, 49 Balhousie Street, Perth, PH1 5HJ