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29th September 2015
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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

2016 Tour - Prague

Perth Youth Orchestra has enjoyed a series of successful concert tours across the UK and in Europe over the past fifty years. Previous tours have taken the orchestra to performances in England, Spain, France, Germany, Netherlands, Estonia and Poland and Germany. Each one has brought great acclaim for the orchestra, both abroad and at home. Our most recent tour, to Florence in 2013, attracted the largest audiences that we have ever seen. Each of these concert tours has provided the finest opportunities for our young musicians to perform to the highest level.

Plans have already started so that we can successfully coordinate transport, accommodation and concert arrangements for up to 74 players, together with their staff. Thanks to all who attended our recent Tour Information Evenings (28th September). Our next information evening is planned for May 2016, details to follow.

The proposed tour dates are from Monday 4th – Monday 11th July 2016, 8 days and 7 nights, and are still subject to confirmation. Please check them against your family holidays, school trips and other potential clashes.

The real costs of this tour are estimated to be over £1250 per person. This includes air fares, coaches, accommodation, meals, travel insurance and excursions as well as the transport of instruments, hire of concert venues, printing and other administrative costs. **With your commitment to support for our fund raising initiatives, and with the help of our major patrons, we believe that we can keep the price to £995 per player.** As on previous tours we are offering a generous discount for second and subsequent family members in the orchestra, a reduction to £650. Obviously, the more funds we raise, the more we can support you and enhance the tour for the orchestra.

If your child wishes to join the tour you should have completed the online version of the sign-up form already so that we have your contact details and you can be assured that you will be kept up to date with our plans. **All families who have registered in this way are now guaranteed a place on the tour.** (see <http://www.perth-youth-orchestra.org.uk/prague-2016/>).

To confirm your booking, a non-returnable deposit of £245 is now required by Wednesday 28th October, 2015 and the balance due payable in ten monthly payments of £75. If you are booking a place for a second or subsequent family member the deposit will be £165 followed by ten monthly payments of £50. If your son/ daughter knows about a friend who is still undecided about the tour please ask them to contact me very soon. We are now close to our planned target figure and it is expected that those who ask to join after we have booked our flights be liable to pay a higher air fare.

We are recommending this savings programme to help families to spread the costs. Alternative payment schemes can be agreed. **If financial hardship might prevent a player from taking part, we can offer help to obtain funding.** Indeed, for all players, we will support and encourage their enterprising skills in finding financial backing for their place on the tour.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Mitchell
PYO Tour Coordinator

www.perth-youth-orchestra.org.uk

Confirm your place on the tour. Please complete and return the top half of this page to:
 Andrew Mitchell, PYO Tour Coordinator, 49 Balhousie Street, Perth, PH1 5HJ



No later than Wednesday 28th October, 2015

A. **DEPOSIT - I have arranged/ enclosed a non-returnable deposit £ _____** as confirmation that _____ will be taking part in the Perth Youth Orchestra's tour to Prague in July 2016.

Signed _____
 Parent/ Guardian

- (BAC Transfer– Sort Code 83-47-00 Account No. 00735317
- or cheque payable to Perth Youth Orchestra)

B. MONTHLY PAYMENTS - For the remaining monthly payments:
 I have set up a standing order with the bank.

Please tick

✂ If you are not setting up the Standing Order online, please complete below and send to your bank



STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Payments to start by 28th November 2015

To:	<i>The Manager</i>		
Bank postal address:		Your bank name	Your bank address
Please pay:	Royal Bank of Scotland 12 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH2 5RB		
For the credit of:	Perth Youth Orchestra <i>Account No. 00735317 Sort Code 83-47-00</i>		
Reference:	P PYO < _____ > <i>Please insert your child's name in the space above.</i> <i>It is important that we can identify your payment on our statement.</i>		
The sum of:	<hr/> eg £75 / Seventy five (for one child) <i>or adjust as appropriate</i>		
Commencing on 28th November 2015 and thereafter every 28th day of the month until 28th August 2016 and debit my account accordingly:-			
Account to be debited:		Your bank account name	
Account number:		Your bank account number	
Sort code:		Your sort code	

Signature: _____