BEETHOVEN’S 250TH BIRTHDAY ALONG THE RHINE WITH PERFORMANCE TODAY®
MAY 27 – JUNE 6, 2020
A Floating Classical Music Festival Along the Rhine River From Amsterdam to Switzerland by First-Class River Ship
Holland • Germany • France • Switzerland
Fred Child is the host of American Public Media’s Performance Today®, the most-listened-to classical music radio show in America. Fred is also the commentator and announcer for Live from Lincoln Center, the only live performing arts series on television. In recent years, Fred has hosted a series of unique live national concert broadcasts, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic’s opening concerts from Walt Disney Hall, Gustavo Dudamel’s debut with the LA Philharmonic, season-opening concerts at Carnegie Hall, the Berlin Philharmonic live at Carnegie Hall, the Last Night of the Proms from the Royal Albert Hall in London, New Year’s concerts by the New York Philharmonic, Seiji Ozawa’s final concert with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood, and the ground-breaking “Spring for Music” concerts from Carnegie Hall. He has given concert talks for Lincoln Center, the Aspen Festival and Summerfest La Jolla; his CD reviews have appeared on NPR’s All Things Considered; and his music reports have appeared on NPR’s Morning Edition and Weekend Edition. He’s been a contributor to Billboard magazine and a commentator for BBC Radio 3. While growing up in Portland, Oregon, Fred studied classical piano. He also dabbles in guitar, percussion and bagpipes. Fred loves baseball (throws right, bats left) and is an avid hiker, climber, skier, cyclist and runner and a licensed private pilot. This will be the sixth Performance Today tour Fred has hosted. Fred and his wife Wang Jie live in New York City.

PT Artist in Residence– Andrew Staupe, Pianist
American pianist Andrew Staupe has been featured numerous times on Performance Today as an Artist in Residence. He has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, Houston Symphony, Utah Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, George Enescu Philharmonic in Bucharest, Arkansas Symphony and Tallahassee Symphony. Overseas performances include appearing in Germany, France, The Netherlands, Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria and Denmark. Andrew has earned prizes in a number of competitions including the 2011 Pro Musicis International Award, Gold Medal at the 2010 Young Texas Artists Music Competition and was also a Laureate of the 2013 American Pianist’s Association competition finals. A native of Saint Paul, Minnesota, he studied at Rice University and at the University of Minnesota. Andrew is currently an Assistant Professor of Piano at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

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Amy Hyatt is a dynamic event and travel management professional with over 22 years’ experience, currently working at American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. Her global success includes managing events, initiatives and group trips in over 35 countries, including as a member of two Olympic committees. Amy believes in the power of public media, travel and hospitality to transform the world. Amy’s values and home are deeply rooted in Minnesota. She and her Romanian-born husband Constantin live in the Twin Cities.

Matthew Brumley (pictured right) is the other co-founder of Earthbound Expeditions along with his wife Danna Brumley and has been leading and creating adventures worldwide for over 25 years. After completing his undergraduate studies at the Universities of Copenhagen and Moscow, he went on to attend the graduate program at the London School of Economics. Matthew has lived in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Tel Aviv and San Jose, Costa Rica. Matthew lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington with his wife, Danna and their two children. Matthew is a regular contributor to KNKX-NPR, Seattle.
May 28 – Cologne: St. Petersburg Philharmonic
Yuri Temirkano, Conductor
Fazil Say, piano

Featuring works by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff

The Saint Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra was formed in 1882, and is Russia's oldest symphony orchestra. The Orchestra gained its most fame under the lengthy directorship of Yevgeny Mravinsky and under his direction, the Orchestra premiered seven of Shostakovich's Symphonies. The Chief Conductor is Yuri Temirkanov.

May 29 – Bonn: Beethoven Orchestra Bonn
Marc Albrecht, Conductor
Christian Tetzlaff, Violin

Featuring works by Beethoven and Strauss

Named for Ludwig van Beethoven, the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn dates back to 1907. The orchestra suffered in World War I, when its main venue, the old Beethovenhalle, served as a lazaretto, and many players were recruited. The orchestra was dissolved in April 1916, and only reestablished in 1920. During World War II, the Beethovenhalle was damaged by bombing. The new hall was inaugurated in 1959.
The year 2020 marks Ludwig van Beethoven’s 250th birthday and you are cordially invited to celebrate in the composer’s homeland with Performance Today™ host Fred Child. Designed for lovers of nature, culture and, of course, classical music, this customized adventure of food, music, art and sheer fun will thrill you. Enjoy concerts featuring the St. Petersburg Philharmonic in Cologne and the celebrated Beethoven Orchestra Bonn in Beethoven’s birthplace of Bonn. As we cruise the Rhine River through Holland, Germany, France and Switzerland on our privately chartered river ship, we’ll enjoy intimate classical music “Perf Chats” with pianist and Performance Today™ Artist in Residence Andrew Staupe. Stroll through festive village streets and sip delicious wines with the locals in Germany’s Rhine region and in Alsace, France. Enjoy lakeside café views of the towering Alps in Switzerland. Your journey ends on a high note in the High Alps of Switzerland on the shore of beautiful Lake Lucerne.

TRIP AT GLANCE
7 Nights cruising the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel
3 Nights post-cruise in Lucerne, Switzerland

HIGHLIGHTS
Seven nights Rhine River cruise aboard the privately chartered, first-class, MS Amadeus Silver III
Musical performances and Performance Today talks while cruising
Tour of Beethoven’s birthplace in Bonn, Germany
On-shore musical performances and concerts en-route from Amsterdam to Lucerne
Performance of the acclaimed St. Petersburg Philharmonic
Concert with the celebrated Beethoven Orchestra Bonn
Wine and cheese tastings in Germany and France
Alsace and the UNESCO city of Strasbourg
A private cruise on Lake Lucerne
Time to stroll through picturesque timber villages
Dining in lakeside cafes amid the towering Swiss Alps
Fellow travelers who share your passion for classical music, food, history and culture

INCLUDED IN YOUR EXCLUSIVE CUSTOM CRUISE
• With Performance Today host Fred Child
• With pianist PT Artist in Residence Andrew Staupe
• Guided by Earthbound Expeditions founder Matthew Brumley
• Seven nights cruising the Rhine River on the deluxe MS Amadeus Silver III
• Three nights, post-cruise stay in Lucerne, Switzerland
• All multi-course meals while cruising with wine served at dinner

Not Included: Travel insurance Port fees of $200 Gratuities for the ship crew Air tickets to/from Europe Any items not mentioned in your Performance Today floating festival itinerary

TRIP FACTS
12 Days / 11 Nights (when including optional group air)
Optional Group flights depart: May 26, 2020
(Group Air from select U.S. cities TBA in July 2019)
Trip begins Amsterdam, the Netherlands on May 27, 2020
Trip ends: Lucerne, Switzerland on June 6, 2020
Pricing listed on MS Amadeus Silver III deck plan page

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YOUR FLOATING CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL BEGINS...

Day 0: Tuesday, May 26 - Depart the USA for Amsterdam
Remember you'll need to depart the States no later than today. An optional group flights from select U.S. cities will be offered. Details TBA.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 27 - Your Journey Officially Begins!
Goedemorgen, welkom in Holland! Our classical music journey through Holland and Germany begins in the historic heart of Amsterdam as we board the elegant MS Amadeus Silver III. This evening enjoy a welcome aboard dinner with your Performance Today hosts, captain, guides and fellow travelers. Please note, the ship will set sail at 4pm. Sleep on board (D)

Day 2: Thursday, May 28 - Cruising South Toward Cologne, Germany
This morning we'll be making a stop for those who would like to visit the iconic Zollverein coal mine, a UNESCO site near Essen, or a garden and palace tour of the Schloss Benrath in a borough of Düsseldorf.

After a day of cruising and exploring, we arrive in Köln (Cologne), the oldest city in Germany, in the late afternoon. This is the birthplace of Offenbach. Time permitting, visit the twin-spired Cologne Cathedral, one of Europe’s most beloved Gothic cathedrals. This evening we attend a performance by the acclaimed St. Petersburg Philharmonic! Sleep on board (B, L, D)
Optional Visit to Zollverein coal mine, a UNESCO site: Zollverein was the world's largest and most modern coal-mining facility and a leading example of the development of heavy industry in Europe. At its peak, 8,000 miners worked day and night in the mines and the buildings above ground. Coal was mined and processed here for 135 years, before the mine was decommissioned in 1986. Today, with its Bauhaus-influenced design, the mine is a triumph of modern industrial architecture and a center for art and culture. The Red Dot Design Museum is also housed here.

Day 3: Friday, May 29 - Beethoven's Bonn
This morning we arrive in Beethoven's birthplace, the city of Bonn. We'll have a morning to exploring this charming city including Beethoven's house that is now a memorial site and museum. This evening, enjoy a concert as the celebrated Beethoven Orchestra Bonn performs music by Beethoven. Sleep on board (B, L, D)

Day 4: Saturday, May 30 - Moselle River Excursion
Today our Amadeus vessel takes a special trip down the romantic Moselle River, the largest tributary of the Rhine, and docks at the old town of Cochem. The scenery in the Moselle Valley has been dominated by vineyards for millennia. Cochem itself has narrow streets, twisting alleys and medieval town gates, churches and walls. Discover the beauty of Cochem and perhaps sample some of the Riesling wines produced in this region. This evening we set off towards Koblenz. Sleep on board (B, L, D)

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Day 5: Sunday, May 31 - Koblenz on the Rhine
This morning we arrive in Koblenz, ideally situated at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle rivers. The Romans, the Franks, the Holy Roman Empire, the French, and the Germans have all had a hand in this strategic city’s 2000 year history. St. Castor Basilica, the Church of our Beloved Lady, and the Emperor Kaiser Wilhelm’s memorial at the German Corner, are just a few of the sites which reflect the history of the area.

This afternoon, spend time on deck as we cruise the most beautiful section of the river – the legendary Upper Middle Rhine Valley. Later this afternoon, the vessel arrives in Rüdesheim, a winemaking town in the Rhine Gorge. Discover the region’s rich history of winemaking with a visit to the local museum. Return to the ship for a delicious dinner. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Monday, June 1 - A Day in Heidelberg and Speyer
After breakfast, visit lively Heidelberg. Nearby Heidelberg is an historic old university city which boasts the oldest university in Germany (one in every five residents is a student). Today’s port of call is at Speyer, a city known for its cathedral where eight Roman Emperors and German Kings are interred. A picturesque city, Speyer has over 2000 years of history. For a brief moment you might think you have stepped into a fairytale world with the many beautifully restored traditional timber wood-framed houses. *Sleep on board (B, L, D)*
Day 7: Tuesday, June 2 - Strasbourg, France
After breakfast, the ship arrives in Strasbourg, the ancient capital of Alsace and one of Europe’s most attractive cities. During a city tour you’ll see the outside of the European Parliament building and have a guided tour of the inside of the city’s vast and famous cathedral. The cathedral features numerous carvings as delicate as lace! Because of the richness and sheer density of Strasbourg’s historic buildings, the entire city center is being adopted as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ship casts off again as our journey continues towards Switzerland. Tonight, enjoy the Captain’s Gala Farewell Dinner after your exciting day. Sleep on board (B, L, D)

History Buffs - The Maginot Line: This was a line of concrete fortifications, obstacles, and weapon installations built by France in the 1930s to deter invasion by Germany and force them to move around the fortifications. It was constructed on the French side of its borders with Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and Luxembourg.

Day 8: Wednesday, June 3 - Disembark in Basel, Switzerland and continue on to Lucerne
After breakfast we disembark our ship and drive deep into the heart of Switzerland to Lucerne, our base for the next three nights.

Our first stop will be the Lion of Lucerne monument. It commemorates the Swiss Guards who were massacred in 1792 during the French Revolution, when revolutionaries stormed the Tuileries Palace in Paris.

Enjoy free afternoon and evening. We suggest a walk across the famous Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge) named after the nearby St. Peter's Chapel. The bridge contains a number of interior paintings dating back to the 17th century, although many of them were destroyed along with a larger part of the centuries-old bridge in a 1993 fire. Subsequently restored, the Kapellbrücke is the oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe, as well as the world’s oldest surviving truss bridge. It serves as the city's symbol and as one of Switzerland's main attractions. Sleep in Lucerne (B, L)
Day 9: Thursday, June 4 - Lucerne or Explore the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau Mountains
Enjoy a relaxing day in Lucerne or consider an optional* full-day excursion to Interlaken and the famous Schilthorn. On this optional outing, gondolas and cogwheel trains take us to the top of the Schilthorn for stunning views of the famous Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains. Or, you may choose to embark on the world's steepest cogwheel railway and zoom to the top of nearby Mount Pilatus which is located near Lucerne. Sleep in Lucerne (B)

*$195 USD including transport from Lucerne – Please inform our office by time of final payment if you wish to participate.

Day 10: Friday, June 5 - A Relaxing Private Cruise on Lake Lucerne
This morning we set off for a leisurely boat excursion on beautiful Lake Lucerne. Enjoy a farewell lunch with your Performance Today host, Fred Child. Spend a final free afternoon and evening in stunning Lucerne. Sleep in Lucerne (B, L)

Day 11: Saturday, June 6 – Your Performance Today Adventure Concludes
Auf Wiedersehen! Your guide will accompany you to the Zurich airport this morning. Return home with a lifetime of happy memories. Gute Reise! (B)

Itinerary Details Subject to Change

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YOUR RIVER SHIP: MS AMADEUS SILVER III

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From luxurious suites (284 sq. ft.) with walk-out balconies to comfortable staterooms (172–188 sq. ft.) for which most have automatically lowerable panorama windows offering a spectacular view of the passing river landscapes. In order to make your stay on board as comfortable as possible, all cabins have a modern bathroom and a walk-in closet.

The glass-shielded River Terrace invites you to relax outdoors, while offering a breathtaking view of your surroundings. Enjoy the highest standards of cuisine aboard the AMADEUS Silver III in the stylish Panorama Restaurant and where the kitchen crew will ensure that you are spoilt beyond your expectations. Coffee-lovers will enjoy the on-board Café Vienna, which offers a wide variety of authentic Viennese coffee-time specialties.
Not included: Gratuities for the ship staff, travel insurance, port fees and any items not mentioned in your itinerary. Port taxes, charges & fees are currently $200 and are additional.

Savings: $100 discount applies for all Minnesota Public Radio or Earthbound travel alum. If your deposit is made by October 1, 2019 and/or you make your final payment by check, you will receive the additional discounts.

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