The WKU Alumni Association, Dr. Bill Scott and the Symphony at WKU, invite you to a Concert Tour of China.
May 12-26, 2013

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DR. BILL SCOTT
Dr. William Scott came to Western Kentucky University in 2003 as the Baker Professor of Music and Conductor of the Symphony at WKU. He has been noted for his work in orchestral development in both the public school and professional sectors. Dr. Scott brought that expertise to the WKU community when he began a Pre-College Strings program at the University and a public school strings program as an offshoot of his work as the Baker Professor.

DAY 1 – Sunday, May 12, 2013
DEPART
Our group will depart Nashville on a regularly scheduled carrier for an overnight flight to China, connecting through Chicago. Dinner will be served on board the plane. Sit back and enjoy the service while in flight.

DAY 2 – Monday, May 13, 2013
BEIJING
Welcome to Beijing, the capital of the People’s Republic of China and the country’s political, cultural and educational center! Breakfast will be served on board the plane. After a late afternoon arrival in Beijing, we’ll transfer to our hotel. Dinner will be on your own.

DAY 3 – Tuesday, May 14, 2013
BEIJING
Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel, and then board our private coach for an unforgettable visit to the Great Wall of China. Built to defend the Chinese empire from enemies in the north, the fortress is the world’s longest wall and largest piece of ancient architecture. Take a cable car up to view the rugged mountains, and walk back down. We’ll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before we return to Beijing. The afternoon will include a trip to Violin Village, where one-third of all handmade violins are crafted, and visit to a Jade Workshop, where we will learn about intricate carving techniques. Dinner will be at the world-famous Peking Duck House.

DAY 4 – Wednesday, May 15, 2013
BEIJING
After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll begin our day by practicing Tai Ji with the locals, taking part in one of the most popular and effective mind and body exercises in the world. We’ll then visit the Temple of Heaven, which represents the pinnacle of Ming and Qing architecture and has been used for imperial ceremonies for five centuries. We will then enjoy a traditional Chinese lunch, followed by a visit to the Tiananmen Square, located in the heart of Beijing, and the nearby Forbidden City. The world’s largest palace complex, the Forbidden City served as the imperial palace for 24 emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Dinner will be at a nearby restaurant, followed by a concert by the Symphony at WKU, which will be presented at Beijing’s North China Electric Power University.

DAY 5 – Thursday, May 16, 2013
BEIJING AND SHANGHAI
Following a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll depart for Shanghai, the most populated city on the globe, via a four-hour journey on board one of the fastest trains in the world. Lunch will be on your own, on board the train or upon arrival in Shanghai. After hotel check-in and a time of rest, we’ll board a private coach for dinner and the gravity-defying contortionism, juggling, unicycling, chair-stacking, and plate-spinning acts of the Shanghai Acrobatic Show.

DAY 6 – Friday, May 17, 2013
SHANGHAI
After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, our full day of touring will include morning visits to the extensive Yu Garden and the Jade Buddha Temple. After lunch, we’ll visit a silk weaving workshop and learn more about how this Chinese commodity is created by silkworms. A visit to the Shikuman at Xintiandi, which is considered the most popular dining area in Shanghai, is a must. Dine there at your own leisure.

DAY 7 – Saturday, May 18, 2013
SHANGHAI/BEIJING
We’ll enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel, followed by a visit to the Shanghai Museum, where we’ll view the world-famous collection of ancient Chinese artwork. We’ll then depart Shanghai for a return to Beijing via high-speed train. Lunch will be on your own on board the train, and dinner will be at your leisure that evening.

DAY 8 – Sunday, May 19, 2013
BEIJING–BAODING
Following a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll board our private coach and embark on a beautiful tour through some of China’s most stunning scenery to the ancient city of Baoding. We’ll have lunch in Baoding, followed by leisure time for independent exploration. In the afternoon, we’ll enjoy a tour -complete with boat row-
of the peaceful water scenes and vast lotus gardens of Baiyangdian Lake. We’ll have dinner at a local restaurant in Baoding.

**DAY 9 – MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013**

**BAODING**
After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll board our private coach for an unforgettable full-day excursion to Western Qing Tombs, four royal mausoleums where royal members—including four emperors and their empresses, imperial concubines, princes, princesses and royal servants—are buried. After lunch, we’ll visit a lantern factory and learn how to make lanterns by hand. After leisure time, we’ll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, followed by a full concert by the Symphony at WKU at Hebei University.

**DAY 10 – TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013**

**BAODING**
After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll visit the Zhilili Provincial Governor’s House, a 105-room, well-preserved facility which was built in the Yuan Dynasty and served as a government office during the early years of the Republic of China. We’ll also visit the Ancient Lotus Pond Garden which includes 24,000 square meters of classical gardens and pavilions. After lunch we’ll enjoy an afternoon of independent leisure. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we will attend the final concert by the Symphony at WKU at North China Electric Power University in Baoding.

**DAY 11 – Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**BAODING – BEIJING/XI’AN**
After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll depart Baoding via private coach and return to Beijing, once again soaking in the beautiful scenery between these two cities. After an airport transfer, we’ll fly to Xi’an, the capital of the Shanxi province and one of the oldest cities in China with more than 3,100 years of history. After lunch at a local restaurant, you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, with dinner on your own.

**DAY 12 – THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013**

**XI’AN**
Following a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll visit the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum, which has been called the “eighth wonder of the world.” The most significant archeological excavations of the 20th Century, these underground battle formations include more than 7,000 life-size pottery warriors and horses buried with Emperor Quin Shi Huang of the Qin Dynasty. After our tour, we’ll make a brief visit to a local pottery workshop. We will return to the hotel after lunch for an afternoon of leisure. Tonight’s dinner at a local restaurant will be followed by a presentation of the Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show. With roots deeply embedded in folk art forms, these dances were first performed as prayer rituals for fruitful harvests and a better life. The show is characterized by extravagant costumes and vibrant color, and features a fascinating array of unique musical instruments, traditional designs and cultural practices.

**DAY 13 – FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013**

**XI’AN**
We’ll begin the day with a buffet breakfast at the hotel. No trip to Xi’an would be complete without a visit to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda. During the Tang Dynasty, the pagoda stood across the street from its mother temple, the Dajianfu Temple, as pilgrims brought sacred Buddhist writings there for translation. We also visit the Treasure Room, where we’ll view a wide array of antiques that date back hundreds of years. After lunch, make sure you wear your walking shoes for our visit the ancient City Wall, the most intact ancient Chinese Wall in existence, and Muslim Quarters, one of the oldest, largest and best preserved Islamic mosques in China. After an afternoon of leisure, we’ll celebrate our farewell dinner with a Face Changing show, which celebrates this ancient Chinese dramatic art.

**DAY 14 – SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013**

**XI’AN/BEIJING**
After a buffet breakfast at our Xi’an hotel, we’ll transfer to the airport for our flight back to Beijing. During the remainder of the day, you can enjoy some leisure time, with last minute shopping, final activities and dinner on your own.

**DAY 15 – SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013**

**RETURN HOME**
Following our buffet breakfast at the hotel, we’ll transfer to the airport and board our plane to Nashville, which will connect through Chicago International Airport.

**PRICE PER PERSON:**
Passports:
All international tours require a passport. Entrance to China requires your passport to be valid for 9 months after your return date.

Price Per Person:
$4,617* USD
**Tour price is based on 40 paying participants and double occupancy. Airport/security/departure/fuel taxes on airfare included up to $450. Such fees are subject to increase or decrease until the group has been ticketed. Any changes in air taxes will be reflected on the final invoice.

PER PERSON SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS and PENALTIES
$1,000 due with registration to confirm your reservation / $200 non refundable
$1,000 due 11/29/12 additional $750 non refundable
$1,000 DUE 01/10/13 additional $800 non refundable
BALANCE DUE 02/15/13 ENTIRE AMOUNT BECOMES NON-REFUNDABLE

Inclusions:
• Air: Nashville to Chicago, to Beijing, China, to Xi’an to Beijing, to Chicago, to Nashville. Major airline, economy class
• Accommodations in China in 4- and 5-star hotels, double occupancy
• Breakfast daily, eight luncheons, six dinners and two dinners with live show
• All entrance fees included in the above itinerary
• Three exclusive concert experiences presented by the Symphony at WKU
• Land transportation in China via air-conditioned coaches, and high-speed train, as well as in-country flights from Beijing to Xi’an, round-trip
• English-speaking guides from arrival until departure in China. A U.S. escort will accompany the group beginning in Nashville and for the duration of the trip
• Gratuities (drivers, escorts, guides, service in restaurants, etc.)
• China visa fee
• $150 scholarship for Symphony students
• International medical travel insurance
• Airport/security/departure/fuel taxes on airfare up to $450
• Chinese Business Etiquette Dinner before departure

Exclusions:
• Additional medical travel insurance
• Personal expenses and extra baggage
• Travel insurance (see below for options)
• Single supplement of $900 per person
• Overweight luggage on the plane and on land (coach)

• Airport/security/departure/fuel taxes exceeding $450
• Passport expenses

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Space is very limited.

OPTIONAL: Travel Insurance Plans available

PLAN 1
Cost based on age
FROM $22 TO $39 PER PERSON
Pre existing condition not covered:
Trip Interruption—Return Air Only $750 (up to 150% of the insured trip cost or a maximum of $750 for the return portion of the air ticket)
Trip Delay (Maximum of $150 per day) $750 (up to 150% of the insured trip cost or a maximum of $750 for the return portion of the air ticket)
Missed Connection $250
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss $1,500
Baggage Delay $250
Medical Expense $25,000
Dental $500
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains $250,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment $25,000

*up to 150% of the insured trip cost or a maximum of $750.00 for the return portion of the air ticket.

PLAN 2
Cost based on age
0-34: $120/person 35-64: $134/person 60+: $225/person
Pre existing condition not covered:
Trip Cancellation 100% of insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption 150% of insured Trip Cost (up to 150% of the insured trip cost or a maximum of $750 for the return portion of the air ticket)
Trip Interruption — Return Air Only $750 (up to 150% of the insured trip cost or a maximum of $750 for the return portion of the air ticket)
Trip Delay (Maximum of $150 per day) $750
Missed Connection $250
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss $1,500
Baggage Delay $250
Medical Expense $25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains $250,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment $25,000

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