

OUR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

MCI is an active member of the following professional organizations which require adherence to a strict code of ethics and business practices: **Music Educators National Conference, American Society of Travel Agents, Chorus America, Better Business Bureau, American School Band Directors Association, International Festivals and Events Association, American Choral Directors Association, Student Youth Travel Association, American String Teachers Association, League of American Orchestras,** and more.



Music isn't about competition. It has to do with how we feel and ideas that cannot be expressed in words. There is a world that is not verbal, and that's a world of music.

Thank you so much for giving so much time and effort to the National High School Honors Orchestra. I am so grateful. I am not certain that anyone else really knows how much you and your company donate to the cause. I know that it would have been an impossible task for me without your help. Words cannot express my deep gratitude. Our six professional experiences with you and MCI have been of impeccable quality. MCI is a role model for all companies in your business. I will continue to give others my highest recommendation to others to arrange their trips only with MCI.

Mary Lou Jones, Former Chair of the
National High School Honors Orchestra

OUR HISTORY ~ IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1994: MCI was the official music provider for events surrounding the *50th anniversary of the Normandy D-Day Invasion and liberation of France.*

1994: Since this year, MCI has had the privilege of being the producer of America's *National Independence Day Parade* in Washington, D.C.

1996: MCI worked with city officials in the cities of Innsbruck, Salzburg, Graz, and Vienna to invite American ensembles to participate in *Austria's Millennium Celebration.*

2000: MCI produced over 250 concerts celebrating the *Washington, D.C. Bicentennial.*

2001: Officials in Beijing and Xi'an, exclusively requested MCI to bring American performing ensembles to China and perform in the top music conservatories and interact with their music students to help them build their music programs. This has now led to the annual *American Celebration of Music in the People's Republic of China.*

2004: The American Veterans Center partnered with MCI to produce a *Parade Salute to World War II Veterans* in Washington, D.C. – coinciding with the *National World War II Memorial* dedication. The event brought together 40 marching bands from across the U.S. to honor America's Armed Forces and "The Greatest Generation." Resulting from this success, the Mayor of D.C. selected MCI to organize an annual parade on Memorial Day, now known as the *National Memorial Day Parade.*

2004: MCI arranged performances in the town of Port-en-Bessin, France to celebrate the *60th anniversary of France's liberation from Nazi Germany.*

2005: MCI organized over 350 concerts throughout Europe as part of its American Celebration of Music series celebrating the *60th anniversary of the end of World War II.*

2006: The mayors of Salzburg and Vienna partnered with MCI to organize festivals celebrating *Mozart's 250th Anniversary.* 35 choruses took part, and over 200 instrumental and choral performances were conducted throughout Austria.

2006: Partnering with the *Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary,* MCI arranged performances in Philadelphia to celebrate and honor Benjamin Franklin's life and achievements.

2007: This year marked *Charles Wesley's Tercentenary,* and Music Celebrations commemorated the anniversary with a Methodist festival chorus of 300 singers in New York City's world-renowned Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

2007: MCI was selected as an Official National Partner, and exclusive provider of an orchestra of 400 musicians and a choir of 1,607 singers, for *America's 400th Anniversary,* which was televised in May 2007 - commemorating the 1607 settlement of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. Guests included U.S. President George W. Bush, Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine, and many other dignitaries.

2009: MCI was selected by the Vienna Tourist Board to produce four festivals in Vienna and Eisenstadt to commemorate *Franz Joseph Haydn 200th death anniversary.*

2010: MCI was chosen as the only performance-tour organizer from the U.S. to partner with the *Shanghai World Expo* in hand-selecting 30 music ensembles from North America for performances in Shanghai as part of the Expo.

2011: The American Federation Pueri Cantores selected MCI to assist over 1,600 people to Rome to participate in the *New Year's Day Papal Mass in St. Peter's Basilica.*

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About Us



MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL
Quality Concert Tours, Created With Integrity

MUSIC CELEBRATIONS INTERNATIONAL (MCI) is a full-service concert and festival organizing company and travel agency, dealing exclusively with performance ensembles – including instrumental, choral, and dance ensembles.

MCI provides unique performance and educational opportunities to performing groups by offering:

- Prestigious events to which recommended groups receive official invitations, generating far more support and excitement than an ordinary concert tour.
- Access to superior venues due to the official recognition of the festival or event (often these are venues to which there would ordinarily be no access).
- Association with some of the world's oldest and finest music festivals.
- Publicity for concerts via posters, daily and weekly press publications, media (TV and radio) public service announcements, sponsorships etc.

MCI staff members are uniquely comprised of experienced musicians and travel agents who have an excellent, almost instinctual understanding of the special needs and considerations of music directors and their performing groups.

The experiences of the chorus members were treasurable. The performance venues were visually, historically and acoustically extraordinary. All were exceptionally located and attracted large and enthusiastic audiences. Predicated on their complete enjoyment of the tour, all of the chorus members would choose MCI as the organizer of their next tour.

Alan Heatherington, The Chicago Master Singers



OUR FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

John Wiscombe founded MCI in 1993. He is a lifelong musician, capable of performing on keyboard, stringed and brass instruments. As a youth, he spent several years as a tour manager throughout Europe, garnering knowledge used daily in designing the best itineraries for our clients. He has now been in the music travel business for over forty-five years.

OUR PEOPLE

Our staff is comprised of a unique blend of musicians and travel industry professionals. Present staff includes former music educators, ex-military bandmen (West Point Band; the “President’s Own” Marine Band), graduates of prominent music conservatories (Eastman School of Music, University of Southern California, the National Conservatory of Bordeaux), music majors, church musicians, longtime airline specialists, career travel agents, even a Grammy Awards judge!

The whole trip seemed to be guided by the hand of God. I am so impressed with all your staff. Every person has treated us like royalty. All have acted like we are the only tour they have had this year. We appreciate it deeply. Thumbs up to all of you.

Jeanne Rosendahl, Washington High School Choir, Ohio

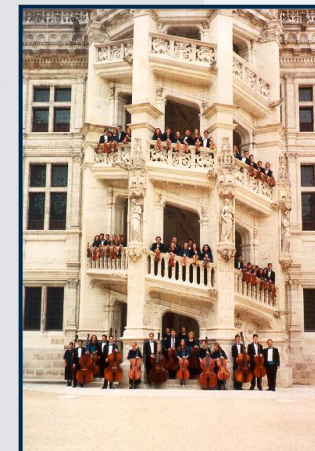


First and foremost MCI is a professional performance tour organizer, but it is also an accredited travel agency, fully licensed and bonded to assist with all of the necessary travel arrangements for participating groups at substantial discounts.

Our separate Performance Department is staffed by experienced musicians and travel agents who have an excellent, almost instinctive understanding of the special needs and considerations of music directors and their performing groups.

A typical festival package includes venue selection and scheduling, transportation, accommodations, and opportunities to experience the local color and culture.

John Wiscombe, President



OUR SELECT CLIENTS

MCI’s list of clients includes such luminary ensembles as the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Chicago Master Singers, Master Chorale of Washington, Virginia Symphony Chorus, Duke University Chorale, U.S.C. Trojan Marching Band, National High School Honors Orchestra, Mary Green Singers, University of Texas Longhorn Band, The Centurymen, Florida State University Singers, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Kennesaw State University Orchestra, the Morris Beachy Singers – and many, many more!

The fact that so many groups use Music Celebrations International (MCI) again and again attests to the quality of our work. MCI’s goal is to match highly recommended American performing ensembles with prestigious national and international festivals, commemorative events, anniversaries and other happenings. These might include centennials, bicentennials, birth anniversaries of renowned individuals such as statesmen or composers, or other dates which commemorate historic events and religious celebrations worldwide.