



**SEATTLE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY  
Music and Art Tour to Philadelphia  
May 7-12, 2018**

**Philadelphia, the Birthplace of our Nation, is home to top museums, spacious parks, beautiful gardens, and stately buildings of red bricks and stone columns. Join SCMS Executive Director Connie Cooper for 5 days of music, history, art, and food in the City of Brotherly Love.**

**HOTEL:** Sofitel Philadelphia  
120 South 17<sup>th</sup> Street (near Rittenhouse Square)  
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**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Monday, May 7 – Arrival in Philadelphia**

Welcome to Philadelphia. The local Tour Director will be on hand in the hotel lobby to greet you. Join us this evening for a Welcome Dinner with wine at Davio's Italian Restaurant. (*Dinner*)

**Tuesday, May 8 – Philadelphia Historic Tour and Italian Market**

Join your local guide this morning for included sightseeing focusing on the important buildings of this historic city, the "Birthplace of the Nation." Visit major attractions, including INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, home to the LIBERTY BELL and INDEPENDENCE HALL. Also visit the Avenue of the Arts, a recently designated area that acknowledges Philadelphia's artistic and cultural center stretching more than four-and-a-half miles along Broad Street in Philadelphia. The Avenue includes the recently built Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, as well as historic establishments such as the Academy of Music, the oldest opera house in the country and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. In total, 37 cultural organizations are housed in the district, visited by more than one million people each year. Join your guide for a WALKING FOOD TOUR of the South 9<sup>th</sup> Street Italian Market this afternoon with lunch included. (*Breakfast, Lunch*)

**Wednesday, May 9 – Longwood Gardens and American Philosophical Society**

Depart today for a visit to LONGWOOD GARDENS with 1,050 acres of flowerbeds, woodlands, and meadows it is considered one of the premier botanical gardens in the United States. Enjoy a gourmet luncheon in their 1906 Fine Dining Room overlooking the Conservatory and Gardens. After lunch, return back to the city for a guided tour of the AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 and the home of renowned collections that trace American history and science including Franklin's personal library books, one of Lewis and Clark's journals from their expedition, and important papers from the Founding Fathers. (*Breakfast, Lunch*)

**Thursday, May 10 – Barnes Museum, Curtis Institute and Philadelphia Orchestra Concert**

Today experience a docent-led tour of the BARNES FOUNDATION MUSEUM, home to one of the world's greatest collections of impressionist, post-impressionist, and modern European paintings, with especially deep holdings in Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, and Picasso. The collection also includes important examples of African art, Native American pottery and jewelry, Pennsylvania German furniture, American avant-garde painting, and wrought-iron metalwork. Afterward, we go to THE CURTIS INSTITUTE OF MUSIC for lunch with President (and SCMS violist) Roberto Díaz and a private tour of the school. This evening we'll attend the Philadelphia Orchestra concert at Kimmel Center, with conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin and pianist Hélène Grimaud in Dvořák's *Othello* Overture, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 and Schumann's Symphony No. 4. (*Breakfast, Lunch*)

**Friday, May 11– Rodin Museum and Chamber Music Concert**

Today we will visit the RODIN MUSEUM, home to the largest Rodin collection outside of Paris, with over one hundred sculptures and bronze casts from the great artist, Auguste Rodin. The collection features bronze casts of the artist's greatest works including *The Thinker*, *The Burghers of Calais*, and *The Gates of Hell*. Later we'll enjoy a farewell dinner with wine at Estia Restaurant followed by a Philadelphia Chamber Music Society performance of Brahms' seminal Sextets for Strings with violinists Pamela Frank and Jaime Laredo, violists Nokuthula Ngwenyama and Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt, and cellists Keith Robinson and Sharon Robinson. (*Breakfast, Dinner*)

**Saturday, May 12 – Departure from Philadelphia**

Departure from Philadelphia after breakfast. (*Breakfast*)