CODE OF CONDUCT – SIGN AND RETURN BY JANUARY 12, 2020

Being part of a musical ensemble requires group discipline. We assume that members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra (“PYSO”) understand how essential it is to put group needs ahead of their own – and to make decisions that will enhance the group's safety, enjoyment and general attitude. The following Code of Conduct will apply to all students participating in the 2020 Tour (“Tour”) throughout the duration of such Tour.

1. The use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and chemical or controlled substances is prohibited.
2. Possession, carrying, or purchase of knives, firearms, or any other weapons is prohibited.
3. At no time will the use of tobacco products by students be allowed.
4. Any student games or activities which involve the exchange of money or other items of value, are prohibited.
5. Written permission from parents or guardian of all students is required for students to rent and ride bicycles, scooters or other modes of transportation including Uber and Lyft.
6. Abusive or harassing language is prohibited. Conduct endangering the safety or comfort of Tour students and/or Tour service persons is prohibited.
7. Students must remain with the chaperone group at all times unless special permission has been obtained from their chaperone.
8. During the tour, the group will be expected to abide by the laws of the United States and the countries visited on tour. If a Student is taken into custody by local authorities for any violation or alleged violation, it will become the responsibility and obligation of the Student and/or parent(s) to secure his/her release.
9. Students are expected to observe the rules and safety regulations of the airline, all other carriers, etc.
10. All participating orchestra members shall adhere to the preceding stipulations and any other rules introduced out of necessity during the course of the Tour, regardless of age.
11. Whenever a Student is in doubt about appropriate behavior, he/she is expected to seek advice first from his/her group chaperone, and if not available then from one of the designated PYSO staff members.
12. The parent/guardian of any Student carrying prescribed medication will be required to inform the PYSO organization (kept in confidence), in writing in advance of the Tour, of the type of medication and instructions for its use.
13. If there is an infraction of rules of conduct or violations of local law, the matter will be brought before PYSO’s Disciplinary Committee for review. The Disciplinary Committee can include PYSO Staff, Chaperones, PYSO Board members, and possibly one or more orchestra members serving as liaison between the Orchestra and the Committee. Serious infractions may result in Student losing some or all tour privileges; i.e. not performing in concerts, no sight-seeing, no free-time and upon arrival back to the U.S. dismissal from PYSO. In worst case scenario, Student may be sent home at the expense of his/her family.
This will be at the discretion of the PYSO Disciplinary Committee. Prompt notice of such action will be given to the Student and parents/guardians.

14. Hitchhiking is prohibited. Use of any public transportation outside of official tour group activities or during free time must be approved by student's chaperone.

15. In the interest of maintaining good human relations among members of the Tour group and between the organization and its hosts, respect and courtesy are to be shown to everyone, including (but not limited to): other group members, chaperones, Tour staff, airline and hotel staff, Tour directors, and all service persons with whom the group comes in contact. Students are expected to observe all rules of the hotel in consideration of the other guests. Damage or theft of hotel property will result in all those assigned to a room being assessed equally for damages, if the person responsible cannot be identified.

16. Attendance at all scheduled activities is required. Students should be punctual, attentive and courteous at all events. A Student who is ill and, therefore, unable to attend a scheduled activity, must inform his or her group chaperone.

17. Dress Code: No short-shorts, cut-off jeans, or bare midriffs will be allowed. Shoes must be worn while traveling and sightseeing. Flip-flops allowed only in the hotel. No tee shirts with offensive symbols or messages. No strapless shirts or dresses when going to restaurants or any official function. No pants with holes. Pants must be worn at appropriate levels.

18. To insure a reasonable state of alertness for the following day’s activities, evening curfew hours will be established and strictly observed. Any Student who is not in his or her own room at curfew is subject to disciplinary review and action. No students will be allowed outside of the hotel after room-check, nor will students be permitted to visit from room to room after room-check.

19. If you visit the room of another student other than your roommate, the door to the room must remain open during the entire visit. Chaperones and PYSO staff reserve the right to knock on closed hotel room doors to confirm that the policy is not being violated.

20. Students who wish to visit with relatives and/or friends during the Tour shall provide, in advance of the Tour departure, a description of the prearranged plans and written parent/guardian approval.

21. Students who will be deviating from the tour must notify PYSO as well as fill out the “Individual Travel Request” form which is located on the “tour central” page of the ACFEA site for PYSO.

22. Situations may arise which are not specifically covered by these rules. Decisions made by authorized PYSO’s Disciplinary Committee in such situations will be binding.

Signing below signifies that both student and parent/guardian have read and understand all the items listed in the Code of Conduct above.

__________________________________________________________
Student Name (print) Parent or Guardian Name (print)

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Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date Date

Sign and return by January 12, 2020.
Hand in at the January 12 rehearsal or mail by January 12 to:
PYSO – 600 Penn Avenue – Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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