

# British Flair!

A week in London with KMFA 89.5

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Saint Paul's Cathedral

## Come along with KMFA for a week of great music, marvelous museums, and fine dining in London next spring.

You will hear two of London's premier orchestras, take in the Royal Ballet's new *Swan Lake* at Covent Garden, hear a private concert at Handel's house (and tour the apartment of Jimi Hendrix next door!) and take an excursion into the gorgeous countryside to the world-renowned Glyndebourne Festival for a performance of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*! KMFA's Director of Broadcasting and Content, Anthony McSpadden, will be your host.

A week in London would not be complete without visiting some of its world-class museums. You will enjoy a visit to the British Library to view their incredible literary treasures, the inimitable Victoria & Albert Museum with the world's finest collection of the decorative arts, the Tate Gallery for its magnificent Turners, and two incomparable private house collections. Four-star accommodations in the bustling West End, great restaurants, a "royalty" tour of Parliament, afternoon tea at the Ritz, and much more await you on this splendid cultural journey!

**\*Tour begins May 18 in London**



Glyndebourne

**May 17 - 25, 2018\***



### Anthony McSpadden

A multi-faceted programmer, producer and announcer now in his third decade in radio, Anthony McSpadden became KMFA's Director of Broadcasting and Content in June 2016. He is a native Texan whose career began at WRR in Dallas, where he served as the station's music director. Anthony then went on to create the world's first classical music satellite radio channel—Maestro—after moving to Washington, DC. Following his work in satellite radio, he worked for several years for both WHRO-FM, and its sister NPR affiliate WHRV in Norfolk, VA. In addition to his lifelong love of classical music, Anthony has a strong commitment to the arts and has often lent his voice for documentaries and museum audio tours. In his spare time, Anthony enjoys the cinema, reading history, playing with his Whippet, George, traveling, and of course—listening to old favorites, and discovering new music.

Turner's *Peace-Burial at Sea*, Tate Gallery



### Tour Highlights

- Prime tickets to 3 major musical performances in London by the London Symphony, the Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden
- Excursion to the famed Glyndebourne Festival to attend Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*
- Private concert at Handel's home in London
- Tours of major sites in London including the Houses of Parliament, Tate Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum, and others
- Afternoon tea at the Ritz, the best in London
- Private cruise and reception on the Thames
- Four-star accommodations in the West End and fine dining at top restaurants in London
- Commentary by KMFA's Anthony McSpadden throughout the trip
- Private motorcoach transportation for all activities on the tour
- Free time for extra sight-seeing, shopping or relaxing



**Tour Cost:** \$5,985, double occupancy, ground only. Tour limited to 25 participants, or as space allows.

The London tour is organized exclusively for KMFA by The Grand Tour Travel Company of Peterborough, NH.

# Daily Itinerary

## Thursday, May 17

KMFA's group flight on British Airways departs from Austin, non-stop to London, with arrival the following day.

## Day 1: Friday, May 18

### A LONDON HOW DO!

Flight arrivals at Heathrow transfer to the group's four-star lodging in the West End, London's theatre district. A private boat cruise down the Thames River provides an introduction to the great capital, followed by our **welcome dinner** at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, a historic London eatery.

## Day 2: Saturday, May 19

### PARLIAMENT & SWAN LAKE

**Breakfast daily** at the hotel. On our first morning we'll take a private tour of both Houses of Parliament, focusing on the upper House of Lords and the superb art found throughout the chambers. A glass of champagne completes a special visit. Next we visit Westminster Abbey, begun in 1245 and the resting place of seventeen monarchs and its fascinating Poet's Corner, where many of England's greatest literary figures are buried. Our private **lunch** takes place in the posh St. James quarter. Tonight the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden presents a new production of Tchaikovsky's magnificent classical ballet, *Swan Lake*, with additional choreography by Frederick Ashton and Liam Scarlett.

## Day 3: Sunday, May 20

### A NOBLE COLLECTION & BEETHOVEN

The Wallace Collection is housed in the former residence of the Marquesses of Hertford, with 25 rooms filled with one of the best collections of French 18th century paintings, porcelain and furniture in the world. After our tour there, a pleasant Sunday **brunch** is nearby. In the evening, the London Symphony Orchestra, arguably Britain's best, is led by Michael Tilson Thomas, the longtime preeminent conductor of the San Francisco Symphony, in Beethoven's mighty choral masterpiece, *Missa Solemnis*, one of his last great works.

## Day 4: Monday, May 21

### THE V&A AND TURNER

The Victoria & Albert Museum is one of the glories of the city, the largest museum of decorative arts and design in the world. The collections, originally in applied art and science, now span 5000 years of history in 145 galleries. There is a surprise around every corner!



Afterwards, we're on to the superb museum, the Tate Britain, home of British art from 1500 to the present. After **lunch** at their award-winning restaurant, we'll focus on the works of J.M.W. Turner, the great painter of history, landscape and marine subjects whom Ruskin called "the father of modern art". This evening, we'll enjoy a private concert exclusively for the group at the Handel Hendrix House. George Frederic Handel lived in this Mayfair house for 36 years and composed many of his most famous works, including *Messiah*. Next door, none other than Jimi Hendrix lived for one year, in 1968 (and he was a Handel fan!).

## Day 5: Tuesday, May 22

### LIBRARIES OF LONDON

This morning we visit the magnificent British Library to have a viewing of many of their iconic treasures, including one of their five First Folios of 1623, the primary source for at least 20 of Shakespeare's plays, the Magna Carta, handwritten lyrics by the Beatles, Jane Austen's notebooks, and many more. Then Library curators will give us an exclusive, private viewing of some of the important musical manuscripts in the collection. Then we visit another outstanding personal collection. Sir John Soane, a leading British architect of the 19th century, rebuilt three adjoining houses and crammed them with art and antiques in clever ways. The house remains as he left it, and our visit will be private. Lunch is on your own. Later in the afternoon, you'll enjoy the sumptuous, traditional **afternoon tea** at the Ritz, considered by many the best in London. Your evening is free.

## Day 6: Wednesday, May 23

### GLYNDEBOURNE

Now considered one of the top opera festivals in the world, the Glyndebourne Festival was founded by John Christie in 1934 at his country manor in beautiful East Sussex, and is still run today by his grandson Gus. Set in the rolling hills of the South Downs—sheep grazing nearby—the gorgeous setting of the manor has traditionally been an occasion to dress in formal wear and enjoy an elegant afternoon and evening. Puccini's tragic romance *Madama Butterfly* makes its debut at the Festival in a new production by Annilese Miskimmon. During the first intermission, we bow to Glyndebourne tradition with a splendid picnic **dinner** on the lawn!

## Day 7: Thursday, May 24

### AN ITALIAN FAREWELL

Today is a free day in London with no scheduled activities, a perfect day for additional sight-



top center: London Symphony Orchestra,  
right: Houses of Parliament

seeing, shopping or just plain relaxing. Our **farewell dinner** at Margot, with a classic Italian cuisine, precedes a performance by the historic Philharmonia Orchestra at Royal Festival Hall. Italian maestro Daniele Gatti conducts a program including Mendelssohn's vibrant "Italian" Symphony and Brahms' rousing 2nd Symphony.

## Day 8: Friday, May 25

The tour ends after breakfast and hotel check-out. The group flight returns to Austin non-stop on British Airways arriving later in the day.

*Itinerary is subject to change. Meals in **bold** are included in the price of the tour.*

Royal Opera House at Covent Garden



## Tour Registration

**Tour Cost: \$5,985 per person, ground only, double occupancy. Single supplement: \$970**  
**Optional group flight: \$1,325, economy class on British Air (spaces limited)**

**Deposit: \$1,000 per person** first come, first served.

**Balance Deadline: Friday, March 16, 2018.**  
After that date, call for availability.

**Contact** The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made payable to The Grand Tour for the deposit amount to: KMFA London Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials can be downloaded from [www.kmfa.org](http://www.kmfa.org)

**Questions?** Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995 / [info@thegrandtour.com](mailto:info@thegrandtour.com) or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA at 512-615-6902 / [valvarez@kmfa.org](mailto:valvarez@kmfa.org)

# KMFA LONDON TOUR

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form, include your deposit, and return to: KMFA London Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Upon receipt of deposit, The Grand Tour will send payment confirmation and an invoice for the balance of the tour. Questions? Contact The Grand Tour at 800-727-2995, info@thegrandtour.com or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA at 512-615-6902, or valvarez@kmfa.org.

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Please check all appropriate boxes below. Number of persons: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour per person, ground only \$5,985**

**Tour single supplement \$ 970**

**Group flight \$1,325 (spaces limited)**

Deposit amount (\$1000 per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check made payable to The Grand Tour

Credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Security code (V & MC: 3-digits back of card; AmEx: 4-digits front of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Card holder signature

Print name as it appears on card

**Accommodations:** The tour price is based on double occupancy. If you wish to avoid single supplement costs, we will do our best to help you find a compatible roommate. Finding a roommate to share accommodations is ultimately your responsibility.

I have selected a roommate whose name is: \_\_\_\_\_ (form to be sent separately)

I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one is not available.  I wish to have a single room

### Release and hold harmless statement

The undersigned has read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the KMFA London tour and the schedule of activities and events for the tour and accepts any risks therein. The undersigned waives, releases and holds harmless KMFA and THE GRAND TOUR Travel Company and its directors, employees and agents from any and all damage or harm to himself or herself or to his or her property that may arise out of or in connection with the undersigned's participation in the event or travel to and from the event.

**Each participant must sign.**

signature

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**OVER PLEASE**

## PASSENGER CONTRACT: KMFA Tour to London: May 17 – 25, 2018 [Tour begins May 18 in London]

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please read this agreement carefully before sending any money.

**Tour Cost:** The price of the KMFA tour to London is \$5,985 per person, ground only. This price is based on double-occupancy, and a minimum of 19 persons. The group flight, economy round-trip Austin – London Heathrow on British Airways, is \$1,325, and spaces are limited. Single supplement is \$970. See note under Accommodations on the reverse.

**Tour Cost Includes:** Seven (7) nights deluxe hotel accommodations in London • Daily buffet breakfast • 3 dinners and 3 lunches with wine, plus afternoon tea and a welcome reception • Prime tickets to 4 major performances, including by the Royal Ballet, London Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, and Glyndebourne Festival, depending on ticket availability • Private concert at Handel Hendrix House exclusive to the group • Private guided tours of principal sites including Tate Britain, Houses of Parliament, Victoria & Albert Museum, and others • Private motor coach transportation for all excursions mentioned in the itinerary • Private boat cruise on the Thames • Private round-trip coach transfer from London Heathrow to hotel for the KMFA/TGT arranged flight (see note under Transportation) • Private guides for all activities mentioned in the itinerary • Entrance fees for all scheduled museum and gallery visits • Services of KMFA staff and TGT tour manager throughout the tour • All gratuities for meals, bus drivers, local guides and tour manager • Baggage handling for two pieces per person for airport-hotel transfers • Travel tips and suggested reading & recording lists • Map of London • Two KMFA luggage tags

**Tour price does not include:** Single supplement of \$970 • Optional round-trip economy class flight from Austin to London (\$1325) • Any meals and activities not offered as part of the tour • Any alcoholic beverages not included in tour meals • Tips for hotel cleaning personnel • Personal expenses and purchases • Personal and travel insurance

**Reservations and Method of Payment:** The deposit for the tour is \$1000 per person, and is first come, first served. Payment is accepted by check or money order made out to The Grand Tour, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or AMEX). \$400 of the deposit is non-refundable. Please complete the tour reservation form to accompany your payment, and mail to: KMFA London Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Upon receipt of deposit, The Grand Tour will send a letter of confirmation and travel insurance information. Prior to departure, additional items of interest will be mailed to the participants. If you have any questions please contact The Grand Tour, at 800-727-2995, info@thegrandtour.com or Virginia Alvarez of KMFA at 512-615-6902, valvarez@kmfa.org. A pre-departure reception will be arranged and hosted by KMFA for all participants. *Please note that tour participation is limited to 25 participants or as hotel space allows.*

**Final Payment:** The final balance must be received at The Grand Tour by Friday, March 16, 2018.

**Rates:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Prices could increase due to below minimum participation. Participants will be notified of any such price increase at least 30 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations:** You are entitled to a full refund if the tour is cancelled by KMFA or THE GRAND TOUR (TGT). If you should cancel, there is a non-refundable \$400 fee. The remaining balance (minus the \$400 fee) will be refunded according to the following schedule:

Before March 17, 2018:	100%
March 17 – 31, 2018:	50%
April 1 – 16, 2018:	25%
After April 16, 2018:	0%

Notice of withdrawal from the tour must be communicated to TGT by e-mail: info@thegrandtour.com or fax 603-532-8851. All cancellations will be confirmed by The Grand Tour.

Ticketed passengers must return unused tickets and any other negotiable vouchers for an applicable refund to be processed. No refund will be given for any passenger who, for any reason, does not arrive for either airline or vehicle departure. No refund will be made for features the passenger opts not to use. Once travel begins, any change made by a passenger is the responsibility of the passenger. Cancellation penalties caused by accident or illness to a passenger do not constitute waiver of applicable fees. Refunds will be processed within 90 days of receipt of cancellation notice. No person outside the group may participate in tour activities, including transportation and meals, unless he or she is admitted under the full tour cost.

**Itinerary or Program Modifications** While every effort will be made to adhere to the tour itinerary as planned, KMFA and THE GRAND TOUR reserve the right to modify the itinerary or programs at their discretion as warranted by circumstances at the time of the tour, including the right to substitute hotels of similar quality. In the event of any changes, KMFA and TGT will work to substitute programs of comparable value.

**Accommodations:** Hotels are chosen for comfort, location and character. Because some may be located in historic buildings, please be advised that not all rooms are alike and may differ in size.

**Transportation:** Flight is not included in the tour price. Participants who do not book space on the group flight are responsible for booking alternative air travel. Participants arriving or departing on other dates or from other destinations will be responsible for meeting up with the group in London and for any fees incurred by these arrangements. *Those passengers who do not opt for the group flight will be charged \$25 each way for the coach transfer.*

**Travel insurance:** Because cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Travel insurance is also highly recommended in order to protect participants who must cancel or interrupt their trip due to illness or injury. Trip cancellation insurance is available. Information will be sent after your reservation is received.

**Responsibility Disclaimer:** KMFA is not the tour operator. KMFA is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline or hotel reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, so-called “acts of God,” or any other event beyond our control. KMFA acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and they shall not be responsible for changes in flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents, or for the acts of defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, KMFA and TGT shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strife, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, “acts of God,” or other causes beyond their control. The right is further reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should the person’s health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. *Please note that there is a moderate amount of walking on this tour.*