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Ascending Dragon Music Festival and Cultural Exchange

EXCLUSIVE DONOR TOUR VIETNAM

March 13 - 20, 2010

*with Pre- and Post-trip Options
beginning March 10 and ending March 24*

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY*

Join Southwest Chamber Music as we travel to Vietnam for the largest cultural exchange in the history of our two countries. Experience culturally-rich Vietnam through an exclusive tour with unique opportunities to get to know the country's leading musicians, composers, visual artists, cultural leaders, and musical institutions.

Highlights include a music festival at the Vietnam National Academy of Music, "backstage" introductions to Grammy Award-winning Southwest Chamber Music and Vietnamese musicians, a special reception arranged especially for tour participants at the home of the U.S. Ambassador, dining at some of Vietnam's most exciting restaurants, art gallery tours with leading experts, a guided trip to the Unesco World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay, and attendance at performances and events celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the city of Hanoi. The tour will culminate with Southwest Chamber Music's performance at the architecturally and acoustically splendid Hanoi Opera House.



Our tour has been designed by **Global Spectrum, experts in customized luxury tours** of Vietnam since 1992. **Customize your experience** with options to travel prior to the Hanoi segment to the Temples of Angkor in Cambodia, Unesco World Heritage city of Hoi An, or enjoy extra time in Hanoi. A final optional segment in Saigon will provide a fantastic capstone to your experience.

Join Southwest Chamber Music for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience one of the fastest growing countries in the world as part of a special U.S. State Department-supported cultural exchange, one of only three such projects being sponsored in 2010. ***Ascending Dragon Music Festival and Cultural Exchange*** will provide you with a trip you won't forget.

** Please note: schedule and events listed are subject to change - a final itinerary will be sent to all tour participants with final documents prior to the travel dates.*

PRE TOUR OPTION 1 – EXTRA TIME IN HANOI, MARCH 10 - 13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 – ARRIVE IN HANOI

Participants should book their flight into Hanoi. Individual arrival transfers will be arranged to meet your flight and take you to the hotel.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel – deluxe rooms

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/HANHITW-Hilton-Hanoi-Opera-hotel/index.do

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, has traditional small-town charm that contrasts with bustling Ho Chi Minh City. Despite urbanization, Hanoi has preserved the architectural legacies of its French colonial era and has maintained the parks and lakes that are scattered throughout the city. Sights to see include: Old Quarter; Lake of the Restored Sword; Temple of Literature; One Pillar Pagoda; Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Museum and House; Ethnology Museum; Fine Arts Museum; and numerous pagodas and temples. Outside the city there are excursions including handicraft villages in Ha Bac province and Ha Long Bay.



THURSDAY, MARCH 11 – HANOI

Observe workshops, coachings and open rehearsals for the Festival – or visit the Fine Arts and other historic museums.

Southwest Chamber Music performs *Ascending Dragon Music Festival* opening performance.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel



FRIDAY, MARCH 12 - HANOI

Visit Duong Lam Village, an ancient agricultural village with many hundred-year old houses. Visit with the locals in their ancient houses, and enjoy a Vietnamese lunch. In the afternoon visit Mia, a 15th century hamlet with Mia Pagoda which has 287 statues of all sizes, including the famous statue of Buddha in the Himalayas and the statues of the Eight Vajra Deities. The largest is the sculpture of Bat Bo Kim Cang located in the upper sanctuary. Lunch is included.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel (L)

PRE TOUR OPTION 2 – HOI AN, MARCH 10 - 13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 – ARRIVE IN DANANG

Participants should book their flight into Danang Airport. Arrival transfers will be arranged to meet your flight and take you to the hotel.

Overnight Hoi An

Hotel: Life Resort

<http://www.luxurytravelvietnam.com/Vietnamhotels/LifeResortHoian/index.htm>

Hoi An, a former commercial port located 30 km from Da Nang, was a thriving international trading port from the 16th to 18th centuries, visited by the Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Dutch, British and French. Fortunate to escape damage from the Vietnamese–American war, this picturesque fishing village today retains the feel of centuries past with its eclectic pastel-hued buildings and narrow winding streets lined with antique stores, tailor shops and galleries.



THURSDAY, MARCH 11 – HOI AN

Morning guided walking tour of Hoi An. Afternoon to explore on your own and do some shopping.

Overnight Hoi An

Hotel: Life Resort



FRIDAY, MARCH 12 – HOI AN

This morning enjoy a group cooking program with Ms. Vy or Ms. Lu to introduce you to the special foods of Hoi An. Learn to cook one dish and then have it for lunch. Afternoon free.

Overnight Hoi An

Hotel: Life Resort

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 – TO HANOI

Fly from Danang to Hanoi and join the Donors Tour.

PRE TOUR OPTION 3 – SIEM REAP. ANGKOR WAT, MARCH 10 - 13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 – ARRIVE IN SIEM REAP

Participants should book their flight into Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Individual arrival transfers will be arranged to meet your flight and take you to the hotel.

Overnight Siem Reap

Hotel: Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa

<http://www.victoriahotels-asia.com/eng/hotel-in-cambodia/angkor-resort-spa>



Siem Reap – Without a doubt the major draw for visitors to Cambodia is Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer Empire, considered to be one of the ancient wonders of the world. The town of Siem Reap at the northern edge of the great Tonle Sap Lake is the gateway to Angkor and the base for visiting the temple sites. Only rediscovered by French archeologists in the 19th century, many of the temples in the mystical “lost city in the jungle” have had to be reclaimed from the lush tropical vegetation. There are over 400 structures in total built between the 9th and 13th centuries and scattered over a large area. The best-known temples are truly awesome Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, the Bayon and the wonderful Ta Prohm, still embraced by the roots of enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 – SIEM REAP

Full day of sightseeing to visit temples, including Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat followed by a Sunset tour.

Overnight Siem Reap

Hotel: Victoria Angkor

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 – SIEM REAP

Full day of sightseeing to visit temples, including Banteay Srey, Banteay Samre and Preah Khan. Evening dinner and Apsara traditional dance theater.

Overnight Siem Reap

Hotel: Victoria Angkor

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 – TON LE SAP LAKE AND ON TO HANOI

This morning take a boat ride on Tonle Sap Lake to visit the floating village. Transfer to the airport for the mid day flight from Siem Reap to Hanoi to join the Donors Tour.



EXCLUSIVE DONOR TOUR, MARCH 13-20

Note: participants flying from the U.S. should arrange travel to arrive in Hanoi on March 13 in time to check in to the hotel and meet the group for the welcome dinner. Some flights arrive late in the evening, so if you prefer to arrive on March 12, Global Spectrum will book an extra night hotel for you.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 - HANOI

Group meets this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel

Attend Southwest Chamber Music concert at the Vietnam National Academy of Music.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel- deluxe rooms (D)

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/HANHITW-Hilton-Hanoi-Opera-hotel/index.do

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 – HANOI

Introductory sightseeing of Hanoi including the Temple of Literature, well known as Vietnam's first university, the Fine Arts Museum, the ancient district of *36 streets and 36 wares*, and the Ethnology Museum. Early evening performance of the traditional Water Puppets.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel



MONDAY, MARCH 15 – HA LONG BAY

After breakfast, depart for Ha Long Bay. The Emeraude staff will welcome you and transfer you by shuttle boat to the Emeraude – an old fashion paddle wheel boat. Welcome drink and check in on board. Spend the afternoon cruising through some of the most scenic locations including Yen Ngua, Con Coc Mountains and a floating village. A Vietnamese buffet lunch is served. There is an optional guided visit to Sung Sot Grotto. Weather and tide permitting you may have an opportunity

for snorkeling or kayaking (additional cost for using the kayaks). In the early evening, the boat will arrive at Titop Island where it will anchor for the evening. A Vietnamese buffet dinner is served.

Overnight on Emeraude cruise – deluxe cabin (L,D)

Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage Site, is one of Vietnam's most spectacular and romantic locales. This natural wonder features 3,000 limestone peaks that soar from the Gulf of Tonkin and numerous grottoes and caves that depict legendary Vietnamese folktales. Its tranquil waters and hidden caves are ideal for exploring by kayak or small boat.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 – BACK TO HANOI

Return to Hanoi at mid day. Afternoon free in Hanoi.

Attend Southwest Chamber Music concert at the Vietnam National Academy of Music.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 – HANOI

Full day to visit art galleries with lunch included – reception at Thang Long Art Gallery (Ascending Dragon Gallery) in the old quarter, which has recently sold artworks to Bill Clinton, Bill Gates and Condoleezza Rice. Included is a special talk by Bui Nhu Huong, national art critic and expert in Vietnamese visual arts.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel (L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 – HANOI

Observe workshops, coachings and open rehearsal for Festival at VNAM or sightseeing/free time

Evening reception at home of the U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 – HANOI OPERA HOUSE

Free day in Hanoi

Attend Southwest Chamber Music performance at Hanoi Opera House followed by exclusive reception.

Overnight Hanoi

Hotel: Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel



SATURDAY, MARCH 20 – DEPARTURE

Transfer to airport for flight back to the U.S. or depart on the optional extension to HCMC.

POST TOUR OPTION TO HO CHI MINH CITY, MARCH 20-24

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 – TO HCMC

Morning flight from Hanoi to HCMC 10:30am/12:30pm. Transfer to hotel & check in.

Afternoon introductory sightseeing of HCMC, including Reunification Hall (former South Vietnam Presidential Palace) and the Post Office.

Overnight HCMC

Hotel: Caravelle

<http://www.caravellehotel.com/>



Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), still commonly referred to as "Saigon," is a bustling metropolis with over 5 million people and is the largest city in Vietnam. HCMC is the most modern city in the country, defined by a host of luxury hotels, high-rise office and apartment buildings; an array of international restaurants and cafes; and an intense nightlife. Sights to see include Reunification Hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - HCMC

Morning sightseeing including Cho Lon, HCMC's Chinatown, and the Ben Thanh Market.

Evening concert at the Ho Chi Minh City Conservatory of Music with exclusive Donor reception with musicians following the concert.

Overnight HCMC

Hotel: Caravelle

MONDAY, MARCH 22 –MEKONG DELTA

A full day to the watery world of the Mekong Delta, just a couple of hours by road from the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City's streets. In Cai Be board a motorized sampan for a cruise to the floating market and through the narrow waterways overhung with dense vegetation. Stop to visit nearby popcorn and rice paper making workshops. Lunch is served in a garden of an Indochinese villa, *Le Longanier*, and includes the local delicacy, Elephant's Ear Fish and an astonishing variety of exotic fruits. After lunch continue the cruise and see typical Mekong delta rural life, enjoy a cup of tea with a local family in their ancient mandarin house, pass beautiful landscapes and islands famous for fruit orchards, and stop at a Bonsai garden. Return to HCMC late afternoon.

Overnight HCMC

Hotel: Caravelle (L)





***Mekong Delta** is the deposit point of the Mekong River that flows southward from distant Tibet. The lush landscape, with its checkered rice paddies and winding rivers, is the heart of rural Vietnam. As one of the country's most cultivated areas, this region produces over half of the country's rice. Its abundant fruits and vegetables are evident in the colorful floating and land markets. The Delta also has a diverse mix of people of Khmer and Chinese descent with the Khmer influence most visible near the Cambodian border. Destinations to visit in the Delta include Vinh Long for its market, Ha Tien for its pristine white beaches, Soc Trang and Tra Vinh for their Khmer pagodas.*

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 – HCMC

Half day art gallery visits – half day free
Farewell dinner at a local restaurant with the Directors.
Overnight HCMC
Hotel: Caravelle (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 – DEPARTURE

Transfers to the airport for your flight back to the U.S.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

Complete and sign the enclosed reservation form and Travel Participation Agreement, and forward to Global Spectrum by mail or fax as soon as possible. Nonrefundable deposit required is \$500 per person. Reservations will be accepted after January 4, 2010 subject to availability. Space is limited, so reserve your space early.

CANCELLATION:

Cancellation must be made in writing or by fax to Global Spectrum and the following per person fees will be deducted from refunds:

Up to January 4, 2010	\$500 per person deposit is nonrefundable
January 4 – February 1, 2010	75% of tour price deducted from refund
After February 1, 2010	No refund

Optional Travel Insurance is recommended and information will be provided by Global Spectrum.

EXCLUSIVE DONOR TOUR, MARCH 13-20

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING DOUBLE ROOM
BASED ON MINIMUM OF 8 PARTICIPANTS: \$ 1,999.00

SUPPLEMENT FOR SINGLE ROOM: \$ 559.00

SUPPLEMENT TO KEEP ROOM AT HILTON
WHEN ON THE HA LONG BAY TOUR **

Per person sharing double room	\$ 95.00
Per person in single room	\$ 167.00

*** Normally you would check out of your room at the Hilton Hotel, store your big luggage with the hotel and take a small bag for the overnight cruise, then return and check back into a room at the Hilton. This surcharge enables you to keep your same room while on the cruise and avoids packing and checking out.*

INCLUDED IN THE DONOR TOUR:

- 6 nights accommodation at Hilton Hanoi Opera Hotel
- 1 night accommodation on the Emeraude
- Breakfast each day at the hotel
- Welcome dinner March 13 at the hotel
- Lunch and dinner Ha Long Bay March 15
- Overnight tour/cruise of Ha Long Bay on the Emeraude
- Lunch March 17
- Transfers and transportation by private vehicle throughout itinerary – including transportation to receptions and workshops
- English speaking tour guide
- Sightseeing and entrance fees throughout as outlined in the itinerary
- Gratuities other than to main tour guide
- Emergency evacuation insurance only

NOT INCLUDED:

- Trip cancellation and medical insurance (highly recommended)
- International air travel in and out of Vietnam
- Visas for Vietnam – information will be provided to participants
- Meals other than those indicated above
- Drinks
- Gratuities to main tour guide (recommend \$7-10 per person per day)
- Excess luggage
- Personal items

OPTIONS

Options are based on a minimum of 2 persons traveling together and must be booked in conjunction with the Main Donors Tour, March 13-20.

PRE TOUR OPTION 1 – HANOI, MARCH 10 - 13

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING DOUBLE ROOM \$ 539.00

Supplement for single room \$ 215.00

INCLUDED IN PRE TOUR OPTION 1: Three nights hotel accommodation, breakfast each morning, arrival transfer from airport to hotel, sightseeing tour to the ancient village with lunch, transportation to the workshops and open rehearsals, English speaking tour guide.

PRE TOUR OPTION 2 – DANANG/HOI AN, MARCH 10 – 13

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING DOUBLE ROOM \$ 755.00

Supplement for single room \$ 250.00

INCLUDED IN PRE TOUR OPTION 2: Three nights hotel accommodation, breakfast each morning, arrival transfer from airport to hotel, guided walking tour of Hoi An, group cooking program including lunch, English speaking tour guide, transfer to airport and economy class flight Danang to Hanoi.

PRE TOUR OPTION 3 – SIEM REAP/ANGKOR WAT, MARCH 10 – 13

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING DOUBLE ROOM \$ 1,055.00

Supplement for single room \$ 297.00

INCLUDED IN PRE TOUR OPTION 3: Three nights hotel accommodation, breakfast each morning, arrival transfer from airport to hotel, transportation and sightseeing program as indicated with entry fees, English speaking tour guide, dinner and Apsara dance theater, transfer to airport and economy class flight Siem Reap to Hanoi.

POST TOUR OPTION TO HO CHI MINH CITY, MARCH 20-24

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING DOUBLE ROOM \$ 1,195.00

Supplement for single room \$ 399.00

INCLUDED IN POST TOUR OPTION: Four nights hotel accommodation, breakfast each morning, transfers and transportation, sightseeing program as indicated with entry fees, Full day to Mekong Delta with lunch, Farewell Dinner, English speaking tour guide and economy class flight Hanoi to HCMC.



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March 13 – 20, 2010

Plus Pre and Post Tour Options

Instructions: Please carefully read and complete this form for each person, sign below then mail or fax to:
Global Spectrum, 3907 Laro Court, Fairfax, VA 22031 • Fax: (703) 890-0620 • Phone: (800) 419-4446 •
Email: gspectrum@gspectrum.com

Name: _____

(Please print legibly)

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

Special needs *(e.g. physical, dietary)*: _____

Name of emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue date: _____ Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears in your passport: _____

Place of issue: _____

Citizenship: _____ Date of birth: _____

Exclusive Donor's Tour

- I wish to pay the supplemental cost to keep my room at the Hanoi hotel while on the Ha Long Bay overnight cruise

Pre/Post Tour Options:

- Option 1 – Pre Tour - Hanoi, March 10-13
 Option 2 – Pre Tour - Hoi An, March 10-13
 Option 3 – Pre Tour - Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Cambodia – March 10-13
 Option 4 – Post Tour – Ho Chi Minh City, March 20-24

Accommodations:

- I will share a double/twin room with: _____
 I prefer single accommodations at the supplemental cost, if available

Please list any special requests, such as extra nights in Hanoi, etc.

Payment: *(Credit card, check or bank draft payable to Global Spectrum)*

Amount: \$ _____ Charge to: AMEX VISA Mastercard Discover *(please circle one)*

Name as stated on credit card: _____

Credit card no: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand and accept the terms and conditions stated in the Travel Participation Agreement, and release and discharge Global Spectrum and its representatives from and against any and all liability arising from participation in the tour.

 Signature of Participant (or Legal Guardian of Participant)

 Date

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TRAVEL SPECIALISTS TO VIET NAM & BEYOND

TRAVEL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The responsibility of Here Today There Tomorrow, Inc. doing business as Global Spectrum, and our representatives is strictly limited. As a tour operator, Global Spectrum organizes, promotes, and sells tour programs consisting of travel services that we purchase or reserve from various suppliers, including but not limited to, surface transportation, excursions, and accommodations. To the extent that Global Spectrum is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, we act as an agent of the air carrier. The suppliers are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of Global Spectrum.

Neither Global Spectrum nor our representatives are responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or of any air carrier or their respective employees, agents, servants, or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts, reservations, and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or air carriers.

Participant Responsibility

Travel in developing nations is not similar to travel within the United States. Tours of Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia, Myanmar, and Indonesia, like other forms of travel, can involve inconvenience and risk, including forces of nature, geographic and climatic conditions, hygienic standards, infrastructure problems (including road maintenance, transportation delays, and accommodation conditions), and civil unrest or terrorism. Medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of a tour and, if available, may not be equal to standards in the United States.

Participants are solely responsible for being in sufficient health to undertake the tour and for taking all appropriate medical precautions. Global Spectrum strongly recommends that participants obtain medical/trip cancellation insurance. Preparation for the tour should include studying of the itinerary and pre-departure information provided by Global Spectrum.

Illegal activities are generally punishable by harsher sentences than in the United States. Global Spectrum will bear no responsibility to assist participants who engage in such activities. Global Spectrum reserves the right to remove a participant who engages in such activities from a tour and to return the participant to his or her point of departure at the participant's own expense.

PARTICIPANTS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN WELFARE, AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF DELAY, UNANTICIPATED EVENTS, ILLNESS, INJURY, EMOTIONAL TRAUMA, DEATH, OR ANY COST INCUR DUE TO INCORRECT OR MISSING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO GLOBAL SPECTRUM BY THE PARTICIPANTS OR BY HIS/HER BOOKING AGENT.

Supplier Responsibility

Travel services are provided by various suppliers who are independent contractors, and are not agents or employees of Global Spectrum. By utilizing the services of these suppliers, PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT NEITHER GLOBAL SPECTRUM NOR ITS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE LIABLE FOR ANY HARM TO PARTICIPANT(S) ARISING FROM OCCURENCES OR CONDITIONS BEYOND GLOBAL SPECTRUM'S CONTROL, INCLUDING ANY PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL HARM.

Reservation of Rights

Global Spectrum reserves the right to reprice, cancel, or withdraw any tour, trip, excursion, or expedition for any reason, to alter or omit any part of the itinerary, and to substitute tour leaders and accommodations. Global Spectrum will not assume responsibility for participant expenses incurred in preparing for the trip (e.g. non-refundable advance purchase air tickets, equipment, communication costs, obtaining medical services, making changes in the tour, or other matters of a personal nature.

Global Spectrum reserves the right to decline, accept, or to retain any persons as a member of any tour. Global Spectrum reserves the right to take photographic or film records of any tour and to use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes.

Release and Discharge

The costs of the tours offered by Global Spectrum are based upon the execution of this Travel Participant Agreement by all tour participants. PARTICIPANT UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED IN THIS AGREEMENT, AND RELEASES AND DISCHARGES GLOBAL SPECTRUM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE TOUR. The parent or guardian of a participant who is a legal minor must accept this agreement on behalf of the participant.

Signature of Participant (or Legal Guardian of Participant)

Date