

2007 - A tour of the Netherlands and Germany

Our two week tour, as in 2005, started at our “home” base in Holland, the Kontakt der Kontinenten in Soesterberg. After a concert there, we went to Munich and shared a concert with local choirs in a spectacular modern church, and of course explored old Munich, and its wonderful art galleries, and sampled the beer gardens. On to Salzburg where we were very privileged to sing at a Sunday Mass for 2,000 people at the Dom Cathedral, where Mozart himself worked – amazing acoustics and surroundings – a magical experience. Exploring this beautiful city in brilliant sunshine was wonderful – we lost count of the number of churches visited! We then travelled to the incredibly vast Benedictine Abbey at Melk and sang a concert there; then on to a brief visit to Vienna. The tour continued in the old university town of Regensburg where our concert in a 13th Franciscan gothic church was accompanied by an incredible thunderstorm! Ruedesheim, Bingen, singing on a river boat on the Rhine, a concert on the Mosel town of Cochem, and then back to the KDK to complete our journey. Side-trips with fellow choristers, many shared meals and glasses of wine all contributed to a huge sense of community which has continued as the choir develops. Individual memories of specific places and events, communal efforts to practice to Gerry’s satisfaction while on the bus trying not to be car sick..... you really had to be there!

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