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# 2018 WFMT CLASSICAL MUSIC TOUR

To London With Program Host, Carl Grapentine

**April 26 - May 4,  
2018**

**\$6,895 / pp**  
**Double Occupancy**

**\$1,495**  
**Single Supplement**

**Price Includes:**

- **Roundtrip Economy Airfare:** Chicago / London / Chicago  
(Business Class airfare available upon request)
- **7 Nights** Deluxe Accommodations at the 5-Star Brown's Hotel, London
- **Sightseeing Tour/Orientation** of London
- **3 Performances**
- 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner
- Private Motor Coach Transfers
- Complimentary Group Travel Insurance
- WFMT Host, Carl Grapentine
- Travellex International Escort, Greg Pearson
- All Applicable Portage, Taxes & Gratuities

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## Questions?

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## DAILY ITINERARY

Tentative schedule & performances subject to change.

### DAY 1: THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport on an afternoon flight to London.

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### DAY 2: FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

Upon arrival in the morning, we will be met by our guide and private motor coach driver and taken to our 5-Star hotel, Brown's Hotel, London. Rest and then meet for our Welcome Dinner at the hotel. (D)

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### DAY 3: SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

After breakfast at hotel we will begin our day with an orientation tour around London. This evening we will meet for our pre-performance lecture by Carl Grapentine before our private motor coach departs St. John's Smith Square for tonight's performance of Brahms Requiem, Bruckner and Mahler with the Anton Bruckner Choir. (B)

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### DAY 4: SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

Breakfast at our hotel and day at leisure to enjoy all that London has to offer. (B)

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### DAY 5: MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018

After breakfast at hotel, we will have a tour around Royal London, viewing some of the Royal Palaces including Buckingham Palace. We will have a special visit to the Wellington Barracks where we will witness the iconic Changing of the Guard experience without the hustle and bustle of the crowds. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights and sounds of London. (B)

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### DAY 6: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

Breakfast at hotel and full day at leisure. (B)

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### DAY 7: WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

Breakfast at the hotel. After Carl's lecture this evening, we will depart for Barbican Hall to enjoy the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra perform works by Salonen, Varese and Shostakovich. Conducted by Gustavo Dudamel. (B)

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### DAY 8: THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy our last morning at leisure in London. This afternoon we will have our special Farewell Luncheon at Langan's Brasserie with a private recital by a renowned harpist. This evening we will transfer to Royal Albert Hall for The Bach Choir's performance of Prokofiev's Alexander Nevsky and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms at the Royal Festival Hall. (B, L)

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### DAY 9: FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

Breakfast at our hotel and check-out this morning. Our private motor coach will then depart for the London airport. (B)

# Brown's Hotel London

Famous for theatre, shopping, dining and the arts, with beautiful parks and a rich, varied history, London is a place where you can experience the best of everything.

Mayfair is in the heart of London and the luxury 5 star Brown's Hotel London is in the heart of Mayfair, boasting one of the most prestigious addresses in the city. The hotel is located within walking distance of key shopping streets such as Bond Street and Regent Street in addition to major theatres, art galleries and all key central London landmarks. It also sits on the doorstep of the stunning green spaces of Green Park and Hyde Park.

The hotel has a fascinating history and has hosted many distinguished guests since it opened as London's first ever hotel in 1837 and to this day this glamorous, five-star establishment welcomes guests "in-the-know".

Brown's Hotel personifies the refined sophistication of modern British luxury. Each room and suite is individually decorated and many feature antiques and contemporary artworks, creating an elegant and fashionable air. The Donovan Bar and The Restaurant at Brown's Hotel celebrate British art and cuisine, and the award-winning afternoon tea is ideal for those seeking a quintessential English experience. A luxurious spa and state-of-the-art gymnasium offers a discreet sanctuary within this vibrant city. Brown's Hotel is also home to six unique private dining rooms offering the perfect location for intimate meetings to lavish celebrations.

Nothing is too much trouble for the dedicated staff that ensures that every guest leaves feeling that they were the most important person to ever experience this exclusive hotel.

## Carl Grapentine

Carl Grapentine is the host of the Morning Program on WFMT/ 98.7 FM, Chicago's Classical Fine Arts Station, weekdays from 6-10 a.m. Carl first joined WFMT in 1986 after thirteen years as the morning host of the classical music station in Detroit.

Carl presents pre-concert lectures for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Music of the Baroque and many other arts organizations. He also performs as narrator with the Chicago Pro Musica and hosts concerts for numerous community orchestras and bands. He has been the host for the nationally-syndicated broadcast concerts of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra on the WFMT Fine Arts Network, and he hosts the National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis each spring.

An alumnus of the University Of Michigan School Of Music, Carl has been the "stadium voice" of the University of Michigan Marching Band for 44 seasons--his voice being heard on national telecasts of sixteen Rose Bowl games and numerous other bowl games. In 2006 he assumed additional duties as the game announcer at Michigan Stadium.

An accomplished conductor and singer, Carl has thirty years of experience as a church music director. Currently he sings in the choir of Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, IL. He has also sung the national anthem for professional and collegiate sporting events at Wrigley Field, U.S. Cellular Field, Tiger Stadium, the Pontiac Silverdome, and the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

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