

2026 European Tour Fact Sheet

August 26 - September 10 | 13 concerts | 6 countries | 9 cities

13 CONCERTS	9 CITIES	6 COUNTRIES	4 GUEST SOLOISTS	45th INTERNATIONAL TOUR	14th HONECK INTERNATIONAL
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Tour Highlights

The PSO will perform 13 concerts across Italy, Austria, Poland, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands. The tour includes major appearances at Salzburg Festival, Lucerne Festival, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw and Vienna Konzerthaus. The PSO is the only American orchestra appearing at the Salzburg Festival as part of the tour. The orchestra will open the season at several notable European venues, including Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, Cologne's Philharmonie, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Essen's Philharmonie and Vienna Konzerthaus. The tour continues the PSO's role as Pittsburgh's international cultural ambassador.

Featured Artists

Manfred Honeck, Music Director and conductor
Alexandre Kantorow, piano
Augustin Hadelich, violin
Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin
Bruce Liu, piano

Associated Engagements

A limited Patron Tour experience will join selected stops. A Pittsburgh-area Trade Mission will connect cultural diplomacy with regional economic storytelling. Tour content can support donor communications through photos, reviews, blog updates and social sharing.

Repertoire Snapshot

Dvořák: Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5
Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1
Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini
John Adams: Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Carlos Simon: Four Black American Dances
Barber: Violin Concerto
Penderecki: Metamorphosen, Violin Concerto No. 2
Szymanowski: Konzert-ouverture, Op. 12
Schulhoff/Honeck/Ille: Five Pieces

Historic Notes

The PSO's first international tour was to Mexico in 1947 under Fritz Reiner. In 1964, the U.S. Department of State selected the PSO for an 80-day tour of Europe and the Middle East. In 2004, the PSO became the first American orchestra to perform for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. The Lucerne Festival appearance with Anne-Sophie Mutter marks the 50th anniversary of her public debut in Lucerne.

2026 European Tour Itinerary at a Glance

All performances led by Music Director Manfred Honeck

Date	City / Country	Venue / Festival	Featured Artist	Program Focus
Aug. 26	Merano, Italy	Kurhaus Meran	Alexandre Kantorow	Rachmaninoff Paganini Rhapsody; Shostakovich 5
Aug. 27	Salzburg, Austria	Grosses Festspielhaus / Salzburg Festival	Alexandre Kantorow	Schulhoff/Honeck/Ille Five Pieces; Rachmaninoff; Shostakovich 5
Aug. 29	Warsaw, Poland	National Philharmonic Hall / Chopin and His Europe Festival	Bruce Liu	Szymanowski Konzert-ouverture; Rachmaninoff; Dvořák 9
Aug. 30	Warsaw, Poland	National Philharmonic Hall	Alexandre Kantorow	Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1; Shostakovich 5
Sept. 1	Hamburg, Germany	Elbphilharmonie	Alexandre Kantorow	Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1; Shostakovich 5
Sept. 2	Hamburg, Germany	Elbphilharmonie	Augustin Hadelich	Carlos Simon Four Black American Dances; Barber; Dvořák 9
Sept. 3	Lucerne, Switzerland	Kultur und Kongresszentrum / Lucerne Festival	Alexandre Kantorow	Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1; Shostakovich 5
Sept. 4	Lucerne, Switzerland	Kultur und Kongresszentrum / Lucerne Festival	Anne-Sophie Mutter	John Adams Short Ride; Penderecki; Dvořák 9
Sept. 6	Cologne, Germany	Philharmonie	Anne-Sophie Mutter	John Adams Short Ride; Penderecki; Dvořák 9
Sept. 7	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Concertgebouw	Augustin Hadelich	Carlos Simon Four Black American Dances; Barber; Dvořák 9
Sept. 8	Essen, Germany	Philharmonie	Alexandre Kantorow	John Adams Short Ride; Rachmaninoff; Dvořák 9
Sept. 9	Vienna, Austria	Konzerthaus	Augustin Hadelich	John Adams Short Ride; Barber; Dvořák 9
Sept. 10	Vienna, Austria	Konzerthaus	Alexandre Kantorow	Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1; Shostakovich 5