

**Civic Youth Orchestra**  
**2008 Tour Down Under**  
**Code of Conduct**

Each member of the Civic Youth Orchestra 2008 Tour Down Under is responsible and accountable for his/her actions and behavior. Each member is expected to strictly observe the following Code of Conduct established by the Orchestra with input from the chaperones and students. These rules are essential for the safety of the group, the right of each tour participant to benefit from and enjoy the tour, and the ability of the orchestra to perform up to its full potential. Violations of these rules can result in the offenders being sent home at his/her own additional expense.

**GENERAL CONDUCT:** CYO is traveling as a group, not as individuals. Everyone's conduct reflects upon the group as a whole. It is necessary to respect host organizers and the host country, and especially important to respect the rights of others regarding cleanliness, privacy, rest and enjoyment. Because this Code of Conduct cannot cover every possible situation, we are counting on all tour participants to use common sense in avoiding situations and behavior that would put anyone at risk, cause problems for the group, or adversely effect safety, performance, and enjoyment by all.

**STAYING WITH THE GROUP:** CYO members are responsible for informing their chaperones of their whereabouts at all times, and getting permission to leave in smaller groups when free time is available. **ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS are to travel with the group throughout the tour.** Visits to friends or relatives must be requested in writing by parents before leaving on the tour, and cannot conflict with the orchestral obligations. Members leaving the group under these circumstances must be picked up and dropped off by their hosts.

**CURFEW:** Curfews for the orchestra members will be determined by the chaperones each night and must be observed. Visiting in other rooms will be allowed until curfew, but **NEVER** with only one male and one female behind closed doors.

**DRUGS:** The use of any illegal drugs will result in immediate suspension from CYO and expulsion from the tour.

**SMOKING:** Cigarettes may only be smoked outdoors.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** If you bring an iPhone, Blackberry, iPod (or similar device), cell phone or laptop, common etiquette applies. Use headphones and keep phone on vibrate and laptop on silent.

**ALCOHOL:** Customs in Australia and New Zealand are different from ours. The minimum drinking age in these countries is 18. It is imperative that each CYO member and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) fully discuss this issue and decide whether the CYO member may or may not consume alcohol if they are 18 or older. This decision, **for all under the age of 21**, must be indicated below with the appropriate signatures. The chaperones will be aware of the individual decisions for each CYO member in their group and will expect compliance with the commitment as signed. Consumption of alcohol in hotel rooms is forbidden at any time. The over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated. Tour leadership will have the final determination of "over-indulgence" or "moderation".

<b>DRINKING PLEDGE: My (our) orchestra student (<u>between 18 and 21 years of age</u>) is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages in moderation:</b>		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>(<u>circle one</u>)</b>

I have read and understand the contents of the above code of conduct. I pledge to behave in accordance with this code of conduct.

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**(Print Participant Name)**

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**(Tour Participant Signature)**

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(CYO Parent/Guardian Signature)

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