

Kayleen Seidl to tour Europe with musicians



Kayleen Seidl, a sophomore at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School and a soprano in the Upper School Vocal Ensemble, has been selected to perform with The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus when it begins its 2007 European Concert Tour in July. After a rigid applicant screening process, Seidl was chosen to join other select student musicians representing nearly every state in the U.S.

After four days of intensive rehearsal and orientation on the campus of Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA, the group will travel to Frankfurt, Germany on June 29 for the start of a 25-day tour during which they are scheduled to present 10 performances in some of Europe's concert halls and cathedrals.

The students will experience the cultures of six countries: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France and Luxembourg, visiting the cities of Paris, Venice, Strasbourg, Innsbruck, Stresa, Verona, Rothenburg, Grindelwald, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Lucerne.

Seidl, a vocal student of Janice Sacket of Pittsburg, KS, received top ratings at both the district and state levels for vocal solos and was selected for the Missouri District Choir for the past two years. She also participated in musical productions at the Joplin Little Theatre and with Heartland Opera Theatre.

Students who have demonstrated outstanding musical ability and excellent character are eligible to apply for membership in the tour. Membership is open to talented student musicians ages 15-20 who qualify through audition and who receive outstanding character recommendations.

[The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus](#), celebrating its 31st year in 2007, has received international acclaim for its exemplary success in achieving outstanding cultural relationships with European countries. The Sound of America has been the recipient of letters of commendation from President George W. Bush; former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush; former Under-Secretary-General to the United Nations Dick Thornburgh; former Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge; and former First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Kayleen Seidl is the daughter of David and Becky Seidl of Joplin.