Dear Alumnae of Smith College,

We cordially invite you to cruise along the Danube River on the yacht-like riverboat, M.V. Casanova. The panorama of villages, cathedrals and castles will be splendid in the summer's bright sunlight. Adding to the many pleasures of this trip will be onboard virtuoso performances and enrichment lectures, as well as concerts in historic settings.

Traveling with us will be Smith Professor of Music Jane Bryden, a distinguished advocate of chamber music who will enrich our program with a series of musical conversations. Her husband, accomplished flutist Christopher Krueger, will perform for us on board, as will the versatile and exciting vocal artist Nancy Hermiston.

Our journey begins in the baroque city of Salzburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with three nights at the well-located Sheraton Hotel. Among the highlights will be visits to the Mozart Museum and the Residenz, where Mozart often performed. A special treat will be a lovely drive through the Alpine countryside to the castle of Herrenchiemsee, a replica of Versailles built on an island. After a walk through its French gardens, we will enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride to a charming restaurant for lunch.

From Salzburg we drive to Passau for a tour of St. Stephan's Cathedral, which houses the world's largest pipe organ. Then, embark the awaiting Casanova for our seven-night cruise. Step ashore in Melk to visit the magnificent baroque monastery, and in Dürnstein to stroll the medieval cobblestone streets and see the well-preserved 16th- to 18th-century architecture. By private invitation we will be guests at a reception and hosted tour of a nearby medieval castle.

You may wish to be on deck with your camera as we cruise through the Wachau Valley, considered one of the most beautiful regions of Austria. We dock for two nights in the Austrian capital of Vienna, where highlights include a training performance of the famed Lipizzaner Stallions and an excursion to Schönbrunn Palace. In the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, we will see the stunningly restored Mirbach Palace. The trip concludes with a full day in the fascinating Hungarian capital of Budapest.

Great museums, great music: I hope you will join us on this lovely summer voyage.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
THE MUSICAL HERITAGE OF THE DANUBE

SALZBURG & DANUBE CRUISE ABOARD THE M.V. CASANOVA

August 12 to 23, 2008

SALZBURG

Thursday, August 14 The legacy of Mozart is everywhere in this city of music. We begin today with a visit to the Mozart Museum, once the composer’s family home. Then see the Residenz, former home of the prince-archbishops, where the young Wolfgang Amadeus often performed. After lunch at a lively café, our walking tour continues to the 17th-century cathedral. The afternoon is unscheduled for individual pursuits. A musical performance at nearby Mirabell Castle will highlight the evening.

SALZBURG

Friday, August 15 Journey today through the lovely Alpine countryside to Schloss Herrenchiemsee, Ludwig II’s stunning replica of Versailles. A short ferry ride will take us to the schloss (castle), which is built on an island. Visit the house and walk in the formal French gardens. Horse-drawn carriages will take us to a lovely restaurant for lunch. Return to Salzburg in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure.

NEW YORK DEPARTURE

Tuesday, August 12 Depart New York on an overnight flight to Munich.

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Wednesday, August 13 Arrive in Munich and transfer by private motorcoach to the Sheraton Salzburg. The afternoon is at leisure to relax in this lovely baroque city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its fine ensemble of historic buildings and squares. This evening gather at the hotel for cocktails and introductions followed by a welcome dinner.
**SALZBURG | PASSAU, GERMANY**

**Saturday, August 16**  Depart for Passau, stopping at Oberndorf to see the chapel where “Silent Night” was first performed. Continue to Schärding for a walking tour of this 16th-century baroque town and time for lunch at leisure. Conclude the day in Passau and visit St. Stephan’s Cathedral with its 17,300-pipe organ, the world’s largest. Embark the awaiting *Casanova* at teatime. This evening the captain hosts a welcome dinner as we cruise to Austria.

**MELK | DURNSTEIN, AUSTRIA**

**Sunday, August 17**  Awake this morning in Melk, where we will see the richly frescoed and gilded abbey church where Mozart performed. During lunch, pass terraced hillsides planted with vineyards and fruit orchards as the *Casanova* winds through the Wachau Valley to the hillside village of Dürnstein. Upon arrival, stroll Dürnstein’s medieval cobblestone streets and see the well-preserved 16th- to 18th-century architecture. Then we are invited for a private reception and tour of a medieval 15th-century castle. Dinner is on board.

**DURNSTEIN | VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

**Monday, August 18**  Have your camera out as we continue to cruise through the scenic Wachau Valley to Vienna, musical mecca of the 18th century. After lunch on board step ashore for a walking tour of Austria’s capital. Stop to see St. Stephen’s Cathedral, where Mozart attended many concerts, as well as the nearby Mozart Museum. *Casanova* remains docked in Vienna for two nights.

**VIENNA**

**Tuesday, August 19**  A unique experience awaits us at the Spanish Riding Academy, where we will view the morning training session of the famed Lipizzaner Stallions. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we explore the vast Kunsthistorisches Museum, with its stellar collections. An early dinner will be served on board before we drive to Schönbrunn, the Habsburg’s grand summer palace. It was here that Mozart first performed before the Empress Maria Theresa. We will attend a concert in the Schönbrunn Orangerie.
**VIENNA**

**Wednesday, August 20**  Today begins with a visit to the museums of both Upper and Lower Belvedere, which are separated by elegant gardens. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure to explore this great city independently, or to linger in one of the traditional Viennese coffee houses. This evening you may wish to attend an opera or concert, pending schedules. The ship sails just before midnight.

**BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA**

**Thursday, August 21**  Awake this morning in the capital of Slovakia. Situated in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, Bratislava has a rich history of musical life. We will drive by Pálffy Palace, where the six-year-old Mozart gave a concert, and see the stunningly restored Mirbach Palace. There will be leisure time to browse the tempting crafts shops before we return to the ship for lunch on board and an afternoon cruise to Budapest.

**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY**

**Friday, August 22**  Our day begins in the Hungarian capital of Budapest, crowned by the grand Royal Palace on Castle Hill. The *Casanova* is docked within walking distance of the main market with its colorful displays of fruit, flowers and folk art. We will tour this city divided by the Danube, with ancient Buda on the right bank and modern Pest on the left, before returning to the ship for lunch. Afternoon visits include the Museum of Fine Arts and the neo-Gothic St. Matthias Church, as well as a stop for a coffee and pastry at the renowned Café Gerbaud. This evening attend a festive farewell dinner on board.

**NEW YORK**

**Saturday, August 23**  Disembark the *Casanova* and transfer to the airport for the return flights home.

*Belvedere Palace, Vienna.*

*Budapest and the Danube River.*
Other amenities aboard M.V. Casanova include a lounge, library, boutique, beauty salon and bar, as well as an infirmary with a doctor on board. Each cabin has built-in closets, private bathroom with shower, telephone, radio and television.

**M.V. CASANOVA**

**Built in 2001 and refurbished in 2005, the 5-star Casanova is ideally suited for viewing the spectacular Danube scenery.** Her 48 beautifully appointed cabins feature full-length French doors on Verdi Deck (upper) and large windows on Rialto Deck (lower). Enjoy Continental cuisine in the dining room and relax with fellow travelers on the spacious Sun Deck.
M.V. CASANOVA • DECK PLAN

VERDI DECK (upper)

RIALTO DECK (lower)

Cabin marked with an asterisk (*) have a queen-size bed. All other cabins have twin beds.

Please Note: There is no elevator aboard M.V. Casanova

RATES & ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin Categories
(Description) | Land/Cruise Rates
(Per Person, Double Occupancy)
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Cabins 220 to 223 Rialto Deck | $5,995
These cabins are available for single use at a supplement of $2,650

Cabins 203 to 219 Rialto Deck | $6,595
These cabins are available for single use at a supplement of $2,950

Cabins 101 to 127 Verdi Deck | $6,795

Cabins 201 & 202 Rialto Deck | $6,995
Junior Suites

Rates Include
- Three nights accommodations at the Sheraton Hotel, Salzburg
- Seven nights cabin accommodations aboard M.V. Casanova
- All meals aboard ship, including wine with dinner. In Salzburg: buffet breakfast daily, two lunches and one dinner
- Sightseeing via private motorcoach, with bi-lingual national guides
- Entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport / pier / hotel group transfers
- Taxes, service and portage fees
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

Not Included in Rates
- Airfare; passport fees; alcoholic beverages other than wine at dinners; $110 port charges; personal expenses, trip insurance, customary shipboard gratuities; excess baggage; transfers for those not using group flights; any other items not specifically included.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE | RESERVATION APPLICATION

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