For more than 20 years, Cleveland District State High School has had a proud tradition of excellence in the Creative Arts. While our music program has been showcased on the world stage on many different occasions, in 2008 the entire Creative Arts faculty was presented for the very first time in the pioneer Cultural Exchange to Europe. Every two years we showcase Cleveland District State High School’s finest Creative Arts students in a Cultural Exchange to Europe.

**Why Europe?**

**Showcase**
Students develop team skills through experiencing the many aspects of presenting a showcase while travelling including the care and maintenance of instruments, costumes and artwork. The development of the showcase program and presenting in a variety of forums teaches the students to work, perform and think like a touring arts company.

**Homestays**
The month-long tour begins with homestays with students from two of our sister schools, Parkside College of the Arts and Copenhagen International School. Both sister schools offer world-class education with a strong emphasis on the creative arts. By visiting these two schools, our students will have the opportunity to see first-hand what is being achieved in other international Creative Arts programs.

**Culture**
For tourists with a cultural focus Europe is the greatest destination in the world. Students will be immersed in art in all its forms, from Shakespeare to musical theatre, from Baroque quartets to buskers, from street art to some of the greatest visual art galleries in the world. Europe has an enormous amount to offer our students. This is a chance to see and experience things previously only experienced through books, movies, documentaries, and electronic and social media.

**Travel experience**
Through touring overseas, students gain an insight into the customs of many different countries and will return with a heightened social and cultural awareness. Students will also learn the practical side of travelling in foreign countries including immigration, customs, self-discipline, consideration for others during group travel and experiencing cultures through hosting. By the end of the tour students will have a greater understanding of overseas travel; be more socially and culturally aware of the world around them; develop successful group dynamics, team spirit, and school pride; increase their self discipline and dedication; and develop a sense of independence while living away from home.