

The Fondazione/Amici & The Continuo Arts Foundation
presents
The 2nd Festival Internazionale Di Arte Per Giovani
Musicisti

Rome □ Vatican City □ Assisi □ Prague
November 23 – December 1, 2012

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Continuo Arts Foundation, The Fondazione Pro Musica E Arte Sacra and Peter's Way Tours, let me welcome and congratulate each of you! Whether you are indeed a young artist, a supportive parent or a gifted director, this is the 'team work that makes the dream work' and we are excited to share this experience together!

The annual Festival Di Musica E Arte Sacra is a series regarded internationally as one of the world's most prestigious festivals. Recognizing the importance of investing in the future of music and musicians around the world, we have the honor and privilege of being part of the annual Festival Internazionale Di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti. Your investment of time, talent, and support will establish the foundation for this important musical event and will influence the arts for many years to come.

As we share music from around the world we will also absorb and experience the rich culture, history and breathtaking sites that Rome, Vatican City, Assisi & Prague have to offer. It is often said that music leads us to the windows of heaven and lets us gaze within.. looking forward to sharing the view with you!

Candace Wicke, DMA
President & Executive Director
The Continuo Arts Foundation

Day 1 November 23, Friday: Depart for Rome

Today, depart from your International Airport on your overseas performance tour, enjoying the evening sky during your overnight flight to Rome, Italy. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft.

Day 2 November 24, Saturday: Arrive/Rome

Upon arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board your comfortable motor coach and soon you will be on your way for an orientation ride of the "Eternal City." History evolving over 2,500 years will be made visible for you by the Roman ruins, 15th century churches, 17th century palaces, and 20th century monuments. On to your hotel.

Independent lunch.

Festival rehearsal will be scheduled this afternoon.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome. (D)

**Day 3 November 25, Sunday: AM/Tour of Ancient Rome -
PM/Mass or Vespers at St. Peter's Basilica with Pope Benedict
XVI (Feast of Christ the King)**

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, we visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see the original chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's greatest master-pieces.

Then, we continue to the ancient Roman Forum. See the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine and proceed to the outside of the Coliseum for a fascinating explanation of its history. Continue on to the grandiose white marble monument of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the “Wedding Cake.” See the Trajan Column and the Market (the ancient Roman equivalent of a department store). End your tour in St. Peter’s Square to attend the noon Papal Blessing.

Independent lunch.

Festival rehearsal will be scheduled early afternoon.

Late afternoon, transfer to St. Peter’s Basilica to attend the Papal Mass or Papal Vespers with Pope Benedict XVI. (Feast of Corpus Christi).

Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

Day 4 November 26, Monday: AM/Tour of Vatican Museums; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter’s Basilica – PM/Rehearsal – Sing for the Scheduled Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica/ Evening/ Gala Dinner

After breakfast, begin your morning of sightseeing with a visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of the Princes of the Church through the richly decorated galleries. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes, where Michelangelo best expressed his genius in monumental frescoes. End your morning tour in

St. Peter’s Basilica. Take in the astounding architecture and the statuary adorning this largest of all Christian churches, including Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” Pray at the new tomb of Blessed John Paul II, in St. Sebastian’s Chapel. On your own, with time permitting, you may wish to go to the Vatican Crypt to see and pray near the tomb of St. Peter and where numerous pontiffs are buried, among incredible works of art.

Independent lunch.

Afternoon, individual groups festival rehearsal will be scheduled.

Around 4:00 pm, you will be transferred to St. Peter’s Basilica for the 5:00 pm Scheduled Mass, sung by Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovanni Musicisti performers.

Your gala dinner, this evening, will be at Benito Restaurant in Rome.

Experience an atmosphere of hospitality, friendship, and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting with wine and music.

Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 5 November 27, Tuesday: Assisi/Visit the Sites of St.

Francis – Evening/ Concert at the Basilica of St. Francis

After breakfast, leave Rome and board our comfortable motor-coach for the trip to the ancient mountaintop city of Assisi. It’s a town of narrow lanes, numerous shrines of Saint Francis, and an extraordinary amount of art dedicated to its young friar – a rich young man who turned to God after an illness, and whose subsequent life has inspired millions. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis – a “double” Basilica with two extraordinary basilicas built one on top of the other. We’ll tour the dramatic Romanesque lower basilica, where the body of the Saint is buried. In the soaring Gothic upper basilica we will marvel at the world-famous Giotto frescoes depicting scenes from the life of St. Francis.

Independent lunch.

Festival rehearsal and Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

Independent dinner.

Return to Rome for overnight. (B)

Day 6 November 28, Wednesday: AM/Festival Chorus Dress Rehearsal – PM/At Leisure – Evening/The Second Internazionale di Arte per Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation

After breakfast, you will be transported by motor coach to the Festival Chorus and Orchestra Dress Rehearsal.

Independent lunch.

You will have leisure time for shopping and resting before the grand finale concert. An early dinner at your hotel will be provided and then, we depart for the second concert of the **Festival Internazionale di Arte Per Giovani Musicisti!** Following the concert, we will walk to beautiful Trevi Fountain to toss in coin to ensure your “Arrivederci, Roma.”

Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

Day 7 November 29, Thursday: Rome - Prague

Breakfast at your hotel. Morning at leisure and independent lunch. Late afternoon, you will be transferred to Rome’s Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your continuing flight to Prague via Frankfurt. Upon your arrival at Prague International Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter’s Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board your comfortable touring bus and soon, you will be on your way to Prague, the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic. This historic city of golden stone and architectural grace offers a mix of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo treasures. Nicknames for Prague have included “City of 100 Spires” and “The Golden City.” Since 1992, the historic center of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites.

Check-in at hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Prague. (B,D)

Day 8 November 30, Friday: AM/Highlight Tour of Prague - PM/Concert Presentation in Prague

After breakfast, we will get acquainted with the magnificent city of Prague. Prague is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The “City of 100 Spires” was spared from destruction during World War II and still contains beautiful examples of architecture.

Enjoy a guided tour, including the castle district (Hradcany). Visit St. Vitus’ Cathedral (used for the inauguration of Presidents and where you can find the tomb of St. Wenceslas and former rulers of the Czech Kingdom). Pass the Basilica of St. George to visit Prague Castle. Stroll through Mala Strana with its beautiful architectural buildings. Continue to Charles bridge visit the beautiful, statue-lined Charles Bridge to the Old Town, considered one of the most preserved old cities in Europe. See over a thousand years of history as you take in the architecture and

visit the old town square. See the famous astronomical clock that comes alive when the hour strikes and the twelve disciples appear to bless the crowd. You will also have the chance to visit the church of Our Lady before Tyn, and walk along the Prague alleys through the Powder Tower to St. Wenceslas Square.

Independent lunch.

**Afternoon, festival rehearsal and Festival Internazionale di Arte Per
Giovani Musicisti Concert Presentation in Prague.**

Independent dinner.

Overnight at hotel in Prague. (B)

Day 9 December 1, Saturday: Return from Prague

Breakfast at your hotel. Then, you will be transferred to Prague
International Airport for your return flight home.

Arrive on the same day. (B)