



Corso Internazionale di Musica a Tuscania

TUSCANIA, ITALY

July 26 - August 7, 2008



To: Participants in the 2008 Corso Internazionale di Musica a Tuscania

From: Donald Oehler, Professor of Music and director, CIMC

Please read carefully the following information regarding your trip to the CIMC program for July 27 to August 8, 2007. If you should have further questions please contact me directly.

PASSPORTS

The most important and immediate thing to do is get your passport in order if you do not already have one. It usually takes about four weeks to get one once you have mailed in your application, which you can get on-line:

http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

You may also get a form at any post office.

You will not need any visas, unless you plan to travel to Bulgaria or Rumania. If you plan to visit any other countries off the normal beaten path I suggest you check with the respective embassies in Washington, DC. If you are not a US citizen, but are traveling from the US, please check with your respective embassy for visa requirements.

FOR US STUDENTS:

DO NOT PACK YOUR PASSPORT! Carry it with your ticket so that it is easily accessible at the airport. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO BORROW YOUR PASSPORT FOR ANY REASON. This is an illegal activity. U.S. passports are no longer issued abroad. U.S. embassies and consulates continue to issue passports that are needed for urgent travel. However, such passports are limited in validity and cannot be extended. Report the loss of your passport to the United States Embassy or Consulate and the local police immediately. Make two copies of the photo-identity pages of your passport and keep them in separate safe places. You should also carry an extra set of passport photos with you.

Italian law requires you to have identification with you at all times. Technically, the police can request that you present your identification at any time. While many people suggest carrying your passport with you when you leave your accommodation, you may be uncomfortable with that. You may wish to keep your passport in a safe place and carry other identification, and photocopies of the passport. It is not common for people to be stopped and asked for identification. However, if it happens, and you are not carrying any, ask the police to call Lorenzo de' Medici in Tuscania and someone will verify your identity.

ALWAYS carry your passport when you travel – even within Italy. You must present your passport when checking into any hotel.



Comune di Tuscania



Getting There and Back

GETTING TO TUSCANIA

YOUR OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS WHILE IN TUSCANIA

Lorenzo de' Medici – Tuscania
Largo della Rocca, 7
01017 Tuscania (VT), Italy
TEL: (011 39) 0761-445148
FAX: (011 39) 0761-444814

HOUSING
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Via Dell'Olivio, 53
01017 Tuscania (VT), Italy
TEL: (011 39) 0761-444080
FAX: (011 39) 0761-444380

For Students arriving on Friday, July 25th, 2008

Some students may choose to arrive a day before the program begins, especially those with long international flights. A shuttle bus for direct transport from the Leonardo Da Vinci airport (Rome) to the hotel in Tuscania can be arranged for either Friday or Saturday, depending on travel arrivals. This service is not included in the tuition charge. Students arriving early will be charged an additional one night for the hotel. Please advise me of your arrival and departure arrangements well in advance of the program dates.

NOTE: The Lorenzo de' Medici airport shuttle service is for group pickup based on the number of students arriving on Friday.

For additional travel advice, and assistance, please contact Ione Kerr-Ciccioli:
Ione's cell number (**emergency contact, or outside of school opening hours**):
347 066 4928
Email: s.parenti@lorenzodemedici.it

*Airport to Train Station (Rome) – Train Station to Montalto -
Montalto to Tuscania via bus*

ROME HAS TWO MAIN AIRPORTS:

- 1 - Leonardo Da Vinci airport in Fiumicino (international flights)
- 2 - Ciampino (inter European flights)

Rome airports web site: <http://www.adr.it>

1. Roma Fiumicino/Leonardo da Vinci airport is located 15 miles from Rome, southwest of the city center. It is easily reached by car through the Rome-Fiumicino motorway. Taxis are available at the arrivals areas of the terminals. The approximate fare for a run to the center of Rome is about 45 Euros. Supplements might be asked for luggage, night, and public holidays. It is highly recommended that you take only the yellow and white licensed taxis with a taximeter.

To reach Rome from this airport use an airport commuter train: the "Leonardo Express." The train runs between the airport and the central railroad station, Stazione Termini. It departs every 30 minutes between the hours of 5:50 am and 10:50 pm. The trip takes 30 minutes and costs 9 Euros. There are signs for the train throughout the airport.

2. Roma Ciampino airport is located on the Via Appia Nuova, 7 miles from the center of Rome. It is a short distance from the Rome city ring road (GRA) and from the main road system of the NORTH-SOUTH and EAST-WEST motorways. Taxis are available at the arrivals areas of the terminals. The approximate fare to the center of Rome is about 35 Euro. Supplements might be asked for luggage, night, and public holidays. It is highly recommended that you take only the yellow and white licensed taxis.

*To reach Rome, use a shuttle bus service, "Terravision". Buses travel to the central rail station (Termini) every hour departing from outside the arrival terminal. The trip takes 45 minutes and costs 12 Euros. Tickets can be purchased on the bus.
<http://www.terravision.it>*



TRAIN

From the central train station (Termini) you will need to purchase a train ticket to: "Montalto de Castro" on the Roma-Pisa (fr5) line. The train direction will be Pisa. Trains run every hour, and the trip takes approximately 1 1/2 hours. Tickets are 6 Euros. There are several other train routes to Tuscania but this is the fastest and simplest. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth, or at the automatic machines near the tracks. Don't forget to validate tickets at the yellow electronic boxes located in the boarding areas before boarding the train. (Fines for un-validated tickets can be up to 50 Euros.)

Regular trains connect to the major cities in Italy and Europe from both the Central Railroad Station, Stazione Termini, and the Tiburtina Station. Train information, prices, and schedules can be found on : <http://www.trenitalia.it> It is not necessary to book tickets in advance online.

TO TUSCANIA

From Montalto book for the Lorenzo de' Medici Taxi Shuttle to meet your train, as Tuscania is located 12 miles from the station. LDM works with a licensed taxi/minivan service. The cost is 30 Euros flat rate, from Montalto to Tuscania (or 50 Euros flat rate with a 5 person minimum, up to 8 people). There is a local bus service between Montalto and Tuscania, **but, this will be adventurous travel with luggage or musical instruments in tow.**

Shuttle service: Massimo del Papa cell phone 347 6530680

The Lorenzo de' Medici staff will be happy to arrange the shuttle service for you if you call, or email, your travel information and needs in advance. **Massimo is very nice but speaks very little English.**

NOTE: The minivan shuttle works on a flat rate fee and can also be booked for a direct pickup from the Fiumicino, Leonardo da Vinci, airport for a flat rate of 120 Euro (this can be divided by up to 8 people).



LENGTH OF STAY IN TUSCANIA

The program will begin on Saturday, July 26th with a general welcome meeting with all your colleagues in the program and the faculty and staff. An opening faculty recital is presented in the evening. The last activity for the program will be on the evening of Thursday, August 7th. The program tuition includes your room from July 26th thru August 7th. You will want to leave on the morning of Thursday, August 8th.

If you need to arrive earlier than July 26th or stay longer than the 8th, you must make arrangements with the Hotel before arriving in Tuscania. Please let us know in advance so a room can be booked. There will be an extra charge for those days.

NOTE: Please let us know your arrival and departure plans in advance.

ACCOMMODATIONS

You will be staying at the Hotel Tuscania

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The hotel is located just outside the old city walls, perhaps a five minute walk from the main gate into the old part of Tuscania. The rooms are fresh, clean and attractive and, most importantly, air conditioned. Breakfast is included.



DRESS, ELECTRICAL APPLICANCES, HEALTH AND DRUGS PACKING

Clothes: Although dress will be casual and for VERY warm weather, please remember to respect your Italian hosts and remember, you represent the best of visiting students. I highly recommend dressing in layers rather than carting along some heavier sweater for the outside chance of a cool evening. It has been known to rain in August. You will be near water, so do bring a swim suit if you like.

Note - The hotel is air conditioned, but it does not use 'arctic' settings. The Lorenzo de Medici School has a really good HVAC, but other practice space will not have AC. You will be hot.

Note – *There are Italian mosquitoes!*

Concerts: For concerts, I recommend something simple and 'polite.' Men will want to bring a tie and a dress shirt (a coat is not needed but you will not feel out of place having one, if it is easy to pack.), and women will feel comfortable in something 'street length' and easy to pack. Women may bring black concert attire, but that which does not wrinkle.

Electrical: Remember, Europe uses different currents so you will either need an adapter for that favorite hair dryer or purchase European appliances. The adapter is much better to have, of course, but be sure to get a good one. An adapter can usually be found at any good luggage store. If you are planning to go on to other countries, you will need yet another adapter for their respective electrical outlets or purchase a multipurpose adapter. Many new appliances already have automatic adapters built in but do not assume that. Check to be sure.

Health: I recommend that if you have any prescriptions or special medicine, you bring along a clearly written copy of your prescription. If you should need to get a refill, or lose your medicine, a clearly written prescription will avoid any problems and unnecessary cost. Tuscania has a general practitioner who speaks some English and visits are 60 Euros up-front. There is also a First Aid station and an ambulance service. Viterbo, one of Italy's largest university towns, is 20 minutes away and has a large regional hospital. Visits to the hospital for foreigners are free, as it is a national health care system.

Packing: One rule. Less is better. A suggestion here. About one week before you depart, pack. Then, wait until it is hot enough to be uncomfortable and take your belongings for your trip (suitcase, backpack, Ipod, bottle of water, etc.) and go walk around the block. Now, go back and pack again!

NO DRUGS!

MONEY AND FOOD

Money: For banking, bring an ATM card that has an international pin. This will be the easiest system and has the best exchange rate. You will also be able to draw money from an ATM upon arrival at the airport. There are three (3) different banks in Tuscania. You may choose to bring a limited number of traveler's checks (American Express is the only really good one, in my opinion.) for emergency reasons. If you or a family member belongs to AAA you can usually buy checks in Euros at your local AAA office. Credit cards are a good safety measure but are often not necessarily accepted at all restaurants and hotels in Italy.

Food: Your breakfast is included at the hotel and it is substantial. You will have a small fridge in your room for snacks and sandwiches as well. For eating out (and you WILL want to do that) plan on about 15 to 20 Euros as a per diem. There are small convenience stores close to the hotel and main gate of the city. There will be lots of wonderful possibilities for exciting repasts.



THE PROGRAM, REPERTOIRE, ACADEMICS AND THE SCHEDULE

Program: The program is directed towards the study of solo works and appropriate chamber music experiences. Coaching sessions are held everyday beginning at 8:30am. A minimum of five lessons are scheduled with individual teachers. On Friday, August 1, you will present a public concert in Tuscania at the Chiesa Santa Croce. Additionally, on Tuesday, August 5th, you will have the opportunity to perform in an ‘in-house- concert for solo repertoire and extra chamber works that you will have worked on during your stay in Tuscania. Your closing concert will be on Thursday, August 7th in the Chiesa di San Francesco in Tuscania. An opening faculty concert will be presented on Saturday, July 26th.

Repertoire: The crucial ingredient to the success of your stay will be repertoire. We will with you to plan your repertoire well in advance. Begin by discussing with your private teacher those works that you would like to consider and are best for your development and experience.

- Please check with the director on instrumentation **before** deciding on any repertoire.
- You will need to bring your own music **with study scores** or separate piano parts.
- Above all, check with the director, D. Oehler, about all proposed repertoire.
- We will do our best to assign repertoire before you leave for Tuscania.
- Instrumentalists should bring a music stand.
- Read the above bullets once again!

There is no music library in Tuscania. Therefore, we will all have to bring our own music. **This is very important to remember.** Last minute changes in repertoire will not be easy.



Schedule: On Saturday the faculty will visit with each of the respective students in their area to further organize the schedule and practice schedules. Also, on Saturday, the Lorenzo de Medici School will give an orientation to the town of Tuscania. Coaching sessions and lessons will begin on Sunday and continue throughout the week. Saturday, August 2nd will be a free day. The finale concert will be on Thursday, August 7th with departure on the 8th. Coaching and private lessons will begin early in the mornings and end by 1pm.

Academics: North American students will receive one credit hour (MUSIC 214) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Non-UNC students will need to transfer credit to their own institution via the UNC Registrar's Office, 105 Hanes Hall, CB #2100, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Tel: 919 962-3954

Internet: The Lorenzo de' Medici School in Tuscania is wired for internet with a bank of computers for your use.



Lorenzo de' Medici

The Lorenzo de' Medici School in Florence has been an outstanding center for study abroad since 1973, offering a variety of courses from history to art and Italian. Recently opened, the Lorenzo de' Medici School in Tuscania offers a special experience in learning. Because of the small size and its geographical position, students will live their study experience in a familiar and human environment almost untouched by modern day hustle and tourism. The school itself is situated in the old town center just inside one of the main gates of the old town center.

The Lorenzo de' Medici School is a member of the Federation of European Schools, the Association of Schools Teaching Italian as a Second Language, the Federation of International Youth Travel Organization, the European Association of Language Travel Organizations and an associate member of the College Consortium of International Studies.

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For a view of the School in Tuscania:
<http://www.studyabroadinitaly.it/about/index.html>

