

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS WITHIN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE WORLD



Passion of Italy, Perform in St. Peter's Basilica Rome

June 2011

- Sing Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome
- Perform in the festival gala concert in Rome with an option for individual concerts in Italy
- The repertoire has been selected to offer the performer the opportunity to excel, grow and celebrate great music both at home and abroad

VENICE

Enjoy a guided visit of the historical center of Venice: the golden Basilica of St. Mark, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison.

TUSCANY

Travel to the Tuscan region and visit Florence, the city where artists, painters and architects found to be an ideal forum for their artistic development. Enjoy a guided tour of Florence which includes Piazza Del Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, Accademia Museums and Piazza della Signoria. Visit Pisa located on the Arno River on the Ligurian Sea. The city is known worldwide for its famous bell tower or visit Lucca, the old city featuring some of Italy's finest medieval and renaissance architecture. See San Michele in Foro, San Frediano, the cathedral San Martino, the shopping street via Fillungo, Palazzo and Torre Guinig.

ROME

Explore Rome with a guided tour of the Vatican City and Vatican Museums, Capitoline Hill, citadel of ancient Rome, the Tarpeian Rock, the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Visit Circo Maximus, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and Piazza di Spagna.

Performances

- Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome
- Gala concert at Basilica Santa Maria Sopra Minerva or Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli, Rome (tbc)
- Optional individual performance in Montecatini

Conducting this festival are: Dr Hilary Apfelstadt and Dr. Anna Hamre.

Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt is Professor and Associate Director of the School of Music at the Ohio State University in Columbus. Dr. Apfelstadt has guest conducted in Canada, Europe and Cuba and has directed numerous all-state and honor choirs throughout the U.S. Dr. Anna Hamre is in demand as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator. Dr. Hamre became Director of Choral Activities at California State University, Fresno in 1999. Dr. Hamre conducts the Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Community Chorus Master Chorale and Coro Piccolo frequently collaborating with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra.

"World Voices Australia proved to be an exceptional experience – both musically and culturally – for our group. From top notch tour guides to the once-in-a-lifetime experience of singing in the Sydney Opera House, I would highly recommend this PA Tours & Events program to future Choirs."

David Hobson, Centenary College Choir, Australia and New Zealand, 2009