

# SPOLETO STUDY ABROAD 2012

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Applications are due by 2/24/12. Applications are accepted after 2/24/12, based on program availability.



**JULY 7 - JULY 29**

**Photography, Vocal Music,  
Visual Arts, Drama, & Creative Writing**

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**Type of Program:** Arts & Humanities for high school students  
**Participants:** Coeducational, ages 15-19  
**Program Dates:** July 7 - July 29, 2012  
**Directors:** Jill and Lorenzo Muti, Co-Directors

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### PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Spoleto Study Abroad summer session is an immersion program in the arts and humanities for high school students, ages 15-19, interested in visual arts, photography, creative writing, drama, and vocal music. This program offers students an opportunity to explore the rich cultural and artistic heritage of Italy; to work closely with talented faculty and motivated peers from around the world; and to grow academically, artistically, and personally. Living and studying in an environment alive with history, art, and natural beauty is profoundly transformative for a student of the arts.

### LOCATION

Spoleto, Italy, a gorgeous medieval hillside town emblematic of Central Italy, will be your home throughout the program. Spoleto, the seat of a Lombard Duchy during the High Middle Ages, still preserves a vast array of artistic memories from its historic past. In a captivating atmosphere of history and culture, the students live and work in a beautiful and inspiring setting.

### PROGRAM OFFERINGS

**Visual Arts** Students explore the conceptual, aesthetic, and technical elements of art through studio classes, art history, and field trips. Courses include instruction and exercises in drawing, painting, and two-dimensional design. The theoretical elements of the course are then illustrated with examinations of works of art found throughout the town and the region. The course is designed to help the students develop stronger individual portfolios. Final projects are exhibited in an art show.

**Vocal Music** Emphasizing artistic and technical growth, students are immersed in a wealth of musical offerings from the baroque to contemporary. The program includes both group and private lessons exploring a gamut of musical compositions. Students will also be exposed to the rich history and influence of Italian opera. Several performances will be given by the vocal music students in Spoleto.



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**Photography** You will explore your creativity through lens choice, camera angles, lighting, and custom function settings on your camera. The course is very hands-on through on-location photo assignments and some photo editing. Though image editing will be studied in this course to complete your final photo essay, the emphasis is placed on image capture, and soaking up the beauty that Italy has to offer!

**Creative Writing** Basic to writing creatively in any literary genre; poetry, prose, drama, is the intricate relationship between speaker, subject and audience. Students participate in a writers' workshop to explore this relationship through a variety of activities that focus on developing point of view, voice, tone and mood. In order to take advantage of the rich environment in which they are living, students are required to keep a journal and to explore the local community with the instructor during exploratory walks through Spoleto and its environs.

**Drama** The drama program gives students the opportunity to develop solid traditional acting skills while exploring the unique challenges of Shakespeare. Each student will finish the program with a polished audition piece for entry-level college auditions, and heightened acting abilities suitable for a broad range of material from classical to contemporary musical theatre.

### ADDITIONAL COURSES OFFERED

Introductory Italian, Art & Ideas, Art & Architecture, History of Opera, and workshops related to each student's area of interest.

### EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Through twice-weekly excursions to cities such as Florence, Tivoli, and Orvieto, students will venture from Roman time, to the early Christian period, from the Middle Ages to the blooming of the Renaissance. Winding through cobblestone streets of historic towns with vistas of olive groves; exploring an Etruscan ruin; crossing a Roman aqueduct; and visiting the many museums and churches will put students in touch with many of the greatest minds of western civilization from Dante to Michelangelo, from Botticelli to Boccaccio.



## STAFF

Faculty members of Spoleto Study Abroad are distinguished artists and educators from colleges, universities, and secondary schools in the United States and Italy. They are chosen for their extensive knowledge and enthusiasm; their dynamic teaching methods; and their willingness and ability to work closely with each student.

## MEALS

Italy is known for its cuisine and the province of Umbria lives up to even the highest expectations. Breakfast is served in the courtyard of the convent. Lunch and dinner are provided by a wonderful family-run restaurant in town with menus showcasing the local Umbrian cuisine.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

All students live together European collegial style at the Residence di Sant'Angelo, a gorgeous renovated fifteenth century convent in the medieval section of Spoleto. The residence has been updated with modern conveniences and has spacious courtyards, colorful gardens, and terraces. It is only a short walk to classes, the main piazzas of town and the restaurant where meals are eaten. Students are supervised and guided by faculty, staff, and the interns who live at the residence with the students.

## DAILY SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Classes & workshops
1:15 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Siesta/private lessons
5:00 pm	Studio workshops and rehearsals
8:00 pm	Dinner



## COST

The comprehensive fee for Spoleto Study Abroad is \$5,650 for applications postmarked by 2/24/12. Tuition for applications postmarked after 2/24/12 is \$5,700. This fee includes tuition, meals, lodging, books, materials, entrance fees for group activities, and all field-trip related transportation in Italy. Expenses not included are round-trip airfare to Rome, passport fees, travel insurance, and personal expenses.

## TRANSPORTATION

Specific flights to Rome are announced at the time of acceptance into the program. Students have the option to travel to Rome with staff on a designated U.S. flight to Rome, or make other flight arrangements. From Rome, students travel to Spoleto with staff via the program's charter bus. At the program's end, students are accompanied by staff back to the airport in Rome. A staff member will accompany students on the designated return flight to the U.S.

## ENROLLMENT

Students must have finished the ninth grade and demonstrate marked proficiency in their specific area of interest. A complete application and portfolio/audition must be submitted. Students can find the application, information on the audition process, and portfolio requirements on our website. **THERE IS NO LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.**

## APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Inquiries are welcome anytime. The program fee for applications postmarked by 2/24/12 is \$5,650. The fee for applications postmarked after 2/24/12 is \$5,700. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from our website. Spoleto Study Abroad will accept applications after 2/24/12, as long as space remains available.

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## CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS

Ashley Hall, Charleston, SC  
Castilleja School, Palo Alto, CA  
Charlotte Latin School, Charlotte, NC  
Convent of the Visitation School, Mendota Heights, MN  
The Culver Academies, Culver, IN  
Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills, MI  
The Hammond School, Columbia, SC  
Heathwood Hall, Columbia, SC

The Hutchison School, Memphis, TN  
The Lovett School, Atlanta, GA  
Marist School, Atlanta, GA  
Park Tudor School, Indianapolis, IN  
Porter-Gaud School, Charleston, SC  
Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, NC  
Saint Mary's School, Raleigh, NC  
Stevenson School, Pebble Beach, CA  
Virginia Episcopal School

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