

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS WITHIN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE WORLD



## Passion of Italy, sing in St. Peter's Basilica

### March 2011

- Sing Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome
- Perform 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.

### Performance

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

Conducting this Festival is Eric Dale Knapp. Eric is a dynamic conductor whose commitment and energy empower the musicians he leads to give performances that stir the souls of his audiences. Maestro Knapp's mastery of the repertoire spans the full spectrum from fresh authentic interpretations of traditional works to visionary performances of multimedia works of the new millennium.

*I could not be happier with our tour. I just loved it. I love the PA staff, and it was a pleasure to work through all the business ends of things with them. I was very happy with accommodations and food. The itinerary and performance schedule was just what I wanted, and I think the variety of musical experiences and the amazing venues were exceptional. Good size audiences too! I wouldn't change a bit of that. Again, I loved, loved, loved the tour and I cannot wait to do it again!*

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