



Your World of Music

PASSION OF ITALY 2016

with
Craig Hella Johnson



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Individual concerts
Combined Festival concerts
Sing Mass at St. Peter's Basilica
Tour Rome
Option to tour Florence/Venice

JUNE/JULY 2016



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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear friends,

I am pleased to let you know that I have agreed to lead the 2016 Passion of Italy festival in Rome. After the great success of the festival in Barcelona I am eager to come together again with KI to create extraordinary shared singing experiences that build musical and personal connections. I invite you to share the power of choral music in this city that resonates with so much of the music we love. I plan to shape a program that will be a diverse collection of pieces and one that will be well suited to the participating singers. It is always one of my favorite parts of this process-- shaping a program that fits the time, location and context and the various strengths and interests of the participating ensembles. I am thrilled about this opportunity and hope to have a chance to make music with you and your singers.

In addition to our work as a festival choir there will be opportunities for individual concerts, immersion in the great history of Rome, engaging sightseeing and the camaraderie unique to performing with peers in the greatest of venues.

You can choose to visit Florence as well as Venice so that you can visit three of the world's greatest cities on the one tour.

I look forward to further dialogue with you as you consider this invitation.

- Craig Hella Johnson



Craig Hella Johnson

Craig Hella Johnson is the Founding Artistic Director and Conductor of the Austin-based, internationally renowned, Grammy®-nominated choir *Conspirare*. He also serves as Music Director of Cincinnati Vocal Arts Ensemble and Artistic Director of the Victoria Bach Festival. In 1998, Johnson was Artistic Director of San Francisco-based *Chanticleer* and from 2000–2005 was Music Director of Houston Masterworks Chorus. Known for crafting thought-provoking musical journeys that create deep connections between performers and listeners, Johnson is in frequent demand as a guest conductor of choral and orchestral works in the USA and abroad. Johnson was appointed 2013 Texas State Musician by the Texas Legislature. He received the Louis Botto Award for Innovative Action and Entrepreneurial Zeal from Chorus America in 2009 and was inducted into the Austin Arts Hall of Fame in 2008. Johnson served as the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas in Austin from 1990 to 2001 and was appointed Texas State University's first Artist-in-Residence in Fall 2012. Johnson's compositions, arrangements, and edited scores are published by Alliance Music and as part of the Craig Hella Johnson Choral Series with G. Schirmer and Hal Leonard. He also performs as a pianist and singer in a variety of styles. Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, the University of Illinois, Yale University, and at the International Bach Academy with Helmuth Rilling as a National Arts Fellowship recipient.

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ROME FESTIVAL

Monday, June 27

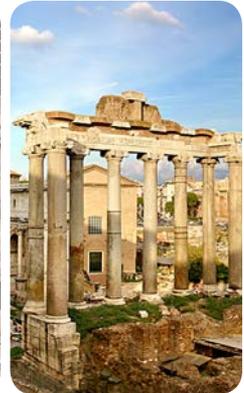
- Departure

Tuesday, June 28

- Land at Rome airport
- Meet your KIconcerts representative
- Introduction to Rome
- Dinner daily
- Check in
- Overnight Rome

Wednesday, June 29

- Breakfast daily
- Tour the breathtaking Colosseum and the Roman Forum
- Combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson
- Overnight Rome



Thursday, June 30

- Combined rehearsal with Craig Hella Johnson
 - Guided walking tour of the historical centre of Rome including Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and Piazza Campo de' Fiori
 - **Individual concert option**
 - Overnight Rome
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Friday, July 1

- Enjoy a day in Vatican City – a city state in the center of Rome – the heart of the Roman Catholic religion
- Tour the Vatican Museums – the highlight of which is the never to be forgotten Sistine Chapel with its breathtaking frescos by Michelangelo
- **Combined choir sings Mass at St Peter's Basilica under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson (tbd)**
- Overnight Rome



Saturday, July 2

- Dress rehearsal
- Explore Rome
- Return to hotel, downtime, change
- Arrive at gala concert venue
- **Individual performances and Gala Concert under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson**
- Overnight Rome

Sunday, July 3

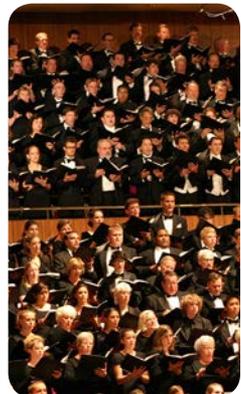
- Transfer to airport and return home

OR

- Continue to Florence

*** Itinerary subject to change.*

*** Confirmation of performances is dependent upon early receipt of performance information: biographies, pictures, recordings and repertoire*



FLORENCE FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 3

- Travel to Pisa
- **Optional individual community concert in the greater Pisa area**
- Arrive in the spa town of Montecatini with its relaxed main boulevard, gelato shops and Italian families enjoying their holidays
- Check in
- Overnight Montecatini

Monday, July 4

- Tour the magnificent city of Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. Visit the Piazza Del Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and view Michelangelo's masterpiece, David
- **Individual performances and Gala Concert under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson**
- Overnight Montecatini

Tuesday, July 5

- Depart for home or continue to Venice

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VENICE EXTENSION

Tuesday, July 5

- Transfer to Tronchetto Pier
- Sail to Venice
- Guided visit of the historical center of Venice including seeing the famed St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace decorated by 16th century artists such as Titian and Tintoretto, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison
- Transfer to Mestre
- Check in
- Overnight Mestre

Wednesday, July 6

- Return to Venice
- Explore the pathways, waterways and sights of this lagoon community from where the Venetians ruled the waterways for over a millennium
- **Optional individual concert**
- Overnight Mestre

Thursday, July 7

- Transfer to airport and return home

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PACKAGE DETAILS

ROME FESTIVAL PROGRAM

PRICE PER PERSON	\$3,355
IF PAID BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEBIT	\$3,195

ROME AND FLORENCE FESTIVAL PROGRAM

PRICE PER PERSON	\$3,775
IF PAID BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEBIT	\$3,595

ROME/FLORENCE FESTIVAL PROGRAM AND VENICE

PRICE PER PERSON	\$4,195
IF PAID BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEBIT	\$3,995

INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from New York, economy class
- Air taxes and surcharges
- Private motor coach throughout with driver
- 3.5 star accommodations, based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Professional tour escort throughout tour
- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees
- Concert organization and promotion listed in itineraries
- Core travel insurance benefits
- Group tips

EXCLUSIONS (optional)

- Single room supplement
- Travel insurance upgrades
- Allocation of specific seat assignments on flights
- Meals other than specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses, eg. drinks, laundry, phone calls
- Any other items not mentioned in inclusions above

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PRICE NOTES

- All prices are in USD, projected for 2016 and are subject to change
- They are based on an exchange rate of \$1USD = 0.80EUR and a minimum of 40 paying travelers
- They may increase if there are significant changes in fuel surcharges/air travel taxes
- 1 free position is offered for each 20 paying passengers buying the full package outlined above, not including the “Exclusions” outlined above
- Once you have expressed your interest in participating, we will provide you with a price based on travel from and to your preferred airport

PRODUCERS

For over 30 years, **Klconcerts** (Kingsway International) has provided choirs and instrumental ensembles with affordable and unforgettable international and domestic custom tours and festivals. Klconcerts combines unique destinations, awe-inspiring venues, warm audiences with renowned composers, educators, conductors and musicians. Together with our talented local concert tour organizers we facilitate a deep sharing of culture...the essence of performance travel.

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