

Rome & The Rossini Opera Festival August 2023



With KHFM's Brent Stevens
& Anthony Barrese of Opera Southwest!
August 16-25, 2023

Join Brent Stevens of KHFM and Maestro Anthony Barrese of Opera Southwest on an art, food, wine and opera lovers' journey to Rome and Pesaro! Enjoy three outstanding Rossini operas at the celebrated Rossini Festival in Pesaro. We also have plans to attend the renowned Macerata Opera Festival.

Additional highlights include an outing to the charming hill towns of Assisi and Urbino. An excursion to the republic of San Marino, a visit to a local winery where you'll enjoy a farm lunch. Local dining experiences, an included cooking class and relaxing in the beautiful seaside town of Pesaro. While in Rome you'll enjoy an in-depth tour of the Galleria Borghese, backstage opera house tours and Rome's celebrated Capitoline Museums. Don't miss out. *Space is limited*



Trip at a Glance

1 Night in Rome
5 Nights in Rossini's Pesaro
3 Nights in Rome



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IT'S INCLUDED

- Hosted by KHFM's Brent Stevens and Maestro Anthony Barrese of Opera Southwest
- Guided by Earthbound Expeditions program director Natalia Mandelli
- Tickets to the Rossini Pesaro Opera Festival
- Tickets to the Macerata Opera Festival (TBA)
- An excursion to the ancient republic of San Marino
- Visits to Urbino and Assisi, birthplace of Saint Francis
- Accommodations in four-star hotels
- All breakfasts plus eight additional multi-course meals highlighting regional specialties
- Wine tastings in Italy's celebrated vineyards
- A cooking class in Pesaro
- Transport by private air-conditioned motor coach
- Pre-concert talks with hosts Brent and Anthony
- Alumni discounts applied towards future adventures

TRIP FACTS

10 Days/9 Nights (*not including air travel*)

\$5,495 per person double occupancy land

\$1,575 single supplement

August 16: Trip begins in Rome at 6:00pm

August 25: Trip ends in Rome after breakfast

NOT INCLUDED: International air transport, travel insurance and any items not listed in your tailor-made opera fest itinerary.

SAVE UP TO \$300: KHFM & Opera Southwest travel and Earthbound alumni save \$100 ❖ Pay your final balance by check and save \$100 ❖ Reserve by March 15, and save \$100

RESERVATIONS: A \$750 dollar is deposit is required to secure your reservations. Deposits are refundable for 30 days minus an administration fee. Telephone our team to secure your reservation at: 800.723.8454



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MEET YOUR GUIDE & CLASSICAL HOSTS



Maestro Anthony Barrese has earned accolades as both a composer and a conductor. He is the recipient of the 2007 Georg Solti Foundation U.S. award for young conductors. His original works have won numerous awards, and he is regularly engaged by opera companies in North America and Italy. As Artistic Director of Opera Southwest he has performed Rossini's *Otello* with the American staged premiere of the finale lieto, and in 2014 he led the new World Premiere of *Amleto*, not heard anywhere since 1871. The Opera Southwest's 2016-17 season includes Rossini's rarely performed *William Tell*, Bellini's *Norma* and a World Premiere production based on Rodolfo Anaya's bestselling novel, *Bless Me, Ultima*. Learn more about your host Maestro Anthony Barrese at: <http://anthonybarrese.com/biography/>



Brent Stevens brings you the music you love to wake up to, and to get your morning going... plus News, Weather and Traffic. You get the Morning Mozart every weekday at 8am. At 9am, grab a cup of your favorite hot beverage and join him for Brent's Morning Brew... an hour of music you love, and the back story about great musicians, composers, Broadway Musicals and Films.

At various times Brent has been an actor, director, playwright, composer, and orchestra executive. In addition to his job with KHFM, Brent is a Theatre Sound Designer and produces recordings of live music from chamber ensembles to operas. Brent was born and raised in Albuquerque and has been in show business since he starred in "Peter Pan" at age 11. Learn more about Brent and KHFM at: <http://www.khfm.org/personalities/brent-stevens/>

Your Italian Guide Natalia Mandelli (far left)



Natalia is a born and bred Roman, so naturally she is passionate about eating, drinking, cooking, history and discussing the universal stereotype of the Italian Mama. (Just don't ask about their relationships to their sons). Oh, and she LOVES dancing! Natalia holds degrees as Interpreter and Translator in English and German and has been a tour manager for fifteen years. Most recently, she has passed the first level of certification to become a sommelier. If you are lucky enough to have her as a guide on one of our Italy trips, you will love traveling with this charming, knowledgeable and energetic woman.



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ABOUT THE ROSSINI OPERA FESTIVAL (and, the celebrated Macerata Opera Festival!)

The Rossini Opera Festival is an international music festival held in August of each year in Pesaro, Italy, the birthplace of the opera composer Gioachino Rossini. Its aim, in addition to studying the musical heritage of the composer, is to revive and perform his works in a unique setting that allows collaboration of scholars, artists, and audience. It is often simply referred to as the Pesaro Festival.

Performances are given in the 850-seat theater built in 1818, the Teatro Rossini and, since 1988, the modified "Palasport" sports arena which holds 1,500. Since 2000 another venue, the Teatro Sperimentale (Experimental Theatre), has offered the opportunity to present smaller-scale or minor works by contemporaries of Rossini such as Mosca, Generali, and Coccia.

Included: Rossini Festival Opera Program

1. Eduardo e Cristina - Opened in Venice at Teatro San Benedetto in 1819
2. Aureliano in Palmira - Opened in Milan at La Scala in 1813
3. Adelaide di Borgogna - Opened in Rome in 1817 at the Teatro Argentina

Macerata Opera Festival: To be announced soon!

Since 1967, for 55 seasons, the Sferisterio has been attracting the most sophisticated opera lovers, offering unique productions with internationally-acclaimed artists, within a huge but also intimate venue that ensures excellent acoustics and great stage view. This renowned opera festival is scheduled to take place in August. Program dates to be released by Feb. 15, 2023.



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