

The International A Cappella Festival: Italy

Dal Verme Theatre

Milan, Italy :: July 6-11, 2020

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



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Composer, Conductor
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THE ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Join Contemporary A Cappella ensembles from across the USA for the second International A Cappella Festival in Milan, Italy. This 4-day non-competitive event will allow ensembles an opportunity to perform for each other and local enthusiasts in charming small towns around the Milan area. The tour will culminate with a Concert Finale at the amazing Dal Verme Theatre under the leadership of J.D. Frizzell, an innovator in contemporary a cappella education. This festival tour will challenge and engage the hearts and minds of every participant and create profound memories to last a lifetime.



MILAN AND DAL VERME THEATRE

From ancient Ambrosian chants to cutting-edge multi-media installations, Italy has always been at the forefront of musical innovation. As a participant in The International A Cappella Festival: Italy in Milan, you will have the opportunity to work with an outstanding team of A Cappella innovators, soak up the local music scene, perform at a variety of venues, and time permitting, even attend performances by local musicians. The final concert of this event will take place in the modern Sala Grande of the historic Dal Verme Theater which hosts many cutting edge artists and performances from around the world each year.



THE ORGANIZERS :: Perform International

“Building Bridges and Transforming Lives through the Power of Music”

Boldly informed by the belief that music inherently speaks as an expression of the human spirit beyond borders and in all cultures, **Perform International** seeks to empower music directors and ensembles to realize meaningful and life-changing immersion experiences and performances around the world.

- We empower music directors, music ensembles and individual musicians to share and grow in their artistic expression and understanding of people and cultures.
- We design and create rewarding performances as well as educational and cultural immersion opportunities by building and maintaining relationships with domestic and international musicians and music education organizations.
- We partner with concert venues, publicity teams, airlines, hotels, and tour guides to plan and implement operational methods that enhance rather than distract from the artistic experience.
- We provide meaningful and life-changing performance tour experiences that are personal, thoughtful, and efficient in the processes of conceptual artistic and educational development.





DR. J.D. FRIZZELL :: Artistic Director

J.D. Frizzell, a composer, conductor, and baritone, is the Director of Fine Arts and Director of Vocal Music at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, TN. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Choral Conducting degree from The University of Kentucky. Dr. Frizzell earned the double Master's in Music Theory/Composition and Conducting from The University of Southern Mississippi, where he also earned the bachelor's degree in Music History and Literature.



Dr. Frizzell, winner of the 2007 Intégrales ComposiKon Contest, writes music for choir, orchestra, symphonic band, voice, handbells, chamber ensembles, and solo instruments. With music published by many major publishing houses, he has had best sellers throughout the world. Frizzell was chosen by the board of the Tennessee Music Educators Association as the 2011 Outstanding Young Music Educator. Additionally, he was awarded the Dr. Clair E. Cox Award for Teaching Excellence.

As the Director of Fine Arts at Briarcrest, Dr. Frizzell leads a faculty of twelve full time faculty-artists and is responsible for coordinating curriculum, instruction, and budgets for all of the fine arts programs (K2- 12th grade). He also serves as an advocate and school liaison for all of the visual art, instrumental music, vocal music, dance, theatre, and technical production programs. As the Director of Vocal Music, he teaches the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and OneVoice. Additionally, Dr. Frizzell works with the middle and elementary school choirs when needed.

A leader in the contemporary a cappella movement, he is the co-founder and President of The A Cappella Education Association, a nonprofit dedicated to helping groups around the world. His high school a cappella group, OneVoice, is a SONY Recording Artist. They were the winners of the Macy's A Cappella Challenge judged by Pentatonix and contestants on America's Got Talent. Frizzell is also the Director of Education and Marketing for Camp A Cappella.

Dr. Frizzell is active as a presenter, adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor. As an active member of TNMEA, NATS, ACDA, and WTVMEA, he has served in multiple volunteer capacities, including two-time Chairperson of All-West Honor Choir Auditions and Performances and Choral Festival. He is also the Southern Division ACDA R & S Chair for Men's Choirs. The board of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation named him one of "Memphis' Finest" for his philanthropic efforts. He lives in Memphis, TN with his wife, Emily, son, Henry, and dogs, Sally and Ari.



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FESTIVAL TOUR ITINERARY

Monday, July 6, 2020 - DEPARTURE USA

Flight from USA to Milan, Italy.

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – ARRIVAL MILAN

Arrive in Milan and, time permitting, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour en route to the hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight in Milan.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – MILAN

Breakfast at your hotel followed by the Opening of the International A Cappella Festival. Guided sightseeing tour of Milan including a visit to the famous Milan Duomo. Impromptu performance in the city center. In the afternoon take an excursion to a nearby town with an opportunity to perform for a local audience. Dinner and overnight in Milan.

Thursday, July 9, 2020 – MILAN / COMO

This morning following breakfast, travel north to Como in Italy's famous lake district. Take your songs to the streets of this ancient city during some impromptu performance opportunities and perform an evening concert in the area. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Milan.

Friday, July 10, 2020 – GALA CONCERT IN MILAN

Breakfast at your hotel followed by a rehearsal and sound check at the Dal Verme Theater. Some time at leisure to explore Milan on your own. Tonight take part in the festival's gala concert. Festive closing dinner following tonight's concert. Overnight in Milan.

Saturday, July 11, 2020 – DEPART MILAN

Transfer to Milan Malpensa airport for return flights to the U.S. or start your custom post festival tour.

