

Passionate About Italy

Arsicci 2004

A Cultural Legacy.

Each program will consider the life and achievement of significant contributors to Italian culture by focusing on specific works and on places that helped to shape each life.

ITALIAN LITERATURE

Virgil and the Pastoral Arcadia.
Focus on "The Eclogues"

Dante and the Circles of Hell.
Focus on "The Inferno". Book 1 of "The Divine Comedy"

Pietro Aretino "The Scourge of Princes"
Focus on letters and dialogues

Giacomo Leopardi - suffering to create
Discussion of selected poems

ITALIAN ART & ARCHITECTURE

Piero della Francesca - from Arezzo to Urbino
Focus on the "Piero Trail"

Michelangelo painter, sculptor and poet.
Introduction to his life and art

The Della Robbia workshop
A 15th. Century family of ceramicists

Churches, chapels and palaces
Mediaeval and Renaissance architecture

ITALIAN CINEMA

Roberto Rossellini and Neo-Realism
Focus on "Paisan" and "Francis, God's Jester"

Humour Italian style
The ironic comedies of Pietro Germi

Histories and landscapes
The Taviani brothers and Francesco Rosi

ITALIAN MUSIC

Guido Monaco

Introducing the inventor of musical notation

Giuseppe Verdi

The voice of a people

EXTRAORDINARY VISIONS & EXTRAORDINARY LIVES

Hannibal takes on Rome.

Focus on the Battle of Trasimeno

St. Francis of Assisi

In the footsteps of a saint

Giuseppe Garibaldi

The man and the myth

Other activities....

THE MUSIC OF ITALY

Entertainment and education combined! The following *genres* can be explored:

The folk tradition
Instrumental music
Keyboard music
Secular vocal music
Sacred music
Opera

THE ARSICCI BOOKCLUB - RECOMMENDED READING

Books for discussion by Italian authors and on Italian themes could be selected from the following list. A copy of these books will be available at Arsicci—but preliminary reading is advised!

Christ stopped at Eboli - *Carlo Levi*
Bread and Wine - *Ignazio Silone*
Fontamara - *Ignazio Silone*
The Leopard - *Giuseppe Tomasi de Lampedusa*
Miss Garnet's Angel - *Sally Vickers*
Summer's Lease - *John Mortimer*

You may wish to add other books to the list and co-ordinate your pre tour reading with other members of the group.

Suggestions welcome!