

Italy and the Violin

Milan and Northern Italy with Music@Menlo and CMS!

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Music@Menlo invites you to a fabulous eight-night trip to Northern Italy

in October 2017 with our Artistic Directors David Finckel and Wu Han. Our base is the ancient city of Milan, former capital of a duchy, present capital of *la moda*, Italian fashion, and also home of La Scala. Music@Menlo and Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center musicians Paul Huang, violin, and Paul Neubauer, viola, will join David and Wu Han for private concerts, exclusive to the group, in historic venues. You will also attend a performance at the Stradivari Festival in Cremona, and opening night of a new production of Carl Maria von Weber's *Der Freischütz* at La Scala.

During our sojourn in Milan we will make excursions to other centers rich in the history of violin making, Cremona and Parma, where traditions go back to the 16th century and the glorious times of Stradivarius, Amati, Guarneri and other makers. There we will visit the workshops of top lute makers, called *liutaii* ("lute makers"!), and in Cremona, the Museum of the Violin, where the Stradivari Festival takes place. Our third excursion takes us to beautiful Lake Como, and on the way a visit to the frescoed halls of the Villa Medici Giulini and the outstanding collection of pianos of Signora Fernanda Giulini, our host.

And you won't miss those inimitable twin poles of Italian culture: art and food! The outstanding collections of Milan's great museums the Brera and Poldi Pezzoli, Leonardo's iconic *Last Supper*, the Correggios in Parma, and more, are some of the art treasures you will visit with expert guides, and we'll dine at some of the best restaurants in city and countryside.

****Tour begins October 4 in Milan**

October 3–12, 2017**

Teatro alla Scala, Milan



Tour Highlights

- **Three concerts** performed by Music@Menlo/ CMS musicians in historic venues
- **Five-star accommodations** at the Grand Hotel et de Milan
- **Prime tickets** for a performance at the Stradivari Festival in Cremona and opera at La Scala
- **Private guided tours** of principal sites in Milan, including the Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan Cathedral, the *Last Supper* of Leonardo, and others, with expert guides
- **Excursions** to Cremona, Parma, and Lake Como, including tours of those sites
- Private visits to workshops of major violin makers in northern Italy
- Private visit to the renowned piano collection at the Villa Medici Giulini in Briosco
- **Fine dining** at restaurants in Milan and elsewhere
- Breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 5 lunches, plus a welcome reception in Milan
- **Private motorcoach** transportation for all tour activities
- **Private airport-hotel transfers**



Milan Cathedral



Tour Cost: \$8,900 ground only, based on double occupancy.
Tour limited to 30 participants, or as hotel space allows.

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