



Una Festa Musicale Italiana

Take a musical tour through sunny Italy, brought to life by a string quartet from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra! Featuring everything from traditional tarantella dances to the soaring beauty of music by Puccini, Mascagni and Rossini, this program will transport you to a land where speech is like singing and where melody flows like wine.

Instrumentation: string quartet

Program Length: 55 minutes plus Q&A time

Target audiences: middle, high school and college students, seniors and families

Musical concepts discussed: string instrument construction and sound production, range of pitch and its relationship to instrument size, the effect of music on emotions, relationship between tempo and movement, compositional styles

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards: Visual and Performing Arts (1.1, 1.3,1.5); Language Arts (3.3); Science (5.4, 5.7)

Nations and cultures introduced: Italy

Repertoire and composers: Gesualdo (1566-1613), Vivaldi (1678-1741), Mozart (1756-1791), Rossini (1792-1868), Leoncavallo (1857-1919), Verdi (1813-1901), Puccini (1858-1924), Mascagni (1863-1945), Respighi (1879-1936)

Musical genres: music of Italy: baroque, classical, romantic and traditional

All programs are subject to change.