# Rehearse in Venice

Rehearsing and singing in one of Venice's beautiful churches will be an unforgettable experience for you and your choir. The perfect acoustics designed by Renaissance and Baroque architects, together with the beauty of the location will bring you back to the world when Venice was one of the Maritime Republics.

# Wonders of Venice

Much has been made about the wonders of Venice, but few ever venture deep enough across its less touristy, yet still historical hidden places. Beyond hundreds of canals and a diverse architectural style, a secret facet of Venetian life lives on, in which the journey of hand crafting gondola wooden oars and loomed fabrics remains rooted in ancient folk traditions.

This short film uncovers the secrets that have been handed down from father to son and projects you to the Venice that existed 500 years ago, immersing you in the extraordinary craftsmen's veiled workshops that belong to a long lost era.

You will be immersed in this environment when you come here to sing with your choir!

# **Tasting Food**

Italy has a wonderfully diverse set of regional food traditions. Venetian cuisine is very different from what's eaten on the mainland, because the lagoon was such an important part of everyday life. Traditional dishes focus on the amazing fish and seafood brought in every day by fishermen from the Adriatic Sea, supplemented by vegetables grown on surrounding islands such as asparagus and artichokes. Check out some delicious dishes that are unique to Venice.

#### 1. Sarde in saor

Saor refers to a particular cooking technique, in which onions are softened slowly over a low flame until they're translucent and aromatic and mixed with raisins and pine nuts. The sarde in question are sardines, which rest in this glorious onion-y mixture.

Sarde in saor

#### 2. Spaghetti in nero di seppia

This plate of pasta is as deeply black as charcoal. Pieces of squid are slow-cooked in tomato sauce until they become meltingly soft. This is then colored with the ink of the squid, which is contained in a tiny pod that skilled fishermen know how to remove without bursting. A little bit of black will color the entire pasta, making it as unusual-looking as it is delicious.

xSpaghetti al nero di seppia

#### 3. Bigoli in salsa

This particularly Venetian kind of pasta is springy and toothsome and it's tossed in an aromatic sauce of onions,

anchovies, and fennel seeds.

4. Fritto misto

Delights of the sea are covered in batter and deep fried to crunchy perfection. You'll get a mix of shrimp, calamari rings and fish balls.

### 5. Baccala mantecato

A dried cod fish is cooked for hours and hours until it becomes soft and the bones dissolve and it's whipped up with oil to become a glorious white cream. It's normally eaten on tiny pieces of bread and downed with a bit of prosecco in the evening.

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Cicchetti Al Bottegon

### 6. Frittelle

Around the time of Carnival, shops will begin to sell frittelle, which are glorious fried donuts stuffed with cream or raisins and candied orange peel, and dipped in sugar.

### 7. Tramezzino

This is a typical Venetian snack and it consists of two triangular pieces of white bread with all kinds of inventive fillings inside, bulging out delightfully in the middle. You'll find everything from prosciutto cotto and artichokes, to mozzarella layered with tomatoes, to shredded radicchio with olives and soft cheese.

# Greetings from Tommyanto Kandisaputra

Hi, I am Tommyanto Kandisaputra. Now I am in Venice I am doing adjudication in Claudio Monteverdi International Choir Festival. This place is fantastic and the Festival is so excellent organized. You'd better to come in another next festival. See you!

# Greetings from Anna Ungureanu

I am Anna Ungureanu, the conductor of the Corul Madrigal from Romania, and I'm enjoying the Claudio Monteverdi Choral Festival here in Venice. Wonderful choirs and experienced conductors have participated at the event. I invite all of you to come the next year!

### Welcome

Дорогие друзья!

Среди тех, кто лично побывал в Венеции нет никаких сомнений, что Венеция является одним из самых красивых городов мира, красота которого может быть определена как абсолютно уникальная в своем роде. Каждое здание города — это произведение искусства, очарование которого отражается в водной глади многочисленных венецианских каналов. Венеция очаровывает и притягивает с самой первой минуты, как вы туда попадаете, и редко случается оказаться в настоящей сказке. Я выскажу мнение, что Венецию нельзя называть городом, она не такая как другие города Европы, это волшебство.

Мне особенно приятно пригласить Вас на конкурс хоров в Венецию и констатировать, что конкурс проходит в самом сердце Венеции, чтобы Вы смогли насладиться ею, в отличие от других конкурсов, которые заявляют местом проведения Венецию, а проходят в соседних городках, Джезоло или Каорле.

Вы будете иметь возможность петь в красивейших церквях Венеции San Stae, San Pietro a Castello и San Giovanni e Paolo. И если вы будете обладателем Гран При конкурса, то Вас ожидает почетное право петь в церкви Santa Maria dei Miracoli.

Мы приглашаем Вас принять участие в Международном Хоровом Конкурсе имени Клаудио Монтеверди в Венеции!!

**Проф. Андреа Анжелини** Арт. Директор Конкурса

### Welcome

Welcome dear friends!

Among those who've seen it in person, the conclusion is unanimous: Venice is the most beautiful city in the world, and the only one that can truly be described as unique. Each building is a work of art, with their beauty enhanced when reflected on the canals that cross the city. Its magical scenery is fascinating and breathtaking at first sight, evoking the feeling of entering the setting of a real-life fairy tale. It's perhaps even unfair to all other cities to call Venice a city, as it is a place unlike any other, that no other can compare to, or ever be like.

For these reasons I warmly invite your choir at the only choral competition that really takes part in Venice (and not in the neighboring places, such as Jesolo or Caorle…). You will sing inside beautiful Churches, such as San Stae, San Pietro a Castello, San Giovanni e Paolo. And if you are the lucky winners of the Grand Prix you will have the honor to sing a concert inside the astonishing Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli.

Do come to Venice to enjoy the Claudio Monteverdi Choral Competition

#### Andrea Angelini

Artistic Director of the Competition