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SUMMER 2012 FLORENCE PROGRAM
*Competition and Collaboration in the Early Renaissance:
Ghiberti and Brunelleschi*

Thursday, June 21st through Tuesday, June 26th

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(as of May 2012)

Thursday, June 21st

- ◆ 4:00 pm – Welcome meeting at the Sala Dante at the Hotel St. Regis in Florence (on Piazza Ognissanti – telephone: 011.39.055. 27161), followed by a lecture, *Competition and Collaboration in the Early Renaissance*, by Professor Gary Radke, our program historian.

Guests will have time to go to their rooms prior to departing for dinner.

- ◆ 6:15 pm – Departure from the St. Regis for a private visit to the Bargello Museum, followed by dinner in the Bargello's central courtyard.

Dress is business attire with comfortable walking shoes for our visit to the Bargello Museum. A wrap or jacket for the ladies is suggested as we will dine outdoors.

Friday, June 22nd

- ◆ 9:00 am – Departure for a morning visit to Pistoia to visit works by Brunelleschi and Ghiberti, as well as other sites, including the Cathedral and the Baptistery. Our visit to Pistoia will include lunch.

Dress for both the day and evening is city casual with comfortable walking shoes. A tie is not required for the gentlemen.

- ◆ Afternoon visit to the Frilli Gallery 1860 outside Florence to learn the secrets of bronze casting. This is where the replicas of the *Gates of Paradise* were cast in 1990.

- ◆ 7:00 pm – Departure for an evening visit to the Museum of Orsanmichele, including cocktails and dinner.

Saturday, June 23rd

- ◆ Private celebration for the completion of the restoration of Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*, which received final funding by Friends of Florence with a major grant by Don and Rachel Valentine and John and Gioia Arrillaga.

Dress for our morning events is business attire – jacket with tie for the gentlemen – with comfortable walking shoes.

- ◆ Our morning program will include a private visit to the Baptistry of Florence for the presentation of a book on Ghiberti. This publication was made possible with a major grant made by Board members Kathe and John Dyson. We will also visit the Opificio delle Pietre Dure to view the completed restoration of Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*.
- ◆ Our morning activities will conclude with a visit to the Cathedral Museum followed by a luncheon.
- ◆ Visit to view the recently-restored bronze Giambologna Cross and the Cloister of the Vows of SS Annunziata, a future Friends of Florence project.
- ◆ Later-afternoon departure for the wine estate of Nipozzano, in the area where Ghiberti had agricultural properties.

Attire for the evening is country casual. A blazer with tie is recommended for the gentlemen. Please bring a jacket or wrap for cooler evening temperatures.

- ◆ Wine tasting dinner at the Castle of Nipozzano, owned by the Marchesi Frescobaldi, Board members of Friends of Florence.

Sunday, June 24th

- ◆ In the morning, program participants have the opportunity to attend Mass in celebration of St. John the Baptist, the Patron Saint of Florence.
- ◆ In the later morning we will visit the Horne Museum, followed by a private lunch.
- ◆ Free afternoon in Florence to relax or to enjoy and observe the festivities for the feast day of St. John the Baptist.
- ◆ Cocktails and dinner in the private Palazzo Gondi, owned by Marchese Bernardo and Marchesa Vittoria Gondi. The evening will include a viewing of the spectacular fireworks hosted by the city of Florence from the terraces of the Palace.

Dress for the evening is cocktail-dinner attire for the ladies and a suit or blazer with tie for the gentlemen.

Monday, June 25th

- ◆ Morning viewings of the Old Sacristy at San Lorenzo; the Sacristy of S. Trinità; and the Church of Santo Spirito.
- ◆ Luncheon in Palazzo Frescobaldi, hosted by Board members Rosaria and Ferdinando Frescobaldi.
- ◆ Celebration of the completion of the restoration of the Tribune, Friends of Florence's 10th Anniversary project in the Uffizi Gallery.
- ◆ The evening will conclude with cocktails and dinner in celebration of the Tribune Project.

Dress for the evening is cocktail-dinner attire for the ladies and a suit or blazer with tie for the gentlemen.

Tuesday, June 26th

- ◆ Departures.