

MONTEVERDI
CASTIGLIONCELLO DEL TRINORO
TUSCANY

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE - JUNE 26 -JULY 2, 2016
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THE ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE WEEK

JUNE 26 – JULY 2, 2016

Monteverdi Tuscany, Sylvia Danburg Volpe and Vivian Chang are pleased to announce the inspiring Artist-in-Residence week on June 26-July 2, 2016 in Castiglioncello del Trinoro, Southern Tuscany, Italy.

Every year, Monteverdi invites many accomplished men and women from the world of the performing and visual arts, literature, philosophy and science to stay at the property and share their talents. They perform, lecture, exhibit paintings and sculptures and lead seminars that celebrate the arts and humanities for the enjoyment of our guests. In keeping with this tradition, Sylvia Danburg Volpe, Associate Principal Second Violin at the MET Orchestra, and Vivian Chang, a core member of the award-winning MOTYL Chamber Ensemble in New York, will perform and share their passion and knowledge with a select group of guests in the performing arts venue that is our 14th Century Romanesque Church of Sant'Andrea in Castiglioncello. Join us for a unique opportunity to spend a week with Sylvia and Vivian, enjoy intimate dining experiences, champagne receptions and attend two private concerts featuring these world-class artists. All of these intimate concerts and events take place in the incomparably beautiful setting of Monteverdi Tuscany, perched above the rolling hills of Tuscany, cloaked in green and golden fields of grain, poppies, sunflowers, vineyards, olive and cypress trees.

Michael L. Cioffi, Chairman and Founder of Monteverdi, noted, "I am delighted to welcome Mrs. Sylvia Danburg Volpe and Mrs. Vivian Chang to this special Artist-in-Residence week. They are outstanding musicians whose performance stylings and musical arrangements will be a perfect fit for our one-of-a-kind venue. We are thrilled to share Monteverdi Tuscany with Sylvia, Vivian and you!"

THE PROGRAM

At Monteverdi Tuscany, we believe that beauty, in any of its forms, enhances our human spirit and educates us on how to celebrate life and to live it fully. The beauty of this very special Artist-in-Residence week will recharge your mind, reinvigorate your body and satisfy your soul. The program will consist of the following:

DAY 1 - SUNDAY JUNE 26TH

- Guests arrive and begin to enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Monteverdi Tuscany.
- 5:30 p.m. Wine tasting at the Monteverdi Enoteca. Located on the piazza in Castiglioncello, the Enoteca is Monteverdi's wine bar where guests stop in for lunch and aperitivi. We offer thirty-two spectacular wines by the glass. Each week, leading winemakers in Tuscany host a wine tasting seminar at the Enoteca, where they highlight some of the best wines from the region and the world. These weekly wine tastings are true master classes in wine and the art of wine making.
- Guests can dine at Monteverdi's award-winning restaurant *Oreade*, or in one of the neighboring towns of Tuscany. Our Executive Chef Giancarla Bodoni leads the kitchen, where her focus is local and organic farm-to-table cooking, a sensibility she brings to *Oreade* from over 20 years as a chef and restaurateur. Seasonal Tuscan produce, homemade pastas and the freshest meats are brought together to create traditional Tuscan recipes with contemporary presentation.

DAY 2 - MONDAY, JUNE 27TH

- Breakfast featuring a fine array of locally produced pastries, yogurt, cereals and other delicacies, compliments of Monteverdi Tuscany.

Guests have many activities and excursions to choose among:

- On Monday, for the Artist-in Residence Week attendees, Monteverdi is pleased to offer an exclusive day trip to Montalcino. This famous Tuscan hill town is best known for what most wine lovers consider to be Italy's finest red wine: Brunello di Montalcino. Less than an hour from Monteverdi Tuscany, Montalcino is a lovely place to spend a day. The streets of Montalcino are narrow and steep, cascading from the Fortezza, which affords panoramic views of three valleys from the ramparts. Within the walls of the Fortezza is an enoteca where you can try every Brunello by the glass or bottle and judge for yourself. However, do not enjoy too many as your next stop is down to the countryside to visit the vineyards and experience the Brunello terroir as well as learn about the wine from the winemakers themselves.

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- Guests can enjoy a relaxing day in Castiglioncello. The mediaeval hamlet that is home to Monteverdi Tuscany is an ideal place in which to nourish your intellectual curiosity and stimulate your senses. Guests can enjoy activities such as biking, hiking, Spa treatments and massages, or simply a relaxing read in our Library Bar, Enoteca, pool or gardens. Each scent, taste, sight, and thought creates indelible experiences that inspire and energize. Untouched and pure, traces of an Etruscan settlement serve as a reminder that you have indeed stepped back in time. Our guests can gather with friends for a meal in ageless gardens and terraces offering delightfully panoramic views of Monte Amiata, a towering inspiration for all civilizations in the region.
- Guests have also the opportunity to discover Tuscany on their own. Our concierge service is pleased to help organize your daily trip, accommodate any requests or in case you prefer not to drive in the scenic, but sometimes narrow Tuscan roads, arrange an experienced driver who can help you discover the hidden gems of the region.
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-dinner champagne reception with Sylvia and Vivian.
- 6:30 p.m. Fine dining experience with the artists at *Oreade* restaurant featuring seasonal Tuscan produce, homemade pastas and the freshest and most savory ingredients sourced directly from local farmers. These ingredients are brought together by our Executive Chef Giancarla Bodoni to create traditional Tuscan recipes with contemporary flair.

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DAY 3 - TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH

Breakfast featuring a fine array of locally produced pastries, yogurt, cereals and other delicacies, compliments of Monteverdi Tuscany.

Guests have many activities and excursions to choose among:

- On Tuesday, for the Artist-in Residence Week attendees, Monteverdi is pleased to offer an exclusive day trip to another Tuscan hill town, Montepulciano, where you can taste the other great wine of the region, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. After the vineyard tours and tastings in the morning, you experience the beautiful and bustling hilltop city itself. Your private driver will take you through the Tempio di San Biagio, designed by Antonio da Sangallo the Elder, a Temple considered by many to be one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture in the world. Movie buffs will recognize Montepulciano from films like *Under the Tuscan Sun* and most recently *Twilight*. A stop for lunch at a very genuine and local favorite is a must for all steak lovers featuring beef from the Chianina cow, an Italian breed that is one of the largest and oldest cattle breeds in the world. Another must-stop is a fantastic local shop that sells beautiful high-quality leather goods, including wallets, shoes and handbags.
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- Guests have also the opportunity to discover several hill towns of the region by their own, if they prefer so. Our concierge service is pleased to help you organize daily trips, accommodate any requests or in case you prefer not to drive in the scenic, but sometimes narrow Tuscan roads, arrange an experienced driver who can help you discover the hidden treasures of Tuscany.

5:30 p.m. Wine Seminar and Tasting.

Guests can dine at Oreade, or at the restaurant of their choice.

8:00 p.m. Sylvia Danburg Volpe and Vivian Chang private concert in the 14th Century Romanesque Church of Castiglioncello del Trinoro. The church has been recently restored as a recital hall for performances of the Monteverdi's annual summer concert series and Artist-in-Residence performances.

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DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH

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- On Wednesday, for the Artist-in Residence Week attendees, Monteverdi is pleased to offer an exclusive day trip to discover some of the amazing art of Tuscany, tucked away in churches, municipal buildings, convents, palazzi and piazze. Tuscany, of course, is the birthplace of the Renaissance, which witnessed the greatest production of art, sculpture, music, science and philosophy in history. The tour will first introduce you to Sarteano, a little town unknown to even the most experienced Italian tourist, but it holds varied artistic treasures from Etruscan tombs and Roman roads, to medieval churches and Renaissance palaces. The first stop is the Museo Civico Archeologico, situated within the sixteenth-century building of Palazzo Gabrielli. Following Sarteano, Città della Pieve is another wonderful hill town striking for its intense terracotta color. A fortress dominates the skyline with its five square towers, while the town center, Piazza del Plebiscito, acts as the town's historical and artistic hub. The Cathedral of Santi Gervasio and Protasio features works by Pietro Perugino, a native artist of the city. The frescoes throughout the cathedral show Perugino's influence, but also that of another great master, Raphael. Last but not least, you visit Orvieto and its Duomo (1290 AD.). The cathedral is famous for its façade which is comprised of mosaic designs and a golden bas-relief depicting stories from the old and new testaments. The true treasures, though, are located in one of the cathedral's two chapels: the Chapel of the Madonna di San Brizio. It is here in the vault and arches of the chapel that Luca Signorelli created the most complex and celebrated frescoes of his career: Preaching of the Antichrist, The Elect in Paradise and The Damned are Taken to Hell, among others. In fact, it was these frescoes that inspired Michelangelo's work in the Sistine Chapel.
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DAY 5 - THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH

- Breakfast featuring a fine array of locally produced pastries, yogurt, cereals and other delicacies, compliments of Monteverdi Tuscany.

Guests have many activities and excursions to choose among:

- On Thursday, for the Artist-in Residence Week attendees, Monteverdi is pleased to offer an exclusive culinary excursion. We are fortunate to be bounded by beautiful farmland and robust vineyards. The Val d'Orcia is home to pecorino cheese, the best olive oil in the world and a thousand other delicious food and farm products. You and your private driver will spend the day experiencing it all firsthand. Your gastronomic journey will begin with a visit to a local farm. You will then meet a Pecorino Master and learn to make this special regional cheese of which many are featured at Monteverdi Tuscany. Following the cheese making class, lunch will be served—highlighted by these award winning cheeses and locally cured meats. In the afternoon your tour will continue with a visit to a stone mill to see how the ancient grains of Val D'Orcia are processed. Your tour concludes with a tasting of one the best extra virgin olive oil producers in Tuscany.
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DAY 6 - FRIDAY, JULY 1ST

- Breakfast featuring a fine array of locally produced pastries, yogurt, cereals and other delicacies, compliments of Monteverdi Tuscany.
Guests have many activities and excursions to choose among:
- Guests have spare time to relish the surroundings or just enjoy the view of the Tuscan rolling hills. Castiglioncello del Trinoro, the mediaeval hamlet that is home to Monteverdi Tuscany is an ideal place in which to nourish your intellectual curiosity and stimulate your senses. Guests can enjoy activities such as biking, hiking, Spa treatments and massages, or simply a relaxing read in our Library Bar, Enoteca, pool or gardens. Each scent, taste, sight, and thought creates indelible experiences that inspire and energize. Untouched and pure, traces of an Etruscan settlement serve as a reminder that you have indeed stepped back in time. Our guests can gather with friends for a meal in timeless gardens and terraces offering delightfully panoramic views of Monte Amiata, a towering inspiration for all civilizations in the region.
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DAY 7 - SATURDAY, JULY 2ND

- Following daily complimentary breakfast, guests depart for their next destination.

PROGRAM & PRICES

PRICE INCLUDES

- Six nights at the incomparable Monteverdi Tuscany.
- Daily continental breakfast.
- Two pre-dinner champagne receptions.
- Two fine dining experiences in our award-winning restaurant *Oreade* or on our beautiful veranda featuring magnificent views of the Val d'Orcia.
- Two private concerts in the 14th Century Romanesque Church of Castiglioncello.

NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation to and from Monteverdi Tuscany.
- Lunches.
- Dinner on day one, three, four, six.
- Alcoholic beverages (except at champagne receptions and included dinners).
- Additional activities such as massages and Spa treatment.
- Excursions and daily trips.
- Wine Seminar and Tasting.

PRICING

\$10,000 room based on double occupancy. \$7,500 for single occupancy.



Vivian Chang-Freiheit

VIVIAN CHANG-FREIHEIT

Vivian Chang Freiheit made her debut with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at age 16, performing Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals. As collaborator with singers and instrumentalists, she has performed in major venues including Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the Museum of Modern Art in NYC and the 92nd Street Y. She also performs as a member of Chameleon Arts and Motyl Chamber ensembles and has performed live on WGBH Boston on multiple occasions. The Boston Musical Intelligencer recently described Vivian's playing as "soulful, passionate, playful... and her sense of ensemble brilliant." Vivian studied both piano and violin at the Oberlin College-Conservatory, where she graduated Pi Kappa Lambda and was recipient of the Dean's Talent Award. She continued her studies as a scholarship student at the Juilliard School, where she earned her Master and Doctorate degrees in Collaborative Playing as a student of Samuel Sanders. As the recipient of the Citibank-Juilliard Stipendium she studied as a vocal coach at the Leipzig Opera House and with Phillip Moll in Berlin.



Sylvia Danburg Volpe

SYLVIA DANBURG VOLPE

Sylvia Danburg Volpe joined the orchestra as Associate Principal Second Violin in the year 2000. A native of Houston, Texas, she began her undergraduate studies with Ken Goldsmith at the Shepard School of Music at Rice University, and completed her Bachelor of Music at Juilliard with Glenn Dicterow. She made her New York solo debut at Alice Tully Hall in 1996, where she was praised by the New York Times for "beautiful tone--both lyricism and virtuosity". Sylvia plays with the MET Chamber Ensemble concert series at Carnegie Hall, and has performed a wide variety of classical and cross-over music both here and abroad.



ABOUT MONTEVERDI

The Artist-in-Residence week will be held at the hotel property in Castiglioncello del Trinoro, Southern Tuscany, Italy, known as Monteverdi Tuscany. Situated equidistant between Rome and Florence, Monteverdi is a collection of three exquisitely restored villas and a 12 room boutique hotel. It sits on a hilltop overlooking the classic rolling hills and valleys of Tuscany cloaked in green and golden grain, vineyards, with a collection of olive and cypress trees. In a unique architecture, the rooms and private villas are spread across the small village. One focal building hosts the hotel reception and concierge services, while our four luxury hotel rooms, five signature suites, two collection suites, the *Oreade* restaurant, the Monteverdi Enoteca, the Library Bar and a private art gallery are scattered across different ancient buildings of Castiglioncello.

To preserve the authenticity of the village and protect the local culture, every building has been carefully renovated following its original design adding modern amenities and luxurious furnishings. The hotel merges seamlessly into the village and no distinction is made between residential properties and Monteverdi Tuscany. A UNESCO world heritage site since 2004, it is one of the few places in the world that has remained unspoiled and essentially unchanged since pre-history. No place in the world impacts the mind, memory and senses more powerfully than this land, this place: Monteverdi Tuscany.



PRESS

THE HUFFINGTON POST

2015

“...this is a place to learn as much as to relax. The feeling is less hotel than tiny hamlet—though an impossibly chic one, even for Tuscany. Contemporary sculptures dot the landscape. The 14th century village church has been rebuilt as a recital hall for performances of the Monteverdi’s annual summer concert series and its Accademia Monteverdiana operatic master classes. An Artists and Scholars in Residence program brings accomplished professionals from the worlds of art, cooking, science and philosophy to exhibit, perform, teach and otherwise enrich the guests...”

GQ

2013

“You know those pictures of Tuscany—the ones with the toy trucks chugging up curvy roads, skinny cypress trees punctuating the rolling hills dotted with bales of hay that look planted by a Hollywood set designer? ...The pocket of idyll she’s picturing is the Val d’Orcia region, forty minutes south of Siena, and it’s famous for two very wonderful things: Pecorino and Brunello. In the middle of it all is a hotel your girlfriend’s seen in her head before. Hotel Monteverdi is basically her dream-home Pinterest board come to life: travertine floors, wood-beam ceilings, waterfall showers, plush canopy beds. The alfresco dining area, roofed with vines, is so twinkly, so charming, you’ll want to quit your job and write a screenplay starring Kate Hudson. Or you could rent a private villa (Monteverdi has three) and hire the hotel’s chef to whip up pici al tartufo for two, topped off with Tenuta di Trinoro wine. It’s almost unfair to her, this kind of weapons-grade romance.”

THE NEW YORK TIMES

2013

“The hotel is midway between Rome and Florence--in the heart of Val d’Orcia, the Unesco heritage site that is arguably the prettiest pocket of Tuscany”.

PRESS

TRIPADVISOR, KELLY B.

2016

“Monteverdi Tuscany was an amazing location for our family to unite and enjoy our time in Tuscany. The staff was the most hospitable group of men and women, which we were so fortunate each and every day to spend time with them, to witness their talents. The accommodations were comfortable and state-of-the-art while never losing the sense of the architecture of Tuscany. Every morning, we were awakened by a beautiful sunny day that always had a cool gentle breeze to flow in our open windows and energize us for the sightseeing adventures. Monteverdi is rich in history with locations marked throughout the grounds.”

TRIPADVISOR, JON W.

2016

“We have been fortunate to vacation in some incredible locations, eat wonderful food and enjoy excellent service. However, Monteverdi set a new bar for us. Rarely do we want to go back to the same place because we like to gain new experiences...we are definitely going back! Pictures simply don't do the views justice and I cannot describe the excellent, personal service and 5-star food and drink. It is close enough to visit other villages for day trips, but honestly we could have stayed on the property the entire week. Maybe the best testament is our teenagers loved it. They are sure they are getting married there! Typically, at the end of a trip, even after a great time, we are ready to head home. None of us wanted to leave this beautiful village. We met up with other family member and it was the perfect place to be after hitting Florence, Venice and other bigger cities. It was perfect.”

TRIPADVISOR, JENNIFER K.

2016

“The charming old-world village where Monteverdi Tuscany is located, Castiglioncello del Trinoro, delivered the romanticized fairy-tale image of Tuscany I've been seeking. Monteverdi overlooks a colorful expanse of valleys and hills and an inactive volcano. From our window and the many terraces, we soaked up the sensational beauty of wild flowers and olive tree orchards abounding the unspoiled hillsides in the distance...”

REGISTRATION

NAME

BILLING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL

Full payment at time of booking. All reservations final and non-refundable.

Payment Information (Please check one)

\$7,500 For single occupancy

\$10,000 For double occupancy

American
Express

Discover

Master Card

Visa

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION

SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE

DATES

June 26-July 2, 2016

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