



Chamber Music Workshop  
 Castello di Gargonza, Tuscany, Italy  
 April 28 – May 5, 2024

**APPLICATION FORM**

**REGISTER EARLY AS ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED!**

**Application and Deposit Deadline November 30, 2023**  
**Payment in Full is Due January 30, 2024**

**FEES include** a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per participant and \$300 per guest:

- Participant – Double Room ..... USD \$ 3,350
- Participant – Single Room ..... USD \$ 3,450
- Guest – Double Room ..... USD \$ 2,850
- Guest – Single Room ..... USD \$ 2,950

**To apply, fill out this Application Form and mail it with your deposit to:**

Hafez Taghavi  
 Scherzo Cultural Journeys  
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**INSTRUMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country (if not USA): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

Name	Relation	Telephone
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**LODGING:** \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room \_\_\_\_\_ Double Room

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:**

**If you are vegetarian,** please specify whether or not you eat dairy (eggs, butter, cheese) and if you eat fish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate

Chamber music experience: \_\_\_\_\_ a lot \_\_\_\_\_ moderate \_\_\_\_\_ some

**Violinists** who are not in pre-formed groups will be notified in advance of parts they will be assigned.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am most comfortable playing 2nd Violin.

**Pre-formed Groups:**

I am coming as a member of a pre-formed group. The other members of the group are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I DO NOT wish to participate in the extra coaching sessions for quintets/sextets/octets.** (Opt-out)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO**  
*Scherzo Cultural Journeys*

**APPLICATION DEPOSIT ENCLOSED**

_____ Participant(s)	@ \$ 500 =
_____ Guest(s)	@ \$ 300 =
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	

**By submitting this application, applicant confirms that he/she has carefully read and agrees to the Terms & Conditions of this Program.**



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**WHEN: April 28 – May 5, 2024**

**WHERE: Castello di Gargonza, Italy (Tuscany)**

Castello di Gargonza is located in the heart of Tuscany, between Siena and Arezzo along the rolling hills that border the Chianti Classico wine region and Val di Chiana. The closest airport is Florence, Italy, which is a 1.5 hour drive from Gargonza. We will be offering discounted airfares through our partner airline, Lufthansa Group (see below). **Roundtrip transfers for all participants and guests from Florence to Gargonza are included in your registration fee.**

**ACCOMMODATION AND RATES PER PERSON**

Accommodations are located throughout the medieval village of Gargonza and consist of hotel rooms and apartments. The character and charm of each are unique: some have fireplaces and/or terraces, some are built into the ancient walls, and others have views over the valley. Complimentary WiFi is available throughout the village in all accommodations and common areas. Bathrooms are equipped with a bathtub or large shower and a hair dryer. *Please note: To provide a relaxing environment, televisions are not available.*

<u>Participating Musicians</u>		<u>Non-Playing Guests and Spouses</u>	
Double occupancy	\$3,350 per person	Double occupancy	\$2,850 per person
Single occupancy	\$3,450 per person	Single occupancy	\$2,950 per person

**Included:**

- Roundtrip transfers from Florence (airport or city center) to Gargonza
- 7 nights accommodation at 4-star Castello di Gargonza, inclusive of all taxes and complimentary Wi-Fi
- ALL MEALS: Buffet breakfast daily, daily lunch with wine, daily dinner with wine; all meals inclusive of taxes & gratuities
- All conference activities: daily coaching sessions, masterclasses, full-day excursion to Siena, small-group activities
- Guest & Spouse tours

**Exclusions:**

- Travel to Italy (Florence is the preferred airport)
- Passport fees and ETIAS visa (European Travel Information and Authorization System)
- Travel and Medical Insurance to cover the possibility of your unexpected cancellation or illness
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as included

**ATTENTION CELLISTS**

Rental cellos are available at an additional cost of \$125 per cello per week.

**AIRLINE PARTNER – LUFTHANSA GROUP**

As our Preferred Airline for the workshop, Lufthansa Group is providing special prices and conditions to participants and guests attending the workshop. Upon acceptance to the program, you will be provided with a website link to a special airfare search engine that you can use to select airfares on any of the Lufthansa Group partners, including code share flights on United Airlines.



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### APPLICATION PROCESS, DEADLINES AND PAYMENTS

The faculty welcomes pre-formed groups as well as individual musicians. Please note that enrollment is limited to 32 participant musicians. Acceptance will depend upon the number of applicants and the need for balanced instrumentation in assembling the participants into full ensembles.

Registration deadline is November 30, 2023. Fees include a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per participant and \$300 per guest. Payment in full is due by January 30, 2024. No refunds after January 30, 2024. In the case of applicants who are not accepted, deposits will be returned.

### CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS

The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Scherzo Cultural Journeys and its tour operators. Any deviations from the scheduled itinerary by individual participants are at the expense of the individual.

Cancellation by you: All cancellations must be made in writing to Scherzo Cultural Journeys and are subject to a \$500 non-refundable administrative fee. Cancellations received before January 30, 2024 will be refunded less the non-refundable administrative fee of \$500. No refunds will be given for cancellations received after January 30, 2024.

### WHAT TO EXPECT / PHYSICAL HEALTH

All participants must be in generally good health. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your application. **This program involves extensive walking, often over uneven surfaces, as well as climbing stairs in the village and walking up the hill (10 minutes) to return to the village after lunch and after dinner.**

### TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

**It is strongly recommended that all participants and guests purchase travel and medical insurance**, including trip cancellation, trip interruption or delay, emergency evacuation/repatriation, and medical expenses. Scherzo Cultural Journeys will provide a link for preferred rates with Travel Insured.

### PASSPORTS

All passengers traveling internationally are required to have a passport. Most countries require that the passport be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the conclusion of your trip. It is recommended you have a minimum of three blank pages in your passport when traveling, as many countries require blank pages.

### RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

Scherzo Cultural Journeys assumes no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity that may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the service providers.

Neither Scherzo Cultural Journeys nor its employees and/or representatives shall be held liable for any loss, costs, or damage due to delay, cancellation, curtailment, or disruption in any manner beyond their control or in which the principle of force majeure prevails, including global pandemic outbreaks and government regulations restricting travel; any emergency evacuation, medical, or repatriation expenses; damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and/or goods; any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket; or for other expenses incurred by tour participants in connection with this tour.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

Please contact Hafez Taghavi at Scherzo Cultural Journeys by phone: 240-498-8182 or by email at [workshops@scherzo-travel.com](mailto:workshops@scherzo-travel.com)