



ELENA SHARKOVA in Italy

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Rome Festival

JUNE 2021

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Directors, singers, friends

I love performing and touring Italy very much. So I am happy to present you with a wonderful option to sing in Rome with other choirs in a Gala Concert as well as individually in Rome and also in Tuscany/Florence and even Venice for those who want to.

When I took my choir there last I saw the pure joy on my singers faces as they experienced sensational acoustics, venues thousands of years old, warm and enthusiastic exchange ensembles as well as audiences. Together with Klconcerts, we planned touring experiences in Venice (even getting our students in gondoliers to sightsee the canals), performed in a perfect town church setting outside of Florence for a standing room only audience and had members of the audience weeping for joy before arriving in Rome to tour some of the greatest architecture on earth, while being enthralled by the Eternal City.

I look forward to talking with you about the repertoire that would most suit the mix of singers and spaces we will have the honor to sing in and I know our friends at KI will be happy to individualize your tour to match the interests of your singers, families and friends.

Come with us and add your voices to the endless echoes that call to us from this cradle of civilization

Elena Sharkova

Artistic Director & Conductor

ROME ONLY FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 22: DEPART

- Depart for Italy

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23: ARRIVE ROME

- Land at Rome airport
- Meet your Klconcerts tour manager
- Introduction to Rome
- Check in
- Dinner daily
- Overnight Rome

THURSDAY, JUNE 24: ROME

- Breakfast daily
- Enjoy a guided tour of the Roman Forum and see the Capitoline Hill, Citadel of ancient Rome, and the Tarpeian Rock before touring the magnificent Colosseum itself
- **Festival rehearsal with Elena Sharkova**
- Festival Welcome Dinner
- Overnight Rome

FRIDAY, JUNE 25: ROME

- **Festival rehearsal with Elena Sharkova**
- Guided walking tour of the historical center of Rome visiting the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and seeing Campo de' Fiori and the Pantheon
- **Optional individual concert (tbd)**
- Overnight Rome

SATURDAY, JUNE 26: VATICAN CITY

- Enjoy a day in Vatican City – a city state in the center of Rome - the heart of the Roman Catholic religion
- Tour the Vatican Museums – the highlight of which is the never to be forgotten Sistine Chapel with its breathtaking frescos by Michelangelo
- **Opportunity to sing Mass in one of Rome's spectacular basilicas and churches (tbd)**
- Overnight Rome



Roman Forum



Colosseum



Trevi Fountain

SUNDAY, JUNE 27: GALA CONCERT

- Dress rehearsal with Elena Sharkova
 - Explore Rome or return to our hotel for some free time
 - Gala Festival Concert conducted by Elena Sharkova
 - Overnight Rome
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MONDAY, JUNE 28: RETURN HOME

- Transfer to airport to return home



St. Peter's Basilica



St. Peter's Basilica



Mass at St. Peter's Basilica



Pantheon

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- Travel to Tuscany
 - Tour Pisa, the city is known worldwide for its leaning bell tower
 - Check in
 - Overnight Tuscany
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TUESDAY, JUNE 29: FLORENCE

- Guided tour of Florence, the epicenter of the Renaissance
 - Visit the Piazza Del Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and of course Accademia to see Michelangelo's brilliance
 - **Optional individual concert (tbd)** or continue to explore Florence
 - Overnight Tuscany
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30: ROME

- Return to Rome
 - Sightseeing en route
 - Arrive in Rome
 - **Sing Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (tbd subject to availability)**
 - Check in
 - Overnight Rome
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THURSDAY, JULY 1: RETURN HOME

- Transfer to airport and travel home

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St. Peter's Basilica



Duomo & Leaning Tower of Pisa



Florence Duomo



River Arno

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 - **Optional individual concert in Tuscan town (tbd)**
 - Overnight Tuscany
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30: VENICE

- Transfer to Venice sightseeing en route
- Check in
- Overnight Padua/Mestre area



St. Peter's Basilica



Florence



Florence Duomo



Duomo & Leaning Tower of Pisa

THURSDAY, JULY 1: VENICE

- Sail to Venice
 - Guided tour of Venice including the imposing Doge's Palace decorated by 16th century artists such as Titian and Tintoretto, walk the Bridge of Sighs and see Piombi Prison
 - Time to explore the area around St. Mark's Square, wander the paths through this unique lagoon island or take an optional gondolier ride (own arrangements)
 - **Optional individual concert (time permitting)**
 - Overnight Padua/Mestre area
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FRIDAY, JULY 2: RETURN HOME

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Grand Canal



St. Mark's Square



Venice



St. Mark's Basilica

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ELENA SHARKOVA

Russian-American conductor Elena Sharkova was born and raised in St. Petersburg and received her training at the famed Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatoire, alma mater to Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, and Balanchin, and holds a graduate degree in conducting. In 1993 Ms. Sharkova moved

to the United States where she continues her varied career as a conductor, music educator, lecturer, workshop leader, and editor.

Most recent engagements have been with Britain's foremost professional choir the BBC Singers, Grammy-winning male ensemble *Chanticleer*, Miami-based Grammy-nominated *Seraphic Fire*, and Houston Chamber Choir. Upcoming programs include a return conducting appearance with the BBC Singers and BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Glasgow in 2018.

A frequent guest conductor, Elena Sharkova has had the privilege of inspiring youth and adult singers in eighteen countries across three continents. She has conducted honor choirs and festivals in NYC's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, San Francisco's Davies Symphony Hall and the Grace Cathedral. In 2014 and 2016 Ms. Sharkova had the privilege of leading Klconcerts' international music festivals, conducting concerts in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and at the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Ms. Sharkova is in her nineteenth year as the chorus master for Symphony Silicon Valley (previously San Jose Symphony) and has prepared the singers for performances of over fifty major works for distinguished conductors such as George Cleve, Carlos View, Jane Glover, John Nelson and many others. Each season she leads the orchestra and chorus in a concert of choral masterpieces as well as in the annual Christmas celebration.

Elena Sharkova has been Artistic Director of the award-winning Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley since 2004. Today the organization serves over 300 youth ages 4-18 and provides unique and comprehensive choral music education curriculum that fosters deep mind-body-heart engagement, independent thinking, and community.

She has served as editor of "Elena Sharkova Choral Series" for Carl Fischer Publishing since 2011. Her series with the National Music Publishing promotes music for treble voices.





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*A Week in
Kl's World of Music*



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