



## Summer Camp 2023 | June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 8<sup>th</sup> "Aria of Beauty"

Camp objective is to offer young people a unique cultural experience related to discover the beauty of music and their theatres through the cities that were their cradle and source of inspiration. Italy is the country where musical opera was invented, in the 16th century, the homeland of immortal composers such as Vivaldi, Rossini, Donizetti, Bellini, Verdi, Puccini and Mascagni.

This is demonstrated by the presence of spectacular theaters, known throughout the world, from La Scala in Milan, one of the most famous theaters in the world, to the Arena in Verona and La Fenice in Venice.

The camp will allow you to discover an important performing art, the Opera, discovering anecdotes, secret stories and manias. All of us are fascinated by the opera, as evidenced by the fact that many opera arias are used in movies or commercials.

Through the opera the participants will be led to know some of the most beautiful corners of our country, to discover the places that were the background to the tragedies and stories of the most famous operas in the world. You will have the opportunity to discover Italian Opera on and off stage. In addition, of course, you will have the opportunity to attend prestigious operas and discover the theaters behind the scenes.

At the same time, an opportunity to explore the rich cultural and musical heritage of cities like **Milan, Verona, Venice and Bergamo**, to be immersed in the Italian tradition and culture in opera performing, and closely observe famous artists and attend performances.

An intense journey into the soul of the most exciting and famous Opera but also a journey into the excellence of Italian gastronomy of the different beautiful Italian cities. Come and discover the magic of opera through some of the most beautiful Italian cities that were its cradle!



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### Camp Information

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| Host District | D2041 - Milan (Italy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Organizing    | Rotary Youth Exchange Committee D2041                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Participants  | max. 15 youths aged 18 - 30 years old, one boy or one girl from each country on the basis of first come first served.<br>Participants will receive acceptance confirmation as soon as possible.<br>(The camp will be cancelled if we fail to recruit more than 10 youths before March 30th, 2023). |
| Age           | 18 - 30 years old                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Camp Language | English (with some Italian).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Cost          | €800 camp fee (the cost includes food, accommodation and transportation during the camp).<br>Travel and personal expenses not included.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Accommodation | Hotels and host families.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Clothing      | Casual wear for sightseeing, swimming and sports, plus formal suit to attend performances.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Insurance     | All participants must be insured against illness, accident and third party damages according to R.I. recommendation. Email insurance copy for our approval before camp time.                                                                                                                       |
| Arrival       | June 30th arrival to Milan Airport (MPX or Linate).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Departure     | July 8th departure from Milan Airport (MPX or Linate).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Applications  | To apply for this camp, contact the Camps Coordinator:<br>Alistair Knox - email: camps@youthexchange.org.uk                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Deadline      | 15th April 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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### Camp Program

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| June 30th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrival in Milan within 4 pm Italian time</li> <li>Welcome party</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Milan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |
| July 1st  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting at District 2041 headquarters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camp Program presentation</li> <li>District 2041 presentation</li> <li>Italian opera introduction: discover Italy, the country of lyrical music, through Opera</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tour in Milan downtown (Duomo, Castello Sforzesco, Museo Leonardo da Vinci, ...)</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Milan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |
| July 2nd  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit to the legendary La Scala Theatre and Museum: this tour of legendary Opera house and adjoining museum is a unique and fun way to get an inside look at one of the most famous opera houses in the world. Visiting the Museum, you will see the Theatre from the third-level boxes. We will take you into the foyer, the royal box, the historic boxes, even "backstage" to explore the stage's mechanized movement system, to see intricate outfits, musical instruments and various stage props.</li> <li>Special dinner to learn and taste the best Italian food recipes</li> <li>Accommodation in Milan</li> </ul> |                                                                                      |
| July 3rd  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure to Bergamo</li> <li>Tour to discover Bergamo: a charming ancient city rich of culture and historical sites</li> <li>Visit to Donizetti theatre dedicated to the Bergamo-born composer</li> <li>Opportunity to attend an alive opera performance</li> <li>Departure to Milan</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Milan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                      |
| July 4th  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure to Venice</li> <li>Tour to discover Venice</li> <li>Visit to the prestigious Theatre La Fenice: the world premieres of Verdi, Bellini, and Rossini took place here and Enrico Caruso and Maria Callas enraptured the audience with their voices.</li> <li>Opportunity to attend an alive opera performance</li> <li>Departure to Verona</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Verona</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                      |
| July 5th  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour to discover Verona the city of Romeo and Giulietta</li> <li>Visit to the Arena di Verona: this beautiful Roman amphitheater hosts every year, a selection of the most famous titles of the Italian opera tradition and, with its 15,000 spectators, is the largest open-air opera house in the world</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Verona</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                      |
| July 6th  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovering beautiful Verona surroundings</li> <li>Opportunity to attend an alive opera performance at Arena di Verona (Carmen)</li> <li>Dinner and accommodation in Verona</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                      |
| July 7th  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Departure to Milan</li> <li>Shopping in Milan</li> <li>Classic Music Concert</li> <li>Firewall party</li> <li>Accommodation in Milan</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| July 8th  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End of Camp</li> <li>Return back to your countries</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                      |

*(The above itinerary is subject to minor changes according to practical needs).*