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Welcome to Our Inaugural Newsletter

Stay connected with festival activities, people, and upcoming events!



Directors' Message: Greetings from Leslie & Sasha



Whether you attended the festival more than two decades ago in its earliest incarnation at the Badia di Cava, the imposing abbey above Cava de' Tirreni...or whether you wandered the meandering streets of Vietri sul Mare, dazzled by the sea views beyond the rocky bluffs...or whether you joined us in our current home in the lovely and welcoming town of Maiori, with its expansive beaches guarded by the 13th century Saracen tower, you experienced the magic that is the community of the festival and its animating spirit. We hope you continue to carry that magic with you. This newsletter is an opportunity to renew our connection. Please be in touch and send us your news via email or social media. We invite you to return to the festival at any time to re-discover the Amalfi magic!

~Leslie Hyde & Sasha Katsnelson

Big Turnout for Amalfi Art Show

Exhibit Showcases Work from 2016 Festival

An animated crowd turned out for our D.C. area Amalfi-Fest Art Show & Reception on November 6. Art lovers plus festival alums and staff gathered to enjoy the visual feast of paintings, photographs and ceramics by festival teachers and students. A beautiful home in Chevy Chase, MD was transformed by our artists into an array of galleries filled with canvasses large and small, presenting the familiar, awe-inspiring Amalfi Coast landscapes and landmarks. Graced by balmy weather outdoors, the terrace was set up with eye-catching displays of colorful ceramics works complemented by a magnificent spread of Italian-inspired food and wine. *Grazie infinite* to our artists for their impeccable team-work, to our gracious hostess, Annie Canby, for her hospitality, with special thanks to Bob Devers for his flawless coordination. We hope to make the Amalfi-Fest Art Show an annual event! *More on the event [here](#).*



Introducing "Comunità Musicale"

Winter Master Classes Offered in Maiori

As part of our mission to present top-level musical programs around the year, we are pleased to announce an exciting new venture with renowned Italian pianists Michele Campanella and Monica Leone. Inaugurated on November 13 in Maiori at the stunning Palazzo Mezzacapo, the "[Comunita' Musicale dell'Amalfi Coast](#)" will present monthly piano master classes and seminars plus performances scheduled for the spring. Other programs, including chamber music, will be added in the future. Our gratitude to the town of Maiori and the administration of Mayor Antonio Capone for their warm welcome and support of this initiative.



Don't Miss Our Festival Blog!

Get the Inside Scoop on Faculty & Alumni News

Want to learn more about the festival, our faculty, and the exciting accomplishments of our broad alumni base? Check out our Festival Blog! Exclusive interviews with faculty members offer insights on their latest projects, their artistic and teaching philosophies, and their unique role at the festival. Catch up with fellow festival participants with updates on where their lives have taken them! All this and more can be found [here](#).



Double Your Donation Now!

Our Scholarship Fund Needs Your Support

Matching Funds Provided by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

There is still time to make a donation to the festival scholarship fund that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, if you donate on Facebook [here](#). You can also donate on our website at amalfi-festival.org or send a check by mail. All donations are made to our 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, Center of Musical Studies, and will go directly to the Amalfi Festival Young Artists Scholarship Fund. Our heart-felt thanks for your generosity!

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