

## THEA 448 Special Topic




### **Commedia dell'arte as Body Training – 3 credits**

Experience the most popular theatre of the Renaissance, *commedia dell'arte*, which is still performed today both in traditional and modern forms. This course will focus on its value for training the body in action, and will include history of *commedia*, workshops in use of mask and development of physical character, and basic Italian conversation that will be used in the *commedia* scenes developed by students with the aid of *commedia* masters Angelo Crotti and Andrea Brugnera. The course teacher at Marywood is David Zarko. Lingua Si in Orvieto (Umbria) is a highly regarded institute for the study of Italian language and culture, and is our academic partner in Italy. The course is of value to all students interested in theatre, movement, Italian culture, and physical expression.

### **YOUR SPRING BREAK IN ITALY**

*Some details are projected, but the overall plan is as below.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>02/28/14</b> Bus to JFK or Newark, fly to Rome. Take a train to Orvieto.	<b>03/01/14</b> Explore Orvieto. Afternoon gathering. Group dinner at one of the city's outstanding restaurants.
<b>03/02/14</b> Mass at Orvieto Duomo (optional). City tour with LinguaSi. Evening cultural outing (optional).	<b>03/03/14</b> Morning Italian Class at LinguaSi. Group lunch in Orvieto. <i>Commedia</i> workshop at Teatro Boni in Acquapendente. City walk of Acquapendente. Group dinner, return to Orvieto.	<b>03/04/14</b> <i>Aula ai fuori</i> (outdoor study) in Italian of various attractions in Orvieto. <i>Commedia</i> workshop in Orvieto. Group dinner at Osteria del Ponte in Civita di Bagnoregio, followed by a town walk.	<b>03/05/14</b> Morning Italian Class at Lingua Si. Group lunch in Orvieto. <i>Commedia</i> workshop at an historic theater (perhaps in Citta della Pieve). Town walk, group dinner.	<b>03/06/14</b> <i>Aula ai fuori</i> (outdoor study) in Italian of various attractions in Orvieto. <i>Commedia</i> workshop in Orvieto. Group dinner In Monterubiaglio, town walk.	<b>03/07/14</b> Morning Italian Class at Lingua Si. Group lunch in Orvieto. <i>Commedia</i> workshop at an historic theater (in Bolsena?) Town walk in Montefiascone, group dinner Ristorante della Fontana.	<b>03/08/14</b> Train to Roma City walk, lunch in Trastevere. Historic and cultural tour in the afternoon. Evening performance.
<b>03/09/14</b> Return flight to JFK or Newark, bus to Scranton.						

Students receive a certificate of study from Lingua Si and the enrollment fee is valid for one year should you wish to return to study. Lingua Si also provides Italian movies, tourist information, and a student card that affords you discounts at various shops, attractions, cafes, and restaurants.

**\$2600 includes** all round-trip and local travel, sleeping accommodations, language classes, *commedia* workshops, tours and field trips, and group meals. Students should anticipate bringing additional funds for personal expenses.

**The number of participants is limited;** contact Dr. Paulette Merchel to express interest or for information, [merchel@maryu.marywood.edu](mailto:merchel@maryu.marywood.edu). Seats are first-come-first-served. We will try to hold a place, regardless of your registration number, until registration is closed for spring semester.

