



**ART RESTORATION PROGRAMS SUMMER 2012**  
**Wood Statues & Canvases, Fresco Preservation and Restoration and**  
**Historic Decorative creation and restoration**  
**Altamura, Puglia, Italy**

**Session I: June 13-30th 2012**

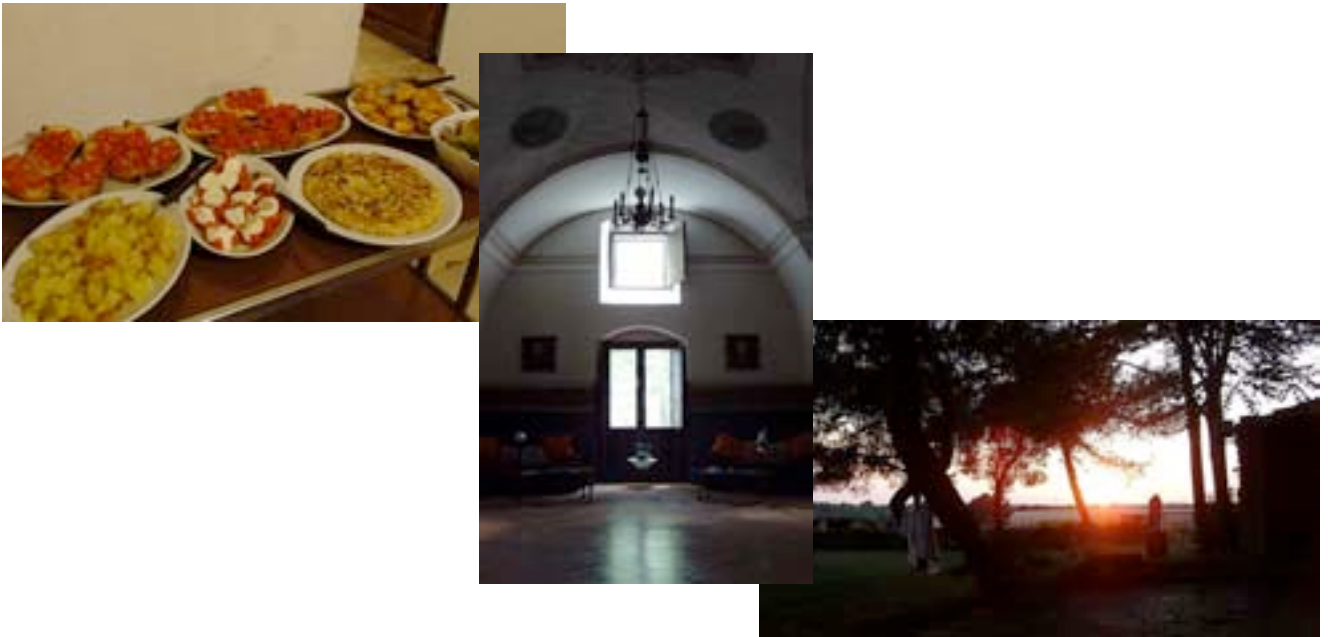
**Session II: July 4-21st 2012**

Sinergie, a cultural cooperative that has been working with the city of Altamura in Puglia, Italy for over twenty years, is offering two three-week courses in art restoration. Students in each session will work with trained professionals to learn techniques to restore frescoes, oil paintings on canvas, and wooden statues. After being introduced to conservation techniques for each area, students will be given the chance to choose a specific medium to focus on. In between gaining practical art restoration experience, students will go on excursions to nearby towns and local archaeological and cultural sites, as well as hear lectures on both art conservation and the history of the area.



The frescoes on which students will be working are on the walls of limestone caves that provided shelter for early Alta Murgia settlements. Local churches and collectors will provide the wooden statues and canvases. Tonio Creanza, Director of Sinergie, and Dr. Teresanna Loiodice, Cultural Heritage expert teach the courses, and local specialists will be brought in to teach individual sessions in art history, geomorphologic studies, and religious iconography and rituals.

## ACCOMMODATIONS: Masseria La Selva



While working with Sinergie, students will live in a villa outside Altamura known as La Masseria La Selva. La Selva was built in the mid 18th century as a hunting lodge for the Orsini family of Rome. The Orsini family's history in the region dates back to 1420 when the Normans gave them the neighboring town of Gravina as their dukedom. La Selva houses nine bedrooms, each furnished with two single beds, a banquet hall for large family dinners, and a warm, antique-filled maze of sitting rooms and dens. The building is set on 500 acres of wooded, gentle hills. There are sheep, pigs, dogs, and cows on the property, and cheese is made in the adjacent building every morning.

Students will enjoy home-cooked meals typical of the Puglia region made with produce, olive oil, and wine from local, family-owned farms. They will interact daily with family members and friends of the program's directors, as well as local students. If life at La Selva feels quiet—there is no TV, and the internet can only be accessed through the house's main computer—there will be trips into town every evening to explore, meet residents, shop, and gather any necessary amenities not supplied (i.e. medications, stamps, soaps and shampoos, etc.). The accommodations Sinergie provides at La Selva will immerse students in the Southern Italian lifestyle while they restore the local art.



## PROGRAM DETAILS AND COSTS

The participation fee for the workshops is \$2,650.

Program costs includes:

- Room with double occupancy accommodation
- Sheets and blankets
- All meals and beverages
- Transportation to and from Altamura and all group excursions
- Teaching materials, supplies, and tools
- Guided trips to museums and parks and their respective entrance fees
- Day trip to the beach

Exclusions:

- Personal costs such as airfare, train fare, or spending money
- Health Insurance



## REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to a maximum of 14 participants for each session. A \$460 deposit must be received by May 15, 2012 in order to reserve your space in the program. The deposit is non-refundable in the case of non-attendance but will be reimbursed should the course be cancelled or if minimum enrollment is not met.

All courses are subject to a minimum enrollment. The minimum enrollment for each course is 8 participants. Sinergie shall not be held responsible for any loss or inconvenience of any kind suffered by the applicant in relation to the cancellation of a program or to a student participant.

## GETTING TO ALTAMURA

Altamura is located in the Puglia region in the south of Italy, about an hour drive from the city of Bari. International and domestic air service is available to Bari International Airport (Bari Palese-BRI). Train service is also available to Bari from cities with larger airports, such as Rome and Florence. Sinergie will provide transportation for all participants arriving at and departing from the airport or train station in Bari.

For those participants wishing to plan travel before or after their programs nearby attractions include: Napoli, Pompei, Amalfi Coast, Salento Coast, and Rome. These destinations are all within two to five hours away.

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