



Residence for Memory, Studies and Culture
San Pancrazio (Ar)
Tuscany

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D.I.M.A. is a cultural center inspired by the thought of ancient philosophers for whom music is the essential key to interpreting the profound harmony of God and the world. D.I.M.A. was founded in 2014 a few meters from the birthplace of Guido d'Arezzo considered the inventor of notes and over the years it has become a place of training, production and research that has developed international networks with institutions, artists, musicians, intellectuals and researchers from all over the world.

In 2015 the Association founded the homonymous Music Academy which is based in the birthplace of Francesco Petrarca, in Vicolo dell'Orto, a place of art full of history, which is located a step away from the Cathedral, in the heart of the historic center of Arezzo.

Since 2020 D.I.M.A. has been managing the Intercultural Center „Don Giuseppe Torelli“ in San Pancrazio, the municipality of Bucine, province of Arezzo. D.I.M.A. has turned this place into an artistic residence where master classes, music festivals, concerts and educational and research activities are organized on a non-profit basis.

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San Pancrazio - The Place

On the top of a hill at 450 meters, immersed in the typical colors of Tuscany, between the gray green of the olive trees, the green of the vineyards and the changing shades of the lands ranging from the Val d'Arno to the Crete Senesi, the evening is tinged with the dense golden color of the sunset, which pervades the hills and penetrates from the windows of the house.

The sound of nature and the singing of swallows make every evening spent on the terrace of San Pancrazio unforgettable. The beauty of nature is combined with the taste of the fruits of the earth, water, bread and oil that the clear air enhances and makes you perceive in all their fullness.

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The Story

So much beauty and depth have, as is often the case, painful roots. On June 29 1944 the German Feldgendarmerie together with a group of fascist militants, killed all the men of San Pancrazio on the farm that today is the Intercultural Center "Don Giuseppe Torelli"-Museum of Memory, and continued its dastardly course to Civitella in Val di Chiana. There were 244 victims that day.

Today the languages of art and study overcome the misunderstanding of the word and lead the visitor by the hand into the experience of silence and listening by making resounding the absurdity of war and division.

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The Project 80 years after the massacre

Guided by this spirit, D.I.M.A. is preparing a project to pay a special tribute to the history of San Pancrazio and Civitella. On June 29, 2024, the day of their eightieth anniversary, these massacres will be remembered with an event involving the Conservatory of Saarbrücken in Germany and the Conservatory of Florence. Until that date and starting from January 2023, young musicians will meet several times in San Pancrazio to study together two works for chamber orchestra, written by a German composer and an Italian composer especially for this anniversary. The final concerts will be held in San Pancrazio, Civitella and Florence and will be preceded by various performances by the participants during their stay in San Pancrazio.

The dissemination of culture, especially if lived in an international community of exchanges on an educational and personal level, is for us the best tool to honor the memory and prevent terrible events like those that occurred in San Pancrazio and Civitella from being repeated.

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Programs

D.I.M.A. organizes workshops and masterclasses with artists and creatives of all fields, writers, philosophers, painters, multimedia artists.

D.I.M.A. provides teachers, concert performers, educators for workshops and creative study meetings and organizes concert spaces in some prestigious locations in Val d'Ambra and in cities such as Arezzo, Florence, Siena and neighboring Umbria.

In alternative, you can come with your own educational program and use the spaces and facilities.

In San Pancrazio visitors have the opportunity to study with great masters in a simple and serene environment, adjacent to a garden (the Rose Garden) immersed in a wonderful landscape, full of art and culture.

From San Pancrazio you can easily reach all the most significant places in Tuscany and D.I.M.A. offers advice on how to create the experience of a full immersion, in its history, in its art and in its lifestyle.

D.I.M.A. can create itineraries for visits to museums, theaters, academies and training institutions.

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Tuscany, history, traditions and nature

San Pancrazio is a place to enjoy the beauty of nature, immersing yourself in gentle trekking routes, paths and active and sustainable lifestyles.

In this land of wine and oil, women and men preserve the treasure of one of the oldest gastronomic traditions in the world, which is handed down without secrets from father to son and which is still a living tradition of joy and sharing.



D.I.M.A. Headquarters Casa Petrarca

In D.I.M.A.'s operational headquarters in the historic center of Arezzo, lectures and master classes, exhibitions and conferences are held. These spaces are integrated into the proposal of San Pancrazio for the development of further activities.





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