



SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA NEWS RELEASE

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Spoletto Festival USA's Go Spoleto! Hotel and Ticket Packages Return for the 2015 Festival this spring

Festival runs May 22 through June 7 in Charleston, South Carolina

JANUARY 21, 2015 (CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA)—Spoleto Festival USA has announced the return of its popular **Go Spoleto! Hotel and Ticket Packages** for the 2015 Festival season. Designed for out-of-town Festival attendees, **Go Spoleto!** packages offer special rates on accommodations at five of Charleston's most exclusive hotels, plus a 15% saving on select Festival performances. Now in its 39th season, Spoleto Festival USA takes place in downtown historic Charleston May 22 through June 7. Known as America's premiere international performing arts event, the Festival gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy the best in opera, music, theater, and dance, while also experiencing the finest in Charleston hospitality. Package details can be found at gospoleto.com.

Charleston is presently an in-demand destination having been voted the No. 1 City in the US by *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* magazines in 2014 and topping many other travel "best" lists owing to its rich history, well-preserved architecture, nearby beaches and a celebrated culinary scene, all of which can be enjoyed during the 17-day Festival. The city is more accessible than ever with direct flights available from New York, Miami, Dallas, Atlanta, Detroit, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, Baltimore, Houston, Nashville, Charlotte, Philadelphia and, from March 19, Tampa and Orlando.

Go Spoleto! Hotel and Ticket Packages are available at the following locations:

Belmond Charleston Place, 205 Meeting Street

Rates start at \$445 per night. As Charleston's grand ambassador, Belmond Charleston Place offers the ideal launch point for your foray into Spoleto Festival USA. In addition to the 15% saving on select tickets, Go Spoleto! guests receive dinner for two in the Forbes Four Star Charleston Grill, Continental Breakfast for two in the Four Diamond Palmetto Cafe and welcome amenities. Call 800.611.5549.

Charleston's Islands: Wyndham Vacation Rentals, 554 Freshfields Lane & 1400 Palm Boulevard

Rates start at \$149 (villas) per night / \$277 (oceanfront villas) per night. Wyndham Vacation Rentals offers luxury home and villa rentals. Serving Charleston's Islands for over 30 years: Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, Isle of Palms, Wild Dunes, and Sullivan's Island. Call 866.361.6944.

Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina, 20 Patriots Point Road

A full-service waterfront resort located on the Charleston Harbor at Patriots Point. The resort offers 125 guestrooms, free parking, three on-site restaurants, complimentary hotel trolley, fitness center, pool, private beachfront, a full service marina, and bike rentals. Call 888.856.0028.

Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street

Rates start at \$209 per night. Enliven your spirit and immerse yourself in the arts! Spoleto Festival USA exhilarates all who enjoy this premier cultural event ranked as one of the nation's major arts festival. Your Festival Package includes luxurious overnight accommodations with breakfast for two in the hotel's own Swamp Fox Restaurant. Hotel reservation must be confirmed prior to receiving the special promotion code for ordering reduced Spoleto tickets. Gratuity, taxes and parking are not included. Rates vary by date. Call 877.756.2121.

Renaissance Charleston Historic District Hotel, 68 Wentworth Street

Rates start at \$299 per night. An upscale location within steps of the festivities, each turn will surprise and delight. Featuring luxurious full-service accommodations, unique designs that meld historic charm with modern sophistication, plus palate-pleasing culinary delights. Call 843.534.0300.

The 2015 season of Spoleto Festival USA includes the world premiere of opera ***Paradise Interrupted*** composed by Huang Ruo and designed and directed by visual artist Jennifer Wen Ma, the American premiere and first performances in over 350 years of Francesco Cavalli's baroque

opera *Veremonda, l'amazzone di Aragona*, and the first US performances of a new production of *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare's Globe directed by the company's Artistic Director Dominic Dromgoole and Tim Hoare.

Other highlights of the 2015 Festival include:

- Scottish Ballet's acclaimed production of Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*
- Performances of influential works by the **Trisha Brown Dance Company** and **Shen Wei Dance Arts**
- Family-friendly productions by Italy's Carlos Colla and Sons Marionette Company (*Sleeping Beauty*) and Vietnam's **Golden Dragon Water Puppet Theatre**
- Spoleto Festival USA debuts by Australia's Casus Circus with its acrobatic show *Knee Deep* and Canada's 2b theatre company with the award-winning play *When It Rains*
- Concerts by **Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell**, **Dianne Reeves** and **Madeleine Peyroux**
- The acclaimed **Bank of America Chamber Music** series in the historic Dock Street Theatre
- The **Spoletto Festival USA Orchestra** performing film scores on stage for screenings of Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights* and Bill Morrison's *Decasia*
- Seven-piece soul band **St. Paul & The Broken Bones** headlining the Wells Fargo Festival Finale at Middleton Place on June 7
- A full schedule of events can be found at spoletousa.org.

ABOUT SPOLETO FESTIVAL USA

For 17 days and nights each spring, Spoleto Festival USA fills Charleston, South Carolina's historic theaters, churches, and outdoor spaces with over 150 performances by world-renowned artists as well as emerging performers in opera, theater, dance, and chamber, symphonic, choral, and jazz music. For more information on Spoleto Festival USA 2015, May 22–June 7, please visit spoletousa.org or call 843.579.3100.

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