

Pageant Puppetry Workshop in Northern Italy

June 19 – June 27, 2010

Morinesio Annual Midsummer Pageant

Join us for a week-long workshop in pageant puppetry, ending in a community celebration of Midsummer and the Feast of Saint John the Baptist. Collaborate with international participants and local residents to create an event grounded in the ritual traditions of Morinesio, a remote village in the Piedmont region of the Italian Alps.

Processional artists Alex Kahn and Sophia Michahelles (official puppet designers for New York's renowned Village Halloween Parade) will lead the classes, drawing inspiration from the folklore and oral histories of the village. Local residents will act as guides to the culture of the Val Maira, leading side trips to a local cheese farm, Occitan step-dancing lessons, and perhaps even a morning of bread-baking at the communal stone oven.

The workshop will be hosted by Fritz and Christa Gaebler at Casa dei Fiori, an authentically restored complex of traditional stone farmhouses. Christa, a world-class international chef, will introduce participants to the tastes of Northern Italian summer, with gourmet meals prepared daily from local produce and cheeses.

Further info, fees, and reservations at:

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