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MARILYNNE HERBERT/CARTAGENA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Cartagena Again Welcomes International Music Festival

The Cartagena International Festival of Music is the latest source of inspiration for Charles Wadsworth, founding director of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and the organizer behind the Spoleto U.S.A. Festival's chamber concert series in Charleston, S.C. From Jan. 5 to 12 the festival will take over the Colombian tourist destination, known for its colonial architecture and temperate Caribbean breezes. The festival, now in its second year, is scheduled to include performers like the pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, the flutist Paula Robison and the guitarist Romero Lubambo. More than 40 master classes will be offered. Venues include the Teatro Heredia, above, which was built in the 17th century, and the chapels of several historic churches and hotels. There will also be four open-air concerts in the Plaza San Pedro Claver. Packages, which include lodging and tickets to events, start at \$2,690 for five nights (www.cartagenamusicfestival.com).

Summer Dance Celebration To Have a 75th Anniversary

The American Dance Festival — an international celebration of modern dance — takes place every summer on the campus of Duke University in Durham, N.C. This year, from June 5 to July 19, it will have its 75th anniversary. The festival got its start in Vermont in the 1930s with the Bennington School of Dance, created by choreographers like Martha Graham and Doris Humphrey who wanted to develop a laboratory environment for their dancers. Now the festival brings together more than 400 students and 50 faculty members from all over the world, in addition to dozens of world-renowned dance companies. This year, the festival will feature multiple dance companies on the same bill, giving audiences the opportunity to see two or three different styles of dance on the same night. Confirmed American companies include Pilobolus, right, Shen Wei Dance Arts and Paul Taylor Dance Company. Other countries represented will include Japan, Turkey and the Netherlands (www.americandancefestival.org).



JOHN KANE/PILOBOLUS

Rome Tour Features Music and Architecture

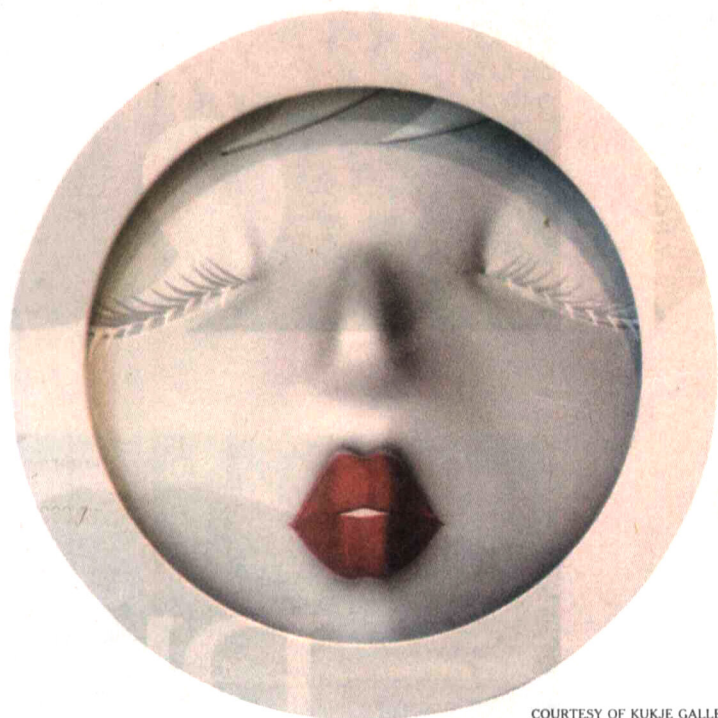
Seven private performances of Roman music in seven historic sites is the focus of a special package called "Rome: A Festival of Music," from Feb. 3 to 9. Sponsored by Martin Randall Travel (www.martinrandall.com), the package features performances by the Gabrieli Consort and Andreas Scholl, among others, in settings like the Santa Maria in Trastevere, below. The package includes six nights' accommodation, three dinners with wine and a private visit to the Sistine Chapel. Prices start at £1,870, or \$3,927 at \$2.10 to the pound, excluding airfare.



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Hong Kong Shows Examine Fashion and Jewelry Design

The Hong Kong Heritage Museum is offering a lesson in local fashion and jewelry design this year. Through March 31, "Fashion Attitude — Hong Kong Fashion Design" will feature the works of nine Hong Kong fashion designers, including Barney Chang, Lu Lu Cheung, Peter Lau, and Ika, whose work is pictured below. Starting May 18 and running through Jan. 5, 2009, is "Jewelry for Life — Meaning and Adornment." This exhibition will explore the history of jewelry, specifically Hong Kong's history in manufacturing jewelry for global export. Approximately six manufacturer brands and four designer brands will show representative works in the forms of photographs, sketches and film footage. Admission: 10 Hong Kong dollars, or about \$1.25 at 7.9 Hong Kong dollars to \$1. (www.heritagemuseum.gov.hk).



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