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Feast For The Senses: A Musical Odyssey In Umbria



Synopsis

Lin Arison invites readers on a journey through Umbria, in the company of Michael Tilson Thomas and the New World Symphony orchestra. Part memoir, part travelogue, this lushly illustrated volume features the sites, foods, crafts, and festivals that give Umbria its unique character. Included are three DVDs: the celebrated MTT on Music; a short documentary on the musicians in Umbria; and a filmed conversation between Thomas and architect Frank Gehry, designer of the orchestra's new Miami campus, opening in 2011.

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LIN ARISON is the author of *A Love Story in Mediterranean Israel* (2002) and *Travels with Van Gogh and the Impressionists: Discovering the Connections* (2007). She has contributed a daily column to the *Miami Review*, as well as travel writings to the Israeli business magazine *Link*. With Michael Tilson Book Information ISBN 9780811877312 Price GBP25.95 Pub Month 01/10/10 Category Custom Distrbtrn Trim Size 8 1/2 X 10 V Format Hardback Page Count 136 Rights W Page 2 June 19, 2008 12:02 PM Thomas and her late husband, Ted Arison, she was a co-founder of the New World Symphony. She is based in Miami. Michael Tilson Thomas is an American conductor, pianist and composer. He is currently music director of the San Francisco Symphony, and artistic director and co-founder of the New World Symphony, a premier orchestral academy for gifted young musicians. NEIL FOLBERG's previous publications include: *In a Desert Land* (1987); *And I Shall Dwell Among Them: Historic Synagogues of the World* (1995); *Celestial Nights* (2005); and, with Lin Arison, *Travels with Van Gogh and the Impressionists: Discovering the Connections* (2007). He is

based in Israel. DIANA C. STOLL writes frequently on art and photography, and is the Senior Editor of Aperture magazine. She has lived and worked for extended periods in Umbria, and collaborated with Lin Arison on the research and writing of this volume. She lives in Asheville, North Carolina, but also spends time in NY. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A "Feast for the senses" is a total surprise to anyone who buys the book and spends the time to read, see and listen, it is most surprising approach to let the reader experience a truly unique voyage in a part of the world that is so rich with contrast and culture. Umbria is a rare place where ancestral traditions matured into an elixir of miraculous sybaritic treasures. Few are the regions in the world that can count in its midst so much of what the world admire and cherish. Umbria is a haven to the soul and this book will certainly induce you to call your travel agent and fly there asap. The photographies by Neil Folberg are arresting, Neil is the Rembrandt of photography, a total amazing master. This book is a symphony of beautiful memories written by Lin Arison, a woman who knows and understand Artists, she is often their friends , benefactor but above all a fabulous story teller.

Lin Arison delivers a luscious and evocative view of Umbria. You will want to pack up immediately and dash to Perugia, Orvieto or any of the many towns and villages she visits and describes. She tells of the two trips she made with young musicians from the New World Symphony and the director, Maestro Michael Tilson-Thomas. Photographer Neil Folberg captures the joy and breathtaking beauty of the experience and the countryside. It made me so nostalgic for the incomparable Umbrian food, wine and hospitality that I am already planning and imagining my next trip there. I wish I could convince Mrs. Arison to be my guide.

I bought the book because my daughter was one of the musicians taken to Italy for the photo shoot. She is the harpist. Of course there are not enough pictures of her and those that do appear do not flatter her. But, I am glad to have the book.

The book and accompanying DVD's are more than a wonderful experience. Lin Arison's flowing writing and superb photographs by Neil Folberg carry one along on a magical journey through the romantic settings of Umbria. They encourage you to feel the locations, taste the foods and drink the wines along with the musicians from the New World Symphony of Miami accompanied by Michael Tilson Thomas where he is the founder and artistic director. And the DVD's, so rare in a book, are

treasures in themselves: a rehearsal by Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony and then their dynamic performance, passionate words and music by the youths of the New World Symphony, and an intelligent interview between Tilson Thomas and world renowned architect Frank Gehry as they introduce us to the exciting new Miami center in construction that the youth of the New World Symphony will occupy. This book is special.

After reading "Travels with Van Gogh and the Impressionists", I waited with much anticipation for the release of "Feast for the Senses". Accompanied by exquisite photography, I was engaged in this "Musical Odyssey in Umbria" from the first page through the last DVD. I highly recommend this quick read to music, art and culinary lovers. You can feel the adventure and passion through each page in an original but unique collaboration of mediums that touch the senses. An excellent coffee table book and reminder of how much beauty lives within art, spirit and body.

"A Feast for the Senses" is indeed a feast. The text and ample luscious photos have great appeal. There are three DVDs enclosed which I haven't yet viewed but include Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony played in San Francisco and The New World Symphony in Umbria. A treat, I'm certain. The book invites the reader/viewer/listener to see a part of Italy in an intimate way. Very special.

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