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Friends of the Altamura Arts Center

As we come to the end of another year, we leave behind unexpected endings and look forward to unimagined beginnings . Due to the challenging times, one can easily fall into discouragement. But around the corner there is always the unexpected-- Divine Providence. Many of you insisted that we should forge ahead, but with a leaner budget and programs that could appeal to a wider range of tastes. The two experiments, October 5th with Broadway Dinner Theatre and Christmas Around the World, proved to be successful.

As suggested, we have created a list of programs which should appeal to all tastes, classical and popular. Thus we ask that you **reach out** to all with an invitation to join us. Once they come, we are sure they will return because nowhere can excellence presented in a pleasing environment be found at such friendly prices.

A glimpse of what lies ahead: 2015

- A fund raiser for the Center offered by Brandy Wine Restaurant, of Windham, New York, some time in late **April**, date to be announced.

- **Mandolins and Celebrated Melodies Alla Napoletana, May 3rd**

- **And All That JAZZ!! June 28th**

- ***The Clandestine Marriage, "Il Matrimonio Segreto"* by D. Cimarosa, a fully staged hilarious comedy opera with orchestra directed by Francesco Santelli, July 26th**

- ***Spain alla Rossini, August 23rd*, plus a short play, *Strangers and Other Lovers*, by Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor**

As for myself, at the invitation of Simonetta Tancredi, pianist/opera coach of La Scala, on **May 7-14**, I will be giving a Master Classe in Rome, Italy.

On October 22 to 25, 2015, we will produce the 14th International Altamura/Caruso Voice Competition , at Christ and St. Stephens Concert Hall, New York City. (All are invited) Though two hours away, the discovery and validation of new voices is most exciting. (Vans can be provided for those who wish to attend.)

2015 competition winners in **concert in Rome, A CONCERT FOR WORLD PEACE**

Winners in concert in **Venice**

Winners in concert in **Krakow, Poland**

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A donation to help us prepare for the programs that lie ahead is greatly appreciated.

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Have a Blessed Christmas and Healthy New Year !