



Italian Center of the West presents the Free lecture series "Italian Culture year 2013"

Inquisitor Popes, Swedish Queens, and Greek Goddesses.

**Baroque Art, Culture, and Music
from Italian Courts throughout Europe.**



Rome, 1630. Imagine being in St. Peter's Square. A pope explains to Bernini how to build the famous colonnade using Egyptian obelisks. A mile away Caravaggio paints the most scandalous artworks in Western culture. Two miles away a Swedish Queen hires musicians, philosophers and scientists for her parties. Three miles away the Inquisition silently works on Galileo's files. This was the cultural environment where Bernini, Caravaggio, and Vivaldi created the Baroque style to impress, entertain, and amuse people. Later J.S. Bach, Handel, Rubens, and Le Vau exported this way-of-life all over Europe, from Moscow to Madrid, from Paris to Berlin, from Amsterdam to London. And we still enjoy it, thanks to Bologna, a little town near Florence where everything started.

Salt Lake City and County Building (451 S State St. - room 335)

Monday, May 20, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Refreshments - RSVP 801-364-8259 - Please use the EAST entrance
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