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Italian wines to tempt palate at Spoleto taste

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The chance to sample, for free, first-class wines from the Umbrian vineyards of Castello Monte Vibiano Vecchio, only 20 miles from Spoleto, Italy, is just one reason to attend the 2007 Taste of Spoleto.

The annual event, attended by 400 last year, will be held 5-7 p.m. Friday at Gailard Auditorium. During the evening, the public can buy discounted tickets for select performances including "Swan Lake," the Batasheva Dance Company, "Faustus: The Last Night," Shen Wei Dance Arts, the Bank of America Chamber Music concerts, Wachovia Jazz concerts, "blessing the boats" and more.

Attendees also may view a performance video of upcoming events and have a chance to purchase the 2007 Spoleto Festival USA poster featuring a portrait of composer Philip Glass painted by nationally known artist Chuck Close.



**SPOLETO FESTIVAL
USA 2007**

► May 25 - June 10
► spoletousa.org

One also may indulge in hors d'oeuvres by Lowcountry Eats and tickle the taste buds by sipping award-winning beers from the Charleston Brewing Company.

Lorenzo Fasola Bologna, CEO of Monte Vibiano winery, notes, "Members of my family have been making wine for generation upon generation upon generation. To us, making wine is not just a business; it is a passion." Vibiano Vecchio wines will be donated by Dedicato de Patris LLC.

Spoleto Festival USA, a comprehensive arts festival featuring 17 days of dance, opera, classical music, theater and jazz, will be held May 25-June 10 in Charleston. For information, call 579-3100 or visit www.spoletousa.org.