

# FROM THE “STALLA” TO THE “PIAZZA”

## Traditional Music and Dance from Northern Italy

Thursday-Monday, October 4-8, 2012  
Barre, Vermont

### Featuring - direct from Italy:

#### PLACIDA “DINA” STARO (dance instruction)

One of Italy’s leading ethnomusicologists, Dr. Staro received her laurea with highest honors from the University of Bologna, being mentored by one of Italy’s leading ethnomusicologists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Prof. Roberto Leydi. As a nationally-certified teacher, she has helped communities retain their music and dance traditions. Dr. Staro relocated to the Savena River Valley, where for over 30 years she has been the catalyst for the local communities’ continuing their centuries old traditions of music, song, and dance. She has been the driving force to have the dances, songs, and melodies of the Savena Valley transmitted by the carriers of those traditions by creating the local center for traditional music and dance, *E Bene Venga Maggio*. Dina’s husband Massimo Zacchi will assist as her dance partner.



#### SUONATORI D’L’ACQUA FREDDA (The Cold Water Players)

Dina Staro: Fiddle, voice

Elisa Lorenzini (Fiddle, accordion, voice)

Massimo Zacchi (Cello, voice)

Bruno Zanella: Guitar, voice

Gabriele Roda: Bass, voice

**MUSIC AND DANCE:** Participants in this weekend set of workshops and concerts will experience dancing, singing, and playing music for dance from all of the regions of northern Italy as still played and danced today in the Alps and Apennines by artisans and farmers, with an emphasis on the dances & music from the Savena River Valley in Emilia Romagna, and including the unique dances of the Val Resia in Friuli. The weekend will include 18 hours of dance instruction (partners of mixed gender not required), 3 hours of singing instruction (including some harmony), 3 hours of instrument instruction (accordion and fiddle (including Val Resia)), 4 evening parties (2 bands) with live music from Italy (Suonatori d’l’Acqua Fredda), 4 days of meals at the local Italian club, Il Mutuo, and the Labor Hall, 4 nights lodging in private homes, 4 tours of Central Vermont (incl. local cemeteries/meeting with local sculptors).



**VENUE:** Enjoy New England at its finest weekend of the year. Thousands flock to Central Vermont the first weekend of October to see mother nature’s maximum color display. Barre, at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was the center of U.S. immigration for Italians from Northern Italy. Almost ten percent of Central Vermonters trace their ancestry to the immigrants who built the Socialist Labor Hall to serve as the center of their social life. These emigrating Italians came from every region of Northern Italy to work as sculptors and stonecutters in the granite industry. Until ten years ago the Labor Hall had fallen into disrepair. The Barre Historical Society acquired the building and has renovated it so that again it provides a place for Barrites to have a suitable place for the social life of all ethnic groups in the metropolitan area of 15,000. Today, artisans still sculpt memorials for cemeteries and public buildings both locally and across the USA.

**Tentative Dance & Music Program:**

	<b>Thursday -- 10/4/12</b>	<b>Friday -- 10/5/12</b>	<b>Saturday -- 10/6/12</b>	<b>Sunday -- 10/7/12</b>	<b>Monday -- 10/8/12</b>
<b>Morning</b>	Arrive	Dances from Emilia-Romagna & Toscana	Dances from Emilia-Romagna & Piemonte	Dances from Emilia-Romagna & Val Resia (Friuli)	Dances from Lombardia & Reviews
<b>Afternoon</b>	Dances from Veneto Local tours	Local tours	Singing & Instrument workshops	Singing & Instrument workshops	
<b>Evening</b>	Concert & Dance Party	Concert & Dance party	Concert & Dance Party	Dance Party	

FULL WEEKEND includes: 4 nights lodging in local homes, program as listed above, 4 days breakfast & dinner, refreshments during evening parties. There are a number of motels within 10 miles for those who wish to make lodging arrangements on their own (keep in mind that it will be leaf season so reservations should be made as early as possible). Students 12-18 are half-price. Children under 12 free. The full weekend without room & board is available for local residents who wish to attend.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: Complete & mail registration form with check made payable to Marie DiCocco, 4512 Kerrybrooke Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310. Confirmation with details regarding what to bring, directions, etc. will be mailed to you once payment is received. Cancellations after September 15, 2012 will be subject to a cancellation fee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests or needs: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Postmark by August 4, 2012</b>	<b>Postmark after August 4, 2012</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>FULL WEEKEND</b>				-----	
<b>Adults</b>	_____	x \$330	x \$350	-----	\$
<b>Students</b>	_____	x \$165	x \$175	-----	\$
<b>FULL WEEKEND w/o room and board</b>				-----	
<b>Adults</b>	_____	x \$230	x \$250	-----	\$
<b>Students</b>	_____	x \$115	x \$125	-----	\$
<b>FULL DAY w/room &amp; board</b>					
<b>Adults</b>	_____	x \$70	x \$90	x # of days	\$
<b>Students</b>	_____	x \$35	x \$45		\$
<b>FULL DAY w/o room &amp; board</b>					
<b>Adults</b>	_____	\$40	x \$60	x # of days	\$
<b>Students</b>	_____	\$20	x \$30		
<b>Evening Dance Party only</b>					
<b>Adults</b>	_____	x \$10	x \$15	x # of days	\$
<b>Students</b>	_____	x \$5	x \$7		
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>					\$

For more information, please go to [www.italianvillagedance.com](http://www.italianvillagedance.com) or contact Celest DiPietropaolo or Marie DiCocco at (802)793-2624 or [dance@italianvillagedance.com](mailto:dance@italianvillagedance.com).