

## Barga School of Piping, Traditional Music and Dance.

Hamish Moore is delighted to announce an exciting new Summer School to be held in Barga in Tuscany where he spent last 2008 as musician in residence. Barga dates back a thousand years and is a walled hill town of astounding beauty. As well as being surrounded by natural, Spectacular Mountain scenery its architectural glory is a joy and its narrow streets and lanes make pedestrian transport the norm with the presence of cars somewhat of a rarity. This all adds to the incredible charm of the town.

Teaching will take place in an old Convent School, which is ideally suited to hosting classes.

As well as budget dormitory style accommodation in The Convent, Barga has many self-catering apartments, hotels and Guest Houses.

Because approximately 60% of the town's population have relatives in the west of Scotland and also because of the strong links through John Bellany with East Lothian, Barga quite rightly and proudly boasts the title of, "The most Scottish Town in Italy".

**Co-ordinator** – Hamish Moore in conjunction with B.I.G.

**Dates** – 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010

## **Tutors.**

Pipes: -

Allan MacDonald

Fin Moore

Tiber Falzett

Alberto Massie

A wide range of piping styles is on offer as well as the school catering for the complete range of abilities from beginners to advanced.

Competition piping

Pibroch and Pibroch Song. This is the speciality of Allan MacDonald.

Dance Piping where the students will learn the tempi and rhythms needed to play for the old hard shoe percussive step dancing and Scotch reels.

Fiddle: -

Sarah Hoy. Sarah is one of Scotland's brightest and best young fiddlers and teachers and can offer a wide range of styles from Scottish, Irish, Shetland to Cape Breton.

Dance: -

Frank McConnel is arguably Scotland's best step dancer with a huge wealth of teaching and choreographic experience. He is also a very well known and respected contemporary dancer.

He will be offering classes in some of Scotland's oldest and most exciting dance forms.

Scottish Step Dance

Cape Breton Square Dancing

Quadrilles

Lancers.

Flute.

Chris Norman is a world renowned flute player and teacher and runs the hugely successful and popular teaching festival in Nova Scotia, "Boxwood"

Chris will be teaching traditional Scottish Music of the Flute and can also offer Baroque style, something he is in demand for all over Europe.

**Tuition Fees.** – E300 or £300

**Meals.**

It has been organised so that everyone attending the school has the opportunity to eat together, a great chance to discuss matters of the day, sing the occasional song or play a tune round the table.

Lunches. These have been organised at the beautiful Ricardo's Trattoria, which has stunning views of the

mountains from one of the most beautiful balconies anywhere.

Hosted by the lovely Scots Italian Adele and her husband Ricardo.

Two generous courses.

Wine

Bottled Water

Coffee

E10

Alternatively students can go to a very good local bakery where a small lunch can be had for E5.

Dinner.

These have been organised in The Osteria which is in the heart of The Old Town in Piazza Angelio, one of the most beautiful piazzas in the world. Hosted by the wonderful and welcoming Ricardo Negri who takes a pride in all things culinary.

Two courses, wine, water and coffee for E15.

### **Classes and Timetable.**

There will be four teaching sessions per day.

Class 1 - 9.30 – 10.30

Coffee - 10.30 – 11.00

Class 2 - 11.00 – 12.00

Lunch - 12.00 – 14.00

Class 3 – 14.15 – 15.00

Tea - 15.00 – 15.30

Class 4 – 15.30 – 16.15

A Short Talk by a member of staff will take place every day from 16.15 – 16.30

Free time between 16.30 and 20.00 when students can relax, sleep, practice or take advantage of the beautiful walking in the surrounding countryside.

Dinner – 20.00.

### **Accommodation.**

1. Dormitory style accommodation as been organised for those students on a budget at E5 per night. This is in The Convent School. There are only 30 places.
2. Hotels.  
The Alpino Hotel  
Villa Moorings.
3. Self-Catering Apartments. [Tuscanrentalsadmin@gmail.com](mailto:Tuscanrentalsadmin@gmail.com)

### **Booking.**

For booking either go to The BIG web site or email Hamish Moore directly on [hamish@hamishmoore.com](mailto:hamish@hamishmoore.com)