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SELECT ITALY OFFERS HOTEL AND TICKET PACKAGES FOR OSCAR-WINNER ENNIO MORRICONE'S PUBLIC DEBUT IN USA, FEBRUARY 3, 2007

New York, NY December 14, 2006 – Ennio Morricone, the Academy Award-winning composer of over 400 film scores, will make his public US debut on February 3, 2007 in an historic concert at New York's Radio City Music Hall. Select Italy, the leading source for Italian musical experiences and appointed travel agency for the concert, is offering vacation packages for this event. These packages provide Morricone fans the opportunity to pair first- and second-category concert tickets with two nights accommodation at a choice of four top New York City hotels. At the concert, Morricone will conduct a 200-piece orchestra and choir. The program will feature a selection of the most unforgettable music from Morricone's repertoire of film scores.

Ticket and hotel packages begin at a cost of \$479.00 (USD) per person based on double occupancy, including taxes and city occupancy fees. Participating hotels are St. Regis New York, Shoreham Hotel, W New York and Milford Plaza Hotel. Packages can be purchased at Select Italy's website: <http://selectitaly.com/packages.php>.

Ennio Morricone is one of the most famous film score composers of the 20th century. Certainly, he's one of the most prolific. His more than 300 soundtracks (including *Once Upon a Time in America*, *The Mission*, *Cinema Paradiso* and *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*) pull from a diverse selection of musical styles - classical, jazz, pop, rock, electronic, avant-garde, and traditional Italian folksongs. A tireless artist, Morricone has appeared in venues around the world conducting his own classic compositions. The February concerts will be his first performances in the US.

On December 13, 2006, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that at the 79th annual Academy Awards, Morricone will receive the Academy's Honorary Oscar to celebrate his numerous contributions to the world of cinema.

According to Select Italy president, Andrea Sertoli, "Ennio Morricone is simply one of the most innovative and important artists of the modern age, not only in the world of film soundtracks



but in the world of music. His first public concert in the United States is going to be a very special event – especially given the recent recognition he’s received from the Academy.”

For more information about the concert and Select Italy’s packages, please contact Maria Meyer at 800-877-1755 / 847-853-1661 or by e-mail at maria@selectitaly.com.

ABOUT SELECT ITALY:

Select Italy is an award-winning travel agency founded in 1997 specializing in Italian travel experiences. Select Italy offers a wide array of products and services, which include customized itineraries, vacation packages, museum reservations, tickets to music & cultural events, private guided services, transportation and accommodations. All of these are available for purchase online at www.selectitaly.com. Select Italy has been on the Travel +Leisure “A-list of Super Agents” for 5 years. In 2005, its website won an Ultra Web Award. In 2005 and 2006, Select Italy was nominated as a Webby Award finalist for Best Tourism Website. Company President Andrea Sertoli says, “Italy remains an unmatched destination with the warmth of its people, its heritage, its sheer physical beauty. With our specialized knowledge and inside information behind every travel plan we make, our clients enjoy everything Italy has to offer.” More information can be accessed through <http://selectitaly.com/pressroom.php> or by calling (800) 877-1755.

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