Southern Virginia University cordially invites you to experience London Art & Theatre in the company of Drs. Madison & Debra Sowell May 11-20, 2015
Drs. Madison and Debra Sowell

Dr. Madison U. Sowell and Dr. Debra H. Sowell have more than 60 years of combined experience as teachers, scholars, and researchers — specializing in Italian culture and performing arts, respectively. They also spent three years in Europe presiding over the Italy Milan Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Sowells have a great love and extensive knowledge of European art, literature, and culture and have directed more than a dozen study abroad programs in Europe.

Madison Sowell is provost of Southern Virginia University. He is also a professor emeritus of Italian and comparative literature at Brigham Young University, where he taught for 30 years. At BYU, he served as chair of the Department of French and Italian for nearly a decade and was named an Alcuin Fellow, a Karl G. Maeser General Education Professor, and the Schindler and Weisz Professor of Humanities and Language. He earned both a master’s degree and a doctorate from Harvard University and has received a number of awards for his academic work, including the Jacoby Prize for scholarship at Harvard. He has written extensively on both Dante and Italian literature and is considered an expert on both subjects.

Debra Sowell is a professor of humanities at Southern Virginia University and previously taught at BYU, where she earned a prestigious Alcuin Fellowship. A dance historian, she received a master’s degree in theater history from Tufts University and a doctorate in performance studies from New York University. She belongs to numerous academic associations, including the Society of Dance History Scholars and the Humanities Education and Research Association. Her book, “The Christensen Brothers: An American Dance Epic,” won two distinguished awards.

In addition to her several entries in the International Encyclopedia of Dance, she has published articles on dance iconography and the Romantic ballet in leading journals in her field. Together the Sowells have lived in London as study abroad directors during three separate semesters.
Theatre

Experience the acclaimed theatrical productions of London’s West End and the Royal Shakespeare Company. During your stay in England, you will have the opportunity to see four theatrical performances including “Matilda the Musical” and Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice.” Where possible, backstage tours will be offered following the live performances.
Dining

Enjoy the best of London’s cuisine during your entire visit. In addition to starting each day with a full English breakfast, you will have the opportunity to indulge in a fine dining experience every evening. Fare will range from a traditional high tea to the flavorful Indian cuisine for which London has become so famous.
Accommodations

Rejuvenate in a central London boutique hotel or bed and breakfast after each busy day exploring the best that the majestic city has to offer. Your excursion will include a total of nine nights in four-star accommodations.
Learn about England’s rich cultural history while touring prominent sites including the Tower of London, the Globe Theatre, and St. Paul’s Cathedral. You will also enjoy day trips to both Oxford and Stratford. The trip to Oxford will include a private tour of Christ Church College, the University of Oxford, and The Ashmolean Museum. In Stratford, you will have the opportunity to see Shakespeare’s birthplace and Anne Hathaway’s cottage.
Explore the world-renowned museums of London and enjoy the unique insights of Madison and Debra Sowell — lifelong scholars and art collectors — as you visit a variety of both artistic and historical collections, including the National Gallery, the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and The Tate Gallery.
Join with the Sowells and others to experience all that London has to offer this May.

The price, based on double occupancy, includes all lodging, ground transportation, entrance fees, theatre tickets, and a daily breakfast and fine dining experience. Participants will be responsible for providing their own airfare.

A small portion of the total cost will be used as a direct donation to Southern Virginia University to fund Travel Study scholarships for students with financial need.

To reserve your space or learn more about the London Art & Theatre trip, please contact either Dr. Madison U. Sowell or Director of Travel Study Carrie Brotherson or register directly at svu.edu/london.

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