

Friends,
I have the most incredible opportunity to share with you. Please don't be jealous when I tell you.....



I will be traveling to New York City, along with Colin and George, to hear the New York Philharmonic (Bruckner 6) and the Philadelphia Orchestra (Bernstein Sym. No. 1, I believe).

There's a chance that I may have the chance to interview Mr. Alessi. (In any case, I am scheduled to play for him and I'll let you know how that goes!)

If he can find the time, though, and we have the great fortune to sit with him, I suspect some of you might have a question for him, no? If so, please email me ASAP.

We leave on Jan. 22, 2008 and I guess I can accept questions up until Friday morning, Jan. 25.

If you just want to tell him you love his sound, love his phrasing, love his articulations, love his vibrato, thanks for the inspiration, thanks for sharing your mind-blowing gifts, thanks for giving us so much of your time, etc., etc. don't worry.....I've got you covered.

If, however, there is something on your mind that you've been dying to ask him, I'd like to hear that, too. Perhaps he can look directly into the camera and give it to you straight!

If he does come on the Podcast, we will all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. I suggest that EVERY one of us buy his new CD: "Return to Sorrento". Not only as a means of thanking him, but also just to treat ourselves to some of the best trombone sounds ever created.

If you are a starving student of the trombone and really cannot afford the purchase (that's a lame excuse....bet you had enough money to buy beer this week, eh?), then here's an alternative:

<http://www.josephalessi.com/dodson.html>

On that page are some free .mp3's of Mr. Alessi, Mr. Charlie Vernon, Mr. Glenn Dodson, and Mr. Roger Blackburn playing (and singing!) some Barbershop Quartets. Great stuff!

So, no promises, understand, but I will try to convey to Mr. Alessi your queries if at all possible.

My email address:

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Peace, everyone, please don't be jealous,

Dr. Tom

PS- If you reside in NYC and will be at any of these performances, please let us know. We'd love to meet you, maybe go out for a beer.

PPS- this trip is made possible for me by the generosity of Mr. Bob Scarr. He is a terrific trombonist and works for Delta Airlines. Bob has arranged my travel itinerary gratis. Thanks, Bob!!!!