

Matthew White to speak at the Texas Book Festival in Austin.

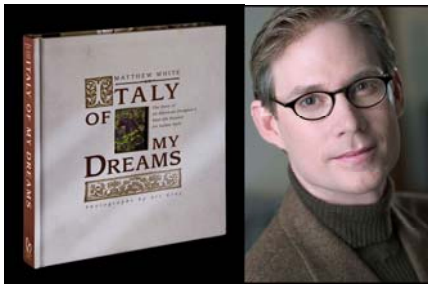
New York, NY, September 7, 2010 - Interior designer and author, Matthew White, has been invited by the Texas Book Festival in Austin to speak about his new book, *Italy of my Dreams ~ An American designer's Real Life Passion for Italian Style*.

Part poignant memoir and part design book, *Italy of my Dreams* tells the story of the love affair Matthew White has had with Italy since his first visit, and how that love affair carries over into his noted design work.

From a trailer park in Amarillo to a Texas farmhouse where he tended his father's goats, Matthew White's childhood did not suggest that he would become one of America's top interior designers. In fact, it would take many more years and a succession of careers – professional ballet dancer, graphic designer and antiques dealer – before he found his true calling in the field of interior design.

As a young adult, Matthew discovered Italy, a place that resonated with him on a very deep level. Today he is an interior designer whose work has been seen in virtually every national shelter magazine. Architectural Digest called him one of the 100 best designers in the world and invited him and his design partner, Frank Webb, to design the greenrooms for the Oscar's and the Emmy's. Matthew also serves as the President of Save Venice, an American non-profit organization that restores the great art and monuments of Venice, Italy.

At 2pm on October 16th, 2010, Matthew White will speak about his book at the Texas Book Festival in Austin. The Texas Book Festival is one of America's great celebrations of the writers and readers of books. Founded by First Lady, Laura Bush, the Texas Book Festival is among the most important and unique book events in the United States.



Italy of my Dreams ~ The Story of an American Designer's Real Life Passion for Italian Style.
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