

Francesca Lane Kautz

Francesca was born in Milan and lived there and in Rome until her family moved to Palo Alto when she was three. She returned to Italy at 13 and attended Italian middle and high schools in Colle Val d'Elsa and Florence, graduating from the Liceo Classico in Siena.

Francesca got her Bachelor's in Classics, Phi Beta Kappa, and her Master's in Italian Language and Literature, both from San Francisco State University. As a Classic's major, Francesca spent a summer on an Etruscan dig at Murlo, through the University of Evansville.

While working on her Master's, Francesca won a scholarship to study Dante at the Carla Rossi International Institute of Italian Studies in Monsummano Terme. Her final research paper was published in 2007.

Francesca started teaching at the Museo ItaloAmericano in 2005 and loves sharing her knowledge of Italian culture and language with her students. In 2011 Francesca co-curated her step-father's, Michele Cascella, exhibit at the Museo, his first show in San Francisco since the late 1960's.

