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Westover poses as 15th century Italy[Print Page](#)

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CHARLES CITY -- For three days this week, 18th century Westover Plantation will go back 300 years and travel 3,000 miles to pose as an Italian garden for a film about Michelangelo.

Filming will take place July 14-16 at the plantation off Route 5, according to a press release.

Filmmaker Leonardo Warner plans to turn the plantation into the San Marco Gardens of Lorenzo De'Medici, known as IL Magnifico. A Michelangelo lived there in 1489, the setting for the film. Warner's independent short film is called "A Divine Gift."

The low-budget project is being touted as "made in Virginia by Virginians" since most of its cast and crew are from the state. It will also provide hands-on experience for student interns from Virginia Commonwealth University and Randolph-Macon College.

Warner's Facebook page lists his hometown as Rome, Italy, but also reveals that he graduated from a Chesapeake high school in 2002 and works as a communications technician for a military contractor.



Leonardo Warner, who went to high school in Chesapeake, is making a film about Michelangelo.

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