## **MY TUSCANY**

Interview with John Malkovich by Daniele Magrini (Toscana TV)

**TUSCANY** Tuscany is a beautiful place to come to and a great place to work in. I really like it.

**CREATIVITY** To me creativity is something that everyone has. Many people do not have the opportunities that I have had in my life, but I think that it is a part of our human nature wanting to create something. I think Tuscany is a perfect place to create in, I wouldn't be here otherwise. At this moment it's more expensive than elsewhere to work in Tuscany but the creativity and imagination that we have here are worth the effort. It is not easy to be competitive in the global world, but I like working here and I like the people I work with.

**TEXTILE** Most of the material used is Italian, at least 90% of my collections. I've always been almost maniacal about fabrics. I go to premières visions, fabric fairs held in Paris twice a year and I find it incredibly interesting. I like the drawings, the types of fabric, the sensations they give me. I could stay there for months, unfortunately, the exhibition lasts only a few days.

FUTURE I'm not one who makes predictions, but the world is changing fast. At present it's a tumultuous time, especially economic but also cultural, philosophical and spiritual. Western Europe has a religious life, for example, but other religious views are arriving together with people. I'd like people to grow up free from the ideologies that has created so many problems over the years just as religion, though both have certainly brought good things as well. We never know what the future has in store. I have read a very funny joke in a book: "History is never short of ideas, the worst has yet to come". There is some truth in this.