



Welcome to the Florence International Music Festival.

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the birth place of Muzio Clementi and the fatherland of Rossini, Verdi, Monteverdi, Vivaldi and many other great musicians and composers. To perform in Florence and Tuscany is an unforgettable experience: music, art and architecture come together and create a magical atmosphere combining the past and present.

To perform in a concert in Florence means to increase one's cultural experience and maturity in a town with a profound musical tradition, just to mention the famous "Maggio Musicale Fiorentino", which annually hosts the most important musicians and orchestras from all over the world. In the last quarter of the 16th century the melodrama was born in Florence as a result of the efforts of a group of musicians and literaries called "Camerata Dell Bardi". Florence is furthermore the birth place of the piano, which was built by Bartolomeo Cristofori at the end of the 17th century for the great Medici family. Out of this musical heritage and rich tradition, the idea was born to create a festival that gives young musical talents the opportunity to perform in places of immense historical importance and architectural beauty. The Florence International Music Festival consists of a series of concerts for orchestras and piano, orchestras and other solo instruments, choruses and jazz bands.

In the framework of the Florence International Music Festival we wish to foster cultural exchange, meeting and encounters by musicians from many different countries, who find themselves united by the sole and pure power of music. Participation in the Festival guarantees a performance with soloists of outstanding talent, who, even though at a young age, already have acquired a vast and diverse repertoire. To become soloists in our concerts, these young musicians must be winners of national and international competitions, they must have completed a number of master classes of higher perfection with renowned maestros and musicians and have a brilliant career under way.

The Florence International Music Festival is a meeting place for soloists of different instruments and countries. In the past years we have hosted soloists from Italy, Spain, Argentina, Japan, Korea and the Ukraine, who were all winners of such important international competitions as the Sydney International Piano Competition, the Queen Elisabeth Competition, the Porto International Competition etc.

The Florence International Music Festival is organized in collaboration with the "Musici Artis" Association in Brussels, whose president is Maestro Aquiles Delle Vigne, concert pianist of international fame and scholar at our school "Il Trillo" (Florence), at the Salzburg "Mozarteum" in Austria and at the Harvard University (USA). Maestro Delle Vigne is also president of a number of international piano competitions.

The support of public entities and the media makes the Florence International Music Festival a great and unforgettable annual event of noteworthy public success.

We thus hope to be able to welcome you soon for a performance in the Festival as you represent your school, your city and your country with distinction in this ancient and beautiful town.

Sincerely,

Matteo Dentellato
Artistic Director, Il Trillo

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Assistant Director, Il Trillo