

Press Kit

XXIV EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLINIST COMPETITION "A. Postacchini"

From 20 to 27 May at the Teatro dell'Aquila di Fermo. 130 competitors from 36 different nations, including 11 non-European countries. The jury is chaired by Professor Boris Kuschnir. A total prize pool of over 30,000 euros. The final evening conducted by Radio Speaker Sara Zambotti will see the participation of FORM directed by M ° Michele Nitti. To the winner will be given a violin by Giuseppe Bifulco's shop and a bow of Walter Barbiero.

FERMO - Returns the red-round appointment in the calendars of all violin lovers. From 20th to 27th May in fact, at the Teatro dell'Aquila di Fermo, will be held the XXIV edition of the International Violin Competition "Andrea Postacchini".

The prestigious competition, now recognized worldwide, has been organized since its birth in 1994 by the Association Antiqua Marca Firmana and each year brings together in Fermo, in the name of the luthier known as "Stradivari delle Marche", the most talented young violinists from all over the world. Alongside the Association Antiqua Marca Firmana, this year there are the contribution of the Municipality of Fermo and of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio, the presence of the Marche Region, the Chamber of Commerce of Fermo and many other public and private institutions.

This year will be the musicians from 36 countries, including 11 extra-European countries, who will compete for the prestigious title and a prize pool of over 30,000 euros, divided into prizes, special prizes, scholarships and prizes to the absolute winner. Like every year, the jury of the XXIV edition is extremely prestigious. The team of the seven jurors will be chaired by Ms. Boris Kuschnir, a professor at the Vienna Music and Arts University and at the University of Music in Graz. He is the juror of all the most important international violin competitions, will be at Postacchini With the difficult task of evaluating the young violinists in the race.

Among the boys of the XXIV edition, one of the novelty concerns the participation for the first time of a Chilean violinist, Jesús Alfredo Rojas Tapia.

During the eight-day no stop that from 9 am and until evening will perform on the stage of the L'Aquila Theater the various musicians in competition, will miss a fancy of other appointments. From the meetings with the schools coordinated by M ° Paolo Strappa during which the young violinists will be able to give musical pills of their art to the students, to the exhibition set up in the foyer of the theater with the violins of the lute Giuseppe Bifulco from Florence and the Venetian bow maker Walter Barbiero , To which are added, by private donation, the "Preciousness of the era of Andrea Postacchini".

The competition will then end with the gala evening on Saturday 27 at the Teatro dell'Aquila, conducted by radio speaker Sara Zambotti. Among performances, awards and many surprises, the FORM, the Orchestra Filarmonica Marchigiana directed by M ° Michele Nitti, will accompany the winner of the D category in concert.

This year's prestigious event will also include prizes: Medal of the President of the Republic and Medal of the Senate of the Republic, major sponsorships from the Presidency of the Council to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Cultural Heritage and Activities of the National Commission Italian for UNESCO and others.

Categories and competitors.

Again this year, as always, there are four age categories that characterize the Postacchini Competition. Category A, that of children from 8 to 11 years old and that this year has 15 competitors, category B from 12 to 16 years with 25 members, category C from 17 to 21 with 44 competitors and category D from 22 to 35 years old, The busiest, with 46 musicians in the race.

The 130 participants come from Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, South Korea, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, Hungary, USA. So eleven countries, the extra-European countries will present this year, with a novelty, the presence of a competitor of category D Jesuits Alfredo Rojas Tapia from Chile.

Another absolute novelty is the presence of a young violinist from Marche. This is Ares Midiri, who will compete in category A. Instead, the youngest competitor this year is Anastasia Mishula of German nationality.

The jury.

This year seven world musicians of the violinare seated among the desks of those who select and judge the contestants of the XXIV edition. To chair the jury, one of the most impressive Masters of international violinism: Professor Boris Kuschmir. President of the most prestigious musical competitions, from the Queen Elizabeth of Brussels to Moscow's Tchaikovsky Competition, through the International Violin Competition in Indianapolis and Paganini in Genoa, is a well-known venue for Postacchini since being in the 8th edition of 2001. It is Professor at the University of Music and Arts of the City of Vienna and at the University of Music in Graz. His fame and prestige have earned him the "Great Decoration of Honor in Silver for the Merit of the Austrian Republic" and in 2013 the "Austrian Cross of Honor for Class I Sciences and Arts". Next to him is M ° Alberto Martini, artistic director and first violin of the Italian Virtuos; M ° Christophe Giovaninetti, a world-famous violinist and professor at the Conservatory of Paris; The M ° Mingen Zhou, violin professor and director of the Archi Section at the Music Media School at the Conservatory of Shanghai, already a jury member of the competition in 2014; Ms. Yibin Li, a violin teacher at the Juilliard School in New York and a member and founder of the Shanghai Duo and the Iris Quartet; M ° Sonig Tchakerian, professor at the Academy of Santa Cecilia with regard to violin advanced courses; Ms. Yehezkel Yerushalmi, the first violin of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino since 1985.

The prizes.

With a prize pool of over € 30,000 divided by prizes, special prizes, scholarships and prize to the absolute winner also this edition is rich in rewards and prizes concerts.

The "Andrea Postacchini Award" attributed to the absolute winner, the one who won the jury with the most votes among all four categories, is a violin of Giuseppe Bifulco from Florence, and a bow of the master Walther Barbiero of Piombino Dese (PD).

Prize concerts:

- Italian Music Youth Foundation Concerts, to be held in their respective venues in the Concert Season 2017/2018.
- Concert I Virtuosi Italiani di Verona (ivirtuositaliani.it), to be held at the Maffeiana Hall of the Verona Philharmonic Theater in the Concertistica 2017/2018 season.
- Concerto Ente Concerts of Pesaro (enteconcerti.it), to be performed in the Concert Season 2017/2018.
- Concert GPM Music Promotion Group Golfo Paradiso di Camogli (gpmusica.info) to be realized in the Concert Season 2017/2018.
- Macerata Passionate Music Concert (appassionataonline.it), to be performed in the Concert Season 2017/2018.
- Concert Summer Regina 2017 - Music Festival of Montecatini Terme by the Cantiere Musicale di Toscana (estateregina.it).

Exhibitions.

During the days of the competition, the foyer of the L'Aquila Theater will be dressed in magic with precious crafts violins by Maestro Liutaio Giuseppe Bifulco and with the arches of the archetypal master Walter Barbiero of Piombino Dese (PD). From the art of making violins of the highest level, the violin will be the prize for the absolute winner. By courtesy of the Civic Library of Fermo, instead, the exhibition "Preciousness of the era of Andrea Postacchini", a fascinating journey into the world of luteus, lived in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Meetings with schools.

The Postacchini Competition as well as being a consolidated and authoritative classical music contest is an important time for young and very young people from different and often distant nationalities, a unique opportunity for dialogue between generations through the universal language of music. This year, the usual double appointment coordinated by M ° Paolo Strappa with the Fermo students is also renewed. On Tuesday, 23 May, at 11:00, the stage will take place at the "Nardi" School of Porto San Giorgio. On Wednesday 24, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services of the Municipality of Fermo, at the auditorium "Billè" of the Conservatory Will hold the meeting with the schools of Fermo

The patrons.

The event may include the following sponsors: Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism, Italian National Commission for Unesco, Marche Region, City of Fermo, City Of Ansbach (Germany - twin city with the City of Fermo), Fermo Province, Fermo Chamber of Commerce, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Fermo, State Music Conservatory "GB Pergolesi "in Fermo, State Artistic High School" U. Preziotti "of Fermo.

Organizers and partners

The International Violin Competition "Andrea Postacchini" is the highlight of cultural activities organized by the Antiqua Marca Firmana, a social promotion association for non-profit making.

What has been going on for more than 20 years is the promotion of cultural activities, as stated in the Statute, in order to reach a better understanding of human, artistic and scientific issues. Addition to this is the enhancement of national and international musical talents, in Fermo and its territory.

Thanks to the work that has been running Antiqua Marca Firmana for more than twenty years, the Competition has become a fundamental tool for territorial promotion, able to bring Fermo and its incredible cultural riches all over the world. Accuracy in the management of every aspect of the event, starting with a very high level jury and nominated annually, allowed the Postacchini Competition to be synonymous with quality. Not surprisingly over the years, the event has rewarded young beginners who have become recognized and appreciated by today's concertists. In addition to the Municipality of Fermo and other Public Bodies, the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Fermo and Carifermo SpA, Solgas Srl, Rotary International Club of Fermo, Steat SpA, Tre Elle Srl, Steca Energia Srl, Macap Srl, Santori Pellami SpA, Budmor Snc, Royal Mutua Assicurazioni, Council of Lawyers and other private individuals. The media partners: QN The Rest of Carlino, The Adriatic Corriere. Technical partners: Giuseppe Bifulco, Walter Barbiero and Roberto Valli Pianoforti. Schools: Artistic High School "U. Preziotti" of Fermo.

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