



**Press release**

**THE ROF IN SHANGHAI ON REPUBLIC DAY**

***Il barbiere di Siviglia* performed in the presence of the vice mayor of the Chinese city and the Italian diplomatic authorities.**

The Rossini Opera Festival celebrated the Italian Republic Day in Shanghai with a performance of an abridged version of *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, performed by Manuel Amati, Marta Pluda and Matteo Mancini, former students of the Accademia Rossiniana 'Alberto Zedda'. Noris Borgogelli conducted the Orchestra Sinfonica Rossini Quintet, made up of Lorenzo Luciani (oboe), Silvia Stella (first violin), Tommaso Leoni (second violin), Silvia Vannucci (viola) and Jacopo Mariotti (cello), who also acted as the event's narrator.

The event was attended by Zhang Xiaohong, Deputy Mayor of Shanghai, Massimo Ambrosetti, Italian Ambassador to China, Tiziana D'Angelo, Italian Consul General in Shanghai, Francesco D'Arelli, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, and Ernesto Palacio, Festival Director.

The ROF will also be in Greece these days for Republic Day events. The Italian Cultural Institute of Athens, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy and Consulate, has organised three concerts in Athens and Thessaloniki (4-6 June). Chiara Tirota, Vittoriana De Amicis and Francesco Auriemma, also graduates of the Accademia Rossiniana 'Alberto Zedda', will perform. They will be accompanied on the piano by Alessandro Uva. The ROF will be represented by its Director General, Cristian Della Chiara.

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