



Press Release

ROF TALKS RETURN FROM 7th TO 10th AUGUST

The Rossini Opera Festival 2024 calendar sees the return of the ROF Talks, a series of meetings conducted by Radio Rai journalist Susanna Franchi, scheduled from 7th to 10th August at 12:00 in the Sala della Repubblica of the Teatro Rossini. Entrance is free. The format includes a presentation of the evening's operas alongside a first part dedicated to topical issues.

On Wednesday 7th August, the focus will be on the official inauguration of the Festival during Pesaro's year as Italian Capital of Culture 2024, in the presence of the Mayor of Pesaro Andrea Biancani and regional and national authorities. In the second part, Roberto Abbado and Jean-Louis Grinda, the conductor and director of *Bianca e Falliero*, will introduce the opera being performed that evening at the Auditorium Scavolini.

On Thursday 8th August, the management of Rossini Opera Festival will present the programme for the 2025 edition. This will be followed by a meeting with conductor Michele Spotti and directors Moshe Leiser and Patrice Caurier, who will discuss the staging of *L'Equivoco stravagante*, which will premiere that evening at the Teatro Rossini.

On Friday 9th August, General Director of ROF Cristian Della Chiara, Chief Innovation Consultant at Ernst & Young Italy Giuseppe Perrone, founder of SampleSound Andrea Ricci and sole director of EBWorld Francesco Mete will address the relationship between artificial intelligence and live performance. Afterward, Michele Mariotti and Johannes Erath will present *Ermione*, which the audience can enjoy that evening at the Vitrifrigo Arena.

On Saturday 10th August, the Deputy Mayor of Pesaro Daniele Vimini, President of the Festival, the Italian Ambassador to China Massimo Ambrosetti and Director of Opera Europa Karen Stone will engage in a discussion on the topic of cultural diplomacy between East and West. Additionally, Lorenzo Passerini and Pier Luigi Pizzi, conductor and director of *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, will illustrate the opera being performed that evening at the Vitrifrigo Arena.

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