



PRESS RELEASE

The Festival Giovane presented at Villa Meuccia Severi

The programme of the *Festival Giovane 2025*, a section of the Rossini Opera Festival dedicated to the young talents of the future, was presented this morning at Villa Meuccia Severi, the home of the eponymous Foundation.

After two weeks of lessons in vocal interpretation, musicology and stagecraft, as well as themed conferences and masterclasses, the 37th edition of the Accademia Rossiniana "Alberto Zedda" will conclude on **Monday, 21 July at 8:30 p.m. at the Teatro Rossini** with the traditional **Final Concert**. During the concert, the students, accompanied on piano by Rubén Sánchez-Vieco, will perform selections from Rossini's operatic repertoire. The box office at the Teatro Rossini will be open on the day of the concert during the following hours: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. until the start of the concert.

The participants in the Accademia 2025 include sopranos Vittoria Brugnolo (Italy), Greta Doveri (Italy), Rosalba Ducato (Italy), Antonella Granata (Italy), Laura Khamzatova (Russia) and Arina Verevkina (Russia); mezzo-sopranos Valeria Gorbunova (Russia) and Anna-Helena MacLachlan (Ireland); tenors Abel Zamora (France), Krzysztof Lachman (Poland), Hiroki Kono (Japan) and Aldo Sartori (Italy); baritones Maurizio Bove (Italy), Nicola Farnesi (Italy), Agshin Khudaverdiyev (Azerbaijan), Matteo Torcaso (Italy) and Jiazhou Wang (China); bass-baritone Jacob Harrison (England) and bass Huigang Liu (China).

The concert will be broadcast live for the first time on OperaVision.eu, the free platform managed by Opera Europa and co-funded by the Creative Europe programme as part of the Opera Europa Next Generation project. The concert will also be available on the platform for the following six months. Additionally, the concert will be streamed on the website and YouTube channel of the Rossini Opera Festival.

The *Festival Giovane* will also feature a packed schedule of events showcasing the talents of the Accademia's students. The *Salons Rossini* concert series returns in some of the region's most charming historic villages, inspired by the musical evenings that Rossini used to host at his villa in Passy. The initiative, now in its fourth edition and organised in collaboration with the Fondazione Rossini, will take place on 23 July in the town square of Mercatino Conca, dedicated to Rossini's duets; on 25 July in Vallefoglia at the Chiesa di Sant'Egidio, featuring sacred works by Rossini; on 27 July in Mercatello sul Metauro at the Chiesa di S. Francesco, with a programme focused on Rossini's serious works; on 29 July at the Cortile d'Onore of the Rocca di Gradara,

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showcasing Rossini's comic arias; on 31 July in Sassocorvaro at the Teatro della Rocca Ubaldinesca, dedicated to Rossini's tenor roles; and on 2 August in Urbino at the Cortile d'Onore of the Palazzo Ducale, featuring Rossini's concerted works. These free-entry concerts are all scheduled for 9 p.m. and will be introduced by a listening guide from Cecilia Nicolò of the Fondazione Rossini. Following each performance, a convivial gathering will be held.

The *Concerti al Museo* series will also return, featuring voice and piano recitals held at the Museo Nazionale Rossini on 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 August at 11 a.m.

The *Festival Giovane* will close on 15 and 18 August at 11 a.m. at the Teatro Rossini with *Il viaggio a Reims*, a historic production by Emilio Sagi revived by Matteo Anselmi. Alessandro Mazzocchi will conduct the Orchestra Sinfonica G. Rossini and the students of the Accademia Rossiniana.

The *Festival Giovane* is organised in collaboration with the Fondazione Rossini. It is supported by the Ministry of Culture, the Municipality of Pesaro, the Region of Marche, the Association Amici del ROF, the Fondazione Meuccia Severi, and the donors of the Rossini Opera Festival. The *Salons Rossini* are organised in collaboration with the Galleria Nazionale delle Marche and the municipalities of Mercatino Conca, Vallefoglia, Mercatello sul Metauro, Gradara, Sassocorvaro and Urbino.

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