

## **Press Release**

## GREAT SUCCESS FOR SALONS ROSSINI

The fourth edition of *Salons Rossini* concluded with a concert held in the Cortile d'Onore of the Palazzo Ducale in Urbino. Inspired by the vibrant salons hosted by Rossini in his time, the event takes place every year across several towns in the province of Pesaro and Urbino. This year's locations included Mercatino Conca, Vallefoglia, Mercatello sul Metauro, Gradara, Sassocorvaro and Urbino. The concert series, featuring students from the 2025 Accademia Rossiniana "Alberto Zedda", is part of the *Festival Giovane 2025* programme, a section of the Rossini Opera Festival dedicated to nurturing young talent.

"We are very pleased with the success of the initiative," explains Managing Director Cristian Della Chiara. "The young singers, each individually selected and trained by Superintendent Palacio, who is also Director of the Accademia Rossiniana, have the opportunity to perform live in captivating and lesser-known venues each year. At the same time, ROF audiences can discover the province as the Festival brings its music to new and evocative locations."

Lara Ottaviani, Councillor for Culture for the Municipality of Urbino, the city that traditionally hosts the final concert of the Salons, added: "We are delighted to support the Salons Rossini project. Despite the rain, the evening was very well attended. The Urbino concert has now become a firmly established tradition and marks the conclusion of the festival's programme. For the city, this is an important cultural event, part of a wider musical programme designed for both residents and visitors. The programme provides performances of different genres throughout the summer, enhancing the city's cultural offering."

Building on the success of previous years, a new initiative has been introduced: bus transport from municipalities in the Alta Valle del Metauro to Pesaro for the *Zelmira* recital on 16 August. "This is the second year the Salons Rossini have been held in Mercatello sul Metauro," noted Guerrino Parri, Artistic Director of the Musica&Musica Festival. "Given the enthusiastic response, we decided to offer local opera enthusiasts a dedicated bus service to Pesaro. The initiative, titled *Dal Metauro all'Opera*, is organised with the support of the Municipality of Mercatello sul Metauro."

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