

Press Release ROF FINALIST AT THE INTERNATIONAL OPERA AWARDS The awards ceremony will be held in Athens on 13 November

The Rossini Opera Festival has been named one of six finalists in the Festival category of the International Opera Awards. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday 13 November at the Stavros Niarchos Hall in Athens.

Alongside the ROF, the Innsbruck Festival of Early Music, the Janáček Brno Festival, the Munich Opera Festival, the Opera Forward Festival in Amsterdam and the Opera Theatre in Saint Louis are also in the running for the Best Festival award.

These are the words of Intendant Ernesto Palacio: "We are very proud of this nomination for an award that is the true Oscar of international opera music. It is not the first time for us, but we are always very happy that our work and that of the artists we choose is appreciated by such a prestigious jury of experts. Also nominated are director Johannes Erath and soprano Anastasia Bartoli, who enjoyed enormous success with our *Ermione* and won the Abbiati Award for best production of the year. We already consider it a great success to have been included among the six best Festivals of the year, although we obviously hope to win!"

Pesaro, 19th September 2025.