Press release

DELLA CHIARA APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF OPERA EUROPA

The General Director of the ROF is the second Italian member

The General Director of the Rossini Opera Festival, Cristian Della Chiara, has been appointed to the Board of Opera Europa, the leading association of international opera houses and festivals. It comprises 253 members from 45 countries, not only in Europe: musical institutions from Saudi Arabia, Australia, China, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, India, Israel, New Zealand, Oman and Turkey are also included.

The association's Board, now chaired by Serge Dorny, General Director of the Bayerische Staatsoper in Munich, includes another Italian, Fulvio Macciardi, General Director of the Teatro San Carlo in Naples.

The appointment took place during the Association's Spring Conference, held in Amsterdam from 12 to 15 March. During the event, the General Director spoke at the panel discussion on 13 March, which focused on festivals dedicated to a single composer. Alongside the ROF, representatives from the Smetana Festival in Litomyšl, the Janáček Festival in Brno and the Wagner Festival in Sofia took part in the meeting.

In his own words, Cristian Della Chiara said: "Rather than as a source of great personal satisfaction, I see this appointment as an important recognition for the entire Rossini Opera Festival. It is a role I accept with a deep sense of responsibility, aware that dialogue, collaboration and the ability to network are increasingly fundamental prerequisites for operating within a changing world that is seeking new ways to address profound economic and cultural shifts. The strengthening of Italy's presence within the association's governing body, where Fulvio Macciardi, Superintendent of the San Carlo in Naples, has been confirmed, recognises the importance of our country in a world such as that of opera, in which Italy cannot but play a leading role."

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