



PRESS CONFERENCE AND CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR "PUCCINI FEST": CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE MAESTRO OF ITALIAN OPERA

Starring the guest star soprano from the 70th Festival Puccini, Marina Nachkebiya Medici, and musicians of the Lunigiana International Music Festival

New York, NY (February 1, 2024) - Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at New York University is pleased to invite you to the press conference dedicated to "Puccini Fest. Celebrating Giacomo Puccini on the 100th Anniversary of His Death," a concert commemorating the centenary of one of the world's most significant and celebrated Italian composers. Puccini died in November 1924, leaving a legacy of 12 operas – some of them, such as *La bohème* (1896), *Tosca* (1900), *Madama Butterfly* (1904), and *Turandot* (1924), are among the most frequently performed and recorded of all operas.

The press conference about the concert and the centenary's celebrations will take place in Casa Italiana's library (second floor) at 6 pm on Friday, February 9, 2024. Light refreshments will be served. We kindly request that you RSVP by Wednesday, February 7, as space is limited.



The concert will follow at 7 pm in Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò's Auditorium (24 West 12th Street, New York, NY). It will feature performances of Giacomo Puccini's music, including his most iconic arias and songs, as well as lesser-known compositions, shedding light on aspects of Puccini that are not widely known. The guest star soprano from the 70th Festival Puccini, Marina Nachkebiya Medici, and young musicians of the Lunigiana International Music Festival will showcase their talents. Simone Dini Gandini, the official content creator of the Festival Pucciniano, will provide an introduction on Puccini.

The concert presented by Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at NYU, a historic institution deeply engaged in the world of opera, is co-organized by the world's only foundation dedicated to Puccini, the renowned **Festival Pucciniano Foundation from Torre del Lago (Italy)**, and the **Lunigiana International Music Festival (LIMF)**, a global festival with musicians from

prestigious musical institutions from all over the world including NYC's MET Opera and the Juilliard School.

Guests at the Press Conference:



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- Mr. Gianluigi Giannetti, Mayor of the Municipality of Fivizzano
- Mr. Stefano Albertini, Director of NYU Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò
- Mr. Simone Dini Gandini, Content Creator of the Festival Pucciniano Foundation
- Guest Artist from the Festival Pucciniano: Soprano Marina Nachkebiya Medici
- Co-founders of the Lunigiana International Music Festival: Mr. Andrea Rossi (President) and Ms. Chantal Balestri (Artistic Director)

Event Materials:

- [Event poster, guests' photos & bios, and Italian press release](#)

Event Website Page:

- [Puccini Fest](#)

Partners' Websites:

- [Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at New York University](#)
- [Lunigiana International Music Festival](#)
- [Festival Pucciniano Foundation](#)

We hope for a positive response and remain available for further clarification or information. We appreciate your kind attention.

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