



CUSTODIA TERRÆ SANCTÆ

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OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Autumn Season 2017

MOUNT NEBO (JORDAN) MEMORIAL OF MOSES

On the occasion of the Seminar “Prophet Moses in Judaism,
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 6 PM | ADMISSION FREE

PIPE ORGAN RECITAL

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The Terra Sancta Organ Festival (Holy Land Organ Festival) is an international music event and a cultural activity produced by the Custody of the Holy Land, which allows everyone to enjoy the beauty of pipe organs, an asset that would otherwise be restricted to liturgies.

The concerts take place in churches but all are welcome, whatever their religion. A special invitation is addressed to the pilgrims and tourists who love music.

The special feature of the Terra Sancta Organ Festival is that it is held at churches and shrines of the Holy Land and in places where the Franciscan Friars of the Custodia Terræ Sanctæ (Custody of the Holy Land) have been present since XIII century. Established in Jerusalem in the year 1342, The Custody of the Holy Land is a special and international mission of the Catholic Church, a part of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) in the Middle East and Levant. The Custody of the Holy Land is also a diplomatic entity recognized by many countries and institutions.

The artists' complete biographies and all the information about the Terra Sancta Organ Festival can be found on www.tsorganfestival.org. All the concerts held in the Basilica of the Annunciation of Nazareth will be streamed live on the festival's website. Videos and audio tracks from the past editions are available on the You Tube channel and Sound Cloud page of the Terra Sancta Organ Festival.

The festival is made possible thanks to the organizational resources of the Custody of the Holy Land like the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, the Magnificat Institute of Jerusalem, the Christian Information Center, ATS Pro Terra Sancta, Custodia.org, the Christian Media Center and the Franciscan monasteries in Jordan, Rhodes, Cyprus, Emmaus El Qubeibeh, Jaffa-St. Peter, Nazareth, Jerusalem-St. Saviour, Bethlehem, Cairo, Lebanon and Syria.

The festival is organized with the support of Embassy of Italy in Amman, Embassy of Hungary in Tel Aviv, Embassy of Italy in Nicosia, Representative office of Hungary in Ramallah, Italian Cultural Institute in Haifa, Italian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv, Romanian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv, Italian Cultural Institute in Athens, Italian Cultural Institute in Beirut, Institut Français du Liban, Foundation Marc-Henry Mainguy - Beirut. Our partners in the artistic organization are The Catholic Church in Rhodes, The Notre Dame University in Lebanon, The High Institute of Music in Damascus. Technical sponsors: Saverio Anselmi Tamburini, organ builder (Rhodes, Cyprus, Lebanon) - Nicola Puccini, organ builder (Jaffa, Emmaus, Jordan).

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Delegate for Music of the Custody of the Holy Land



Cosimo Prontera is professor of organ and organ composition at the Conservatory “Gesualdo da Venosa” in Potenza (Italy) where he also teaches “basso continuo” and ancient organ. He gives master classes in Lebanon at the Notre Dame University. He is founder and director of the Baroque Orchestra La Confraternita de’ musici, which produced various first performances in modern times. Prontera was a guest to Musikwissenschaftliches Institut of Basel and the Handel House in London with concerts from the Neapolitan school of XVII and XVIII century. Positive reviews have appeared in magazines such as CD Classical, Opera, Music, L’Opera de Paris International, Contrappunti, Amadeus, Instruments and Music, Music and School and Orpheus.

Program

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Concerto in Fa magg. Bwv 978 da A. Vivaldi op.

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Allegro, largo e staccato, allegro

Alessandro Scarlatti (1660 - 1725)

Variazioni sulla Follia di Spagna

from Secondo Libro per Cembalo del Sig.

Cavaliere Alessandro Scarlatti Naples, 1723

Georg Friedrich Händel (1685 - 1759)

• I will sing unto the Lord

• The Lord is a man of war

from Opera Israel in Egypt HWV 54

Gioachino Rossini (1792 – 1868)

Dal tuo stellato soglio

from Opera Moses in Ägypten

Luigi Vecchiotti (1804 -1863)

Pifferata napoletana

Giovanni Morandi (1745 - 1815)

Offertorio

The Organ of Mount Nebo though small, is the handiwork of the prestigious Italian craftsman Nicola Puccini from Pisa and seems to be currently the only pipe organ in Jordan. The installation of the instrument was organized last year in collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in Amman. The organ itself was blessed in 2015 in Pisa by His Excellency Archbishop Maroun Lahham, at the time Auxiliary Bishop and Patriarchal Vicar for Jordan.



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Autumn Season 2017

This year, the festival is part of the Celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Franciscans' arrival in the Holy Land. It was in fact the Autumn of year 1217 when the first group of Franciscan friars led by Elia Buonbarone, leaving Italy, landed in the port of Akko and have remained in the Holy Land until today. What in 1217 was the "Overseas Mission" of the Franciscan Order, in 1342 it became the Custody of the Holy Land.

Holy Land Concert Season

EMMAUS EL QUBEIBEH -- 24 September 2017

Terra Santa Monastery > Feast of Sts. Cleopa and Simeon

@ 10:30 Solemn Mass @ 11:45 Concert

Yacoub Gazzawi (Jerusalem), organ; Giuliana Mettini (Italy), soprano, Magnificat Vocal Ensemble

JORDAN -- 25 September 2017

Mount Nebo "Memorial of Moses" - 6 pm

Concert on the occasion of the Seminar "Prophet Moses in Judaism, Christianity and Islam"

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TEL AVIV-YAFO > *Church of St. Peter | Old Jaffa @ 6:pm - Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 October 2017*

NAZARETH > *Basilica of the Annunciation @ 6:00 pm - Monday 2 & Tuesdays 11, 18, 25 October 2017*

JERUSALEM > *Church of St. Saviour | New Gate @ 6:00 pm - Thursdays 5, 12, 19, 26 October 2017*

BETHLEHEM > *Church of St. Catherine at Nativity @ 6:00 pm - Fridays 6, 13, 20, 27 October 2017*

Pipe Organ Recitals featuring: Adriano Falconi (Italy): 2-6 Oct. - Damin Spritzer (USA): 10-13 Oct. - Robert Kovács (Hungary): 17-20 Oct. - Felician Roşca (Romania): 24-27 Oct.

Organ & Music Festival Rhodes

RHODES -- 28 September - 7 October 2017

Church of St. Francis | 8:30 pm | admission free

28 September - German Sacred music for Soprano and Organ: Zoe Kokkala, soprano, Elpidoforos Raisakis, baryton, Michalis Kantaridis organ solo

30 September - French Sacred Choral Music: Choir "Musica Sacra" from Athens, Chris Paraskevopoulos, conductor

4 October - "PlayBach": Walter Gatti (Italy), organ. Ioanna-Vassiliki Koraki (Greece), mezzo-soprano

6 October - Sacred Choral Music: Petaludes Municipal Choir, Children Choir and Mandolin Orchestra, Evanthia

Kritikou, soprano, Margaret Vainnio, organ, Flora Pelekanou, conductor

7 October - Celtic Music: St Cecilia Singers, Yiannis Kaikis, trombone, Chris Paraskevopoulos, conductor and organ

Church of Santa Maria | 8:30 pm | admission free

2 October - English Music for Soprano and Organ: Nathalie Eleutheriou, soprano, Chris Paraskevopoulos, organ

Winter & Spring Season 2018

LEBANON -- 27 January > 4 February 2018

SOL: Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban

SYRIA -- 17 > 23 March 2018

Aleppo > Church of St. Francis (17 March)

Damascus Pipe Organ Week (19 - 23 March)

CYPRUS -- (time to be announced)

Organ & Music Week Cyprus

EGYPT -- (time to be announced)

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