



TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL

MUSIC FROM THE CHURCHES
OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Autumn Season 2016

MOUNT NEBO (JORDAN) MEMORIAL OF MOSES

Inauguration of the new small and prestigious
Italian pipe organ “Nicola Puccini”

OCTOBER 16, 2016 AT 9 PM | ADMISSION FREE

Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy), organist
Soloists of the *Fountain of Love Choir* (Jordan)
Tareq Al-Jundi (Jordan), oud; Nasser Salameh (Jordan), raq

In collaboration with the Embassy of Italy in Amman



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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 its pipe organs, an asset that would otherwise be restricted to Latin Catholics in their liturgies.

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 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 organists are all internationally known musicians and/or young winners of important prizes and competitions. 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 edition are available on the YouTube 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, Beirut and Damascus and with the support of Embassy of Italy in Nicosia (Cyprus), Embassy of Italy in Amman (Jordan), Embassy of Switzerland in Lebanon, Embassy of Austria in Lebanon, Embassy of the United States in Lebanon, Embassy of Belgium in Egypt, Representative office of the Republic of Poland to Palestine, Italian Cultural Institute in Haifa, Italian Cultural Institute in Tel Aviv, Italian Cultural Institute in Athens, Italian Cultural Institute in Beirut, Austrian Cultural Forum in Tel Aviv, Institut Français du Liban, Fondation Marc-Henry Mainguy - Beirut. Our partners in the artistic endeavour are The Catholic Church in Rhodes, The Notre Dame University in Lebanon, The High Institute of Music in Damascus.

Sunday, October 16, 2016 | at 9 pm

Mount Nebo (Jordan) | Memorial of Moses INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SMALL AND PRESTIGIOUS ITALIAN PIPE ORGAN “NICOLA PUCCINI”

Music program will be presented by musicians
Announcer: Tomeh Jbara



Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy) is the organist of the Orchestra Sinfonica di Milano “Giuseppe Verdi” and in Franciscan Shrine of La Verna, Arezzo. He regularly performs in Europe, Russia, the United States and Canada. He is invited to hold masterclasses and lectures for several important musical institutions around Europe and North America as Cambridge University Organ Scholars’ Forum (UK) and the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Toronto (CAN). He is also invited as juror in international competitions.

Soloists of The Fountain of Love Choir (Jordan). The Fountain of Love Choir is a Jordanian choir founded during Christmas time in 2002, to perform Christmas carols. The Choir includes at present around 80 members both singers and musicians of different age groups and from different churches, including Muslims. The choir’s efforts have culminated in many concerts in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, France, Germany, Belgium and Hungary.



Tareq Jundi (Jordan) started his journey with Oud at the age of 11. In 2009, he was ranked the second in the International Oud Competition held at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik/Lebanon. In 2013 and 2015, he got prizes from Maqam Festival in Azerbaijan. He represented Jordan and participated in many festivals in Jordan and abroad. Tareq has many compositions and studies for Oud as well as compositions for the eastern ensemble (Takht), music for plays, children’s songs and music for TV shows.

Nasser Salameh (Jordan) is one of the most important percussion players in the region. He is an expert in the Arabic percussion instruments and he is also highly experienced with Latin percussion and many other percussion instruments from all over the world. In 2013 and 2015, he got prizes from Maqam Festival in Azerbaijan, together with Tareq Jundi. Nasser plays with many regional and international bands.



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

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Concert Season 2016/17

Prelude

EMMAUS EL QUBEIBEH — 25 September 2016

Terra Santa Monastery > Feast of Sts. Cleopa and Simeon

@ 10:30 Solemn Mass @ 11:45 Recital for Organ and Voice

Gunther GOETTSCHE (GER), organ; Anne-Marieke EVERS (NL), alto voice

Levant Concert Season

1 > 8 October 2016

RHODES — 1 > 8 October 2016

Organ & Music Festival Rhodes

Church of St. Francis @ 8:30 pm

1 October > Rhodes Municipal Choir; Michalis KALAENTZIS (GR), conductor; Christos PARASKEVOPOULOS (GR), organ

2 October > Municipal Choir and Orchestra of City of Petaludes; Flora PELEKANOU, conductor; Margaret VAINIO (FIN), organ

4 October > St. Cecilia Singers; YIANNIS TRIMIS, trumpet; Chris PARASKEVOPOULOS, conductor; Natassa BOLAKI, organ

6 October > Recital for Organ and Voice - Natali ELEFThERIOU, soprano; Mario DUELLA (ITA), organ

8 October >; Elpidoforos RAISAKIS (GR), baritone, Chris PARASKEVOPOULOS (GR), organ - Michalis KANTARIDIS, organ

LARNACA — 8 October 2016

Church of Our Lady of Graces @ 7:30 pm

Daniele DORI (ITA), organ

Holy Land Concert Season

16 October > 11 November 2016

JORDAN > *Mount Nebo "Memorial of Moses"* – Oct. 16 @ 9 pm: Celebration for the re-opening of the Basilica – Eugenio Maria FAGIANI (ITA), organ - Soloists of the *Fountain of Love Choir* (Jordan) - Tareq AL-JUNDI (Jordan), oud; Nasser SALAMEH (Jordan), raq

TEL AVIV-YAFO > *Church of St. Peter | Old Jaffa @ 6:pm – Tuesdays* 18, 25 October & 1, 8 November

NAZARETH > *Basilica of the Annunciation @ 6:00 pm – Wednesdays* 19, 26 October & 2, 9 November

JERUSALEM > *Church of St. Saviour | New Gate @ 6:00 pm – Thursdays* 20, 27 October & 3, 10 November

BETHLEHEM > *Church of St. Catherine at Nativity @ 6:00 pm – Fridays* 21, 28 October & 4, 11 November

Pipe Organ Recitals featuring: Witold ZALEWSKI (POL): Oct. 18, 19, 20 / Jennifer PASCUAL (USA): Oct. 25, 26, 27 / Antonio DI DEDDA (ITA): Nov. 1, 2, 3 / Stefan DONNER (AUT): Nov. 8, 9, 10

Winter Concert Season

CAIRO — January 2017 –s.d. > *Cathedral of Our Lady of Heliopolis*

LEBANON — 28 January > 5 February 2017

SOL: Semaine de l'Orgue au Liban

28 Jan. > Couvent St. Elie – Mu'aisrah Jounieh > Cosimo PONTRERA (ITA)

29 Jan. > Église de la Médaille Miraculeuse - Achrafieh - Beirut > Jean-Christophe GEISER (SUI)

31 Jan. > Notre Dame de Louaizé - Zouk Mosbeh > Cosimo PONTRERA (ITA)

2 Feb. > American University of Beirut > Crista MILLER (USA)

4 Feb. > Collège du Sacré-Coeur - Gemmayzé - Beirut > Marie-Bernadette DUFOURCET BOCINOS (FRA/SPA)

5 Feb. > The National Evangelical Church of Beirut > Bernard GFRERER (AUT)

DAMASCUS — 9 > 15 February 2017

Damascus Pipe Organ Week > *Church of St. Antony > Damascus Opera House*

9 Feb. > Naji HAKIM (LEB/FRA), organ, Syrian National Symphony Orchestra - Missak BAGHDBOUDARIAN (SYR), conductor;

10 Feb. > Marie-Bernadette DUFOURCET BOCINOS (FRA/SPA), organ;

12 Feb. > Aghiad MANSOUR (SYR), organ - Manar KHWEIS (SYR), soprano voice;

15 Feb. > Choir & Orchestra of the High Institute of Music in Damascus - André MALOULI (SYR), conductor