

# TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL

MUSIC FROM THE CHURCHES OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Autumn Season 2017

MOUNT NEBO (JORDAN) | MEMORIAL OF MOSES

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

**September 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm | Admission Free**

## PIPE ORGAN RECITAL

COSIMO PRONTERA (Italy), pipe organ

Press release

On Monday, September 25 at 6pm, in the basilica of the Memorial of Moses on Mount Nebo, a classical music concert will be held on what is probably the only pipe organ existing in Jordan: admission free. The concert is organized by the Terra Sancta Organ Festival on the occasion of the Seminar "Prophet Moses in Judaism, Christianity and Islam", that will take place at the Sanctuary on the same day. The Italian organist Cosimo Prontera will perform some pieces of Handel and Rossini inspired by the figure of Moses.

The pipe organ of Mount Nebo, though small, is the handiwork of the prestigious Italian craftsman Nicola Puccini from Pisa. The installation of this 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.

**The Terra Sancta Organ Festival** (Holy Land Organ Festival) is an international music event and a cultural activity produced by the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land, which allows everyone to enjoy the beauty of their pipe organs, an asset that would otherwise be restricted to Christians in their liturgies. The concerts will take place in churches but all are welcome, whatever their religion.

This year, the festival is part of the **Celebrations of the 800th anniversary of the Franciscans' arrival in the Holy Land. The Custody of the Holy Land is a special and international mission of the Catholic Church in the Middle East** and a diplomatic entity recognized by many countries and institutions, an international community with more than 300 friars who care for the main sanctuaries and churches in Israel, Cyprus, Greece (Rhodes), Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Egypt. In these same countries the **Terra Sancta Organ Festival** takes place and in some of them (like in Jordan) it represents the only chance of listening to the sound of a pipe organ. For more information, please visit the festival's website [www.tsorganfestival.org](http://www.tsorganfestival.org).

Event: Pipe Organ recital with Cosimo Prontera (Italy)

Date: September 25, 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Memorial of Moses on Mount Nebo

Entry: free

Organizer: Terra Sancta Organ Festival

Event category: classical music concert

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