

The Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation & The Terra Sancta Organ Festival

present

CYPRUS CHURCH ORGAN FESTIVAL

15 – 20 April, 2018

Larnaca, Nicosia, Limassol

Press release

From 15 to 20 April 2018 the **Cyprus Church Organ Festival** take place in the Latin churches of Larnaca, Nicosia and Limassol.

The Cyprus Church Organ Festival introduces in Cyprus the repertoire for organ and for organ and orchestra. The musical tradition of Cyprus does not include this instrument, which until today could only be heard in some churches during religious celebrations. Only for two years the Terra Sancta Organ Festival - the international organ festival of the Middle East and the Levant - had organized some concerts in the Latin church of Larnaca on the only existing pipe-organ of the island.

Today, thanks to the joint-venture of the **Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Foundation** with the **Terra Sancta Organ Festival** and the collaboration with the **Custody of the Holy Land – Latin Catholic Church in Cyprus** the Cyprus Church Organ Festival presents four concerts. On April 15 at 7.30 pm in St. Mary of Graces Catholic Church the festival opens with a recital of **Eugenio Maria Fagiani**, organist of the “La Verdi” Symphony Orchestra in Milan, with the participation of the **Larnaca Progressive Movement Choir** conducted by **Marios Lysandrou**. Eugenio Maria Fagiani is also the organist of the next three concerts with the **Cyprus Symphony Orchestra** conducted by its artistic director and chief conductor **Jens Georg Bachmann**, on April 18 at 8.30 pm in the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Nicosia, on April 19 in Saint Catherine’s Catholic Church in Limassol and on April 20 in St. Mary of Graces Catholic Church in Larnaca.

The festival is organized with the patronage of the **Representative of the Latin Community at the House of Representatives and the support of the Embassy of Italy in Nicosia**. The Embassy of Italy in Nicosia continues its collaboration with the Custody of the Holy Land for organ concerts in Cyprus, which began in 2015 with the repair of the pipe-organ of St. Mary of Graces in Larnaca by the Italian organ builder **Saverio Anselmi Tamburini**, technical sponsor of the Cyprus Church Organ Festival.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 20:00 Admission free	Larnaca St. Mary of Graces Catholic Church	Recital for pipe organ and choir Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy), organ; Larnaca Progressive Movement Choir, Marios Lysandrou (Cyprus), conductor
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 20.30 Ticket: 12 / 7 euro	Nicosia Holy Cross Catholic Church	Concert for organ and orchestra Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy), organ Jens Georg Bachmann (Germany), conductor
Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 20.30 Ticket: 12 / 7 euro	Limassol Saint Catherine’s Catholic Church	Concert for organ and orchestra Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy), organ Jens Georg Bachmann (Germany), conductor
Friday, April 20, 2018 At 20.30 Ticket: 12 / 7 euro	Larnaca St. Mary of Graces Catholic Church	Concert for organ and orchestra Cyprus Symphony Orchestra Eugenio Maria Fagiani (Italy), organ Jens Georg Bachmann (Germany), conductor

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