



مرور ٨٠٠ سنة على حج السلام الذي قام به العديس  
فرنسيس الى الشرق الاوسط

800 YEARS FROM THE PILGRIMAGE OF  
SAINT FRANCIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST



## Press release

### TERRA SANCTA ORGAN FESTIVAL

AMMAN | Terra Sancta Cultural Center (Jabal Al Weibdeh)

26 September 2019 at 7:00PM

ADMISSION FREE

SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE

## 800 years from the Pilgrimage of St. Francis in the Middle East

### ST. FRANCIS IN MUSIC & IMAGES

*Organ Improvisations by Mario Mariani (Italy) on episodes from St. Francis' life  
Clips from the Italian silent movie BROTHER SUN (1918)*

800 years ago, in 1219, St. Francis of Assisi came to the Holy Land as a pilgrim of peace and today the Franciscan friars remember this anniversary with various initiatives throughout the Middle East and the Levant.

In Jordan, the annual concert of the **Terra Sancta Organ Festival**, organized by the Custody of the Holy Land, will present a special event on **Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Terra Sancta Cultural Center** (Jabal Al-Weibdeh, Ahmad Shawki St. Building No. 26) with **free admission**.

The event is entitled "**ST. FRANCIS IN MUSIC & IMAGES**": this is a **video and organ concert** that will be performed on the basis of the Italian silent film "Frate Sole" (Brother Sun) dated 1918, which tells the story of St. Francis. As at the beginning of cinematography, the film will have a musical accompaniment, in this case with the organ. The musical accompaniment will be performed by **Mario Mariani**, an Italian avant-garde composer, pianist, organist and performer strongly recognizable for his unconventional sounds. His style goes from contemporary music to theatrical performances, film scoring (Cannes, Venice, New York and Berlin Film Festivals) and television.

In the home page of the website [www.tsorganfestival.org](http://www.tsorganfestival.org) it is possible to download the program in English and Arabic. This event is organized in collaboration with the **Embassy of Italy in Amman**.

This event is performed in the places where the Custody of the Holy Land is present (Cyprus, Jordan, Greece, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Syria) with thirteen concerts in addition to the normal programming of the Terra Sancta Organ Festival.

Attachments: photo of Mario Mariani and image from the film "Brother Sun"

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