

The second edition of NOTTE ITALIANA at Pjazza Teatru Rjal

On Saturday 11 August at Pjazza Teatru Rjal, the Malta Concert Orchestra under the direction of Joe Brown will be following on from last year's great success with the second edition of Notte Italiana. Once again, this concert promises to bring about the true Italian spirit to our shores through some of Italy's all-time favourite songs. Joined by singers Alex Schembri, Neville Refalo, Georgina, Olivia Lewis and Nadia Vella, the Malta Concert Orchestra will be performing some of Italy's greatest hits by Eros Ramazzoti, Rita Pavona, Laura Pausini, Mia Martini, Massimo Ranieri, Zucchero, I Pooh, Ricchi e Poveri and Ivana Spagna amongst others. The extensive song list includes such songs as *Come saprei*, *Maledetta primavera*, *Vivo per lei*, *Per colpa di chi*, *Fatti mandare dalla mamma*, *La solitudine*, *Con le mani* and *Sarà perchè ti amo*.

This concert promises to be yet another concert in a long list of activities by the Malta Concert Orchestra that are reaching out to people across the board through accessible and inspiring musical performances. Set up in 2017, the orchestra (formerly known as the PBS Orchestra) is a versatile ensemble made up of professional and semi-professional musicians who perform in formations of various sizes depending on venue and occasion. This year the MCO has already taken part in the Festival *L-Għanja tal-Poplu Żgħażaġħ* in February as well as the second edition of *Suċċessi Maltin* in April. Further appointments for this season include a jazz concert by the MCO Big Band (as part of the Malta International Jazz Festival), *L-Għanja tal-Poplu | Festival tal-Kanzunetta Maltija* in September as well as *A Night at the Musicals* and a *Christmas Concert* in December.

Notte Italiana will be under the musical direction of one of the orchestra's associate conductors Joe Brown, who was also responsible for the musical arrangements for this concert. Maestro Brown is an experienced conductor/arranger with over 20 years experience in studio recordings and television programmes. He has conducted the orchestra for the Malta Eurovision Song Contest and other national festivals, composed the music for various local TV series and collaborated with international artists such as Johnny Logan, Tracey Shields, T.J. Slater, The Drifters and Brotherhood of Men amongst others. He has conducted also in the UK and Australia and has been involved in over 300 concerts and 600 television programmes.

The concert on 11 August starts at 20:30h. Tickets are available from www.pjazzateatru.rjal.mt. Students, families and senior citizens may benefit from special discounts (terms and conditions apply).

It-tieni edizzjoni ta' NOTTE ITALIANA fi Pjazza Teatru Rjal

Nhar is-Sibt 11 t'Awwissu fi Pjazza Teatru Rjal, il-Malta Concert Orchestra taħt id-direzzjoni tas-surmast Joe Brown ser tkompli tibni fuq is-suċċess kbir tas-sena li għaddiet bit-tieni edizzjoni tal-kunċert Notte Italiana. Għal darba oħra dan il-kunċert ser ikun qiegħed jagħtina spirtu verament Taljan permezz ta' uħud fost l-akbar suċċessi ta' kull żmien. Mal-Malta Concert Orchestra ser jingħaqdu l-kantanti Alex Schembri, Neville Refalo, Georgina, Olivia Lewis u Nadia Vella li ser jinterpretaw l-aqwa kanzunetti ta' Eros Ramazzoti, Rita Pavona, Laura Pausini, Mia Martini, Massimo Ranieri, Zucchero, I Pooh, Ricchi e Poveri u Ivana Spagna fost oħrajn. Il-programm ippreparat jinkludi kanzunetti bħal *Come saprei*, *Maledettea primavera*, *Vivo per lei*, *Per colpa di chi*, *Fatti mandare dalla mamma*, *La solitudine*, *Con le mani* u *Sarà perchè ti amo*.

Dan il-kunċert huwa ieħor minn lista ta' attivitajiet li ttella' l-Malta Concert Orchestra fejn tilhaq u tispira udjenzi minn kull strata tas-soċjetà permezz tal-kunċerti tagħha. Il-Malta Concert Orchestra twaqqfet fl-2017 minn dik li kienet magħrufa bħala l-orkestra tal-PBS. Mużiċisti professjonali u semi-professjonali jingħaqdu flimkien, taġt id-direzzjoni tad-diretturi Paul Abela u Joe Brown, skont it-tip ta' kunċert li jkun ser jittella'. Din is-sena l-MCO diġa ħadet sehem fil-Festival *L-Għanja tal-Poplu Żgħażaġh* fi Frar kif ukoll tellgħet it-tieni edizzjoni ta' *Suċċessi Maltin* f'April li għadda. Aktar tard din is-sena ser tkun qed tieħu sehem f'kunċert bħala parti mill-Malta International Jazz Festival f'Lulju, *L-Għanja tal-Poplu | Festival tal-Kanzunetta Maltija* f'Settembru, *A Night at the Musicals* u Kunċert tal-Milied f'Diċembru.

Notte Italiana ser ikun taħt id-direzzjoni tas-surmast Joe Brown li kien ukoll responsabbli mill-arrangamenti mużikali ta' dan il-kunċert. Brown huwa d-direttur kompożitur, arrangatur u direttur ta' esperjenza li ħa sehem fil-fuq minn 300 kunċert u 600 programm tat-televizzjoni. Ilu jaħdem fl-istudjows għal aktar minn 20 sena. Għal bosta snin idderieġa l-orkestra tal-Malta Eurovision Song Contest u festivals oħrajn, kiteb mużika għal bosta stazzjonijiet televiżivi lokali kif ukoll ikkolabora ma' artisti ta' fama internazzjonali bħal Johnny Logan, Tracey Shields, T.J. Slater, The Drifters u Brotherhood of Men fost oħrajn.

Il-kunċert tal-11 ta' Awwissu jibda fit-20:30h. Għal biljetti u aktar informazzjoni wieħed jista' jżur is-sit www.pjazzateatru.rjal.mt Studenti, familji u anzjani jgawdu minn roġs speċjali fuq il-biljetti (termini u kundizzjonijiet japplikaw).