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PRESS RELEASE

The third edition of NOTTE ITALIANA at Pjazz Teatru Rjal

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August Pjazz Teatru Rjal presents the third edition of Notte Italiana. It has become somewhat of a tradition that we usher in the month of August with a concert dedicated to Italian music. Once again, this concert promises to bring about the true Italian spirit to our shores through some of Italy's all-time favourites; songs that have been immortalised in the interpretations of singers the likes of Riccardo Cocciante, Gianni Morandi, Aleandro Baldi, Renato Zero, Mina, Il Volo and Andre Bocelli among others. These songs will be interpreted by Corazon Mizzi, Nadia Vella, Laura Bruno, Roger Tirazona, Alex Schembri and Neville Refalo who will be accompanied live by the Malta Concert Orchestra.

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, *MCO Pop* in April, *Suċċessi Maltin* in May and two performances by the MCO Big Band in June and July. Further appointments for this season include *L-Għanja tal-Poplu | Festival tal-Kanzunetta Maltija* in August as well as *A Night at the Musicals* and Christmas concerts in December.

*Notte Italiana* will be under the musical direction of one of the orchestra's associate conductors Joe Brown, who was also responsible of 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 artistes 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 9 August starts at 20:30h. Tickets are available from [www.kultura.mt](http://www.kultura.mt)

Students and senior citizens may benefit from special discounts (terms and conditions apply).

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