



## THE JUDGING PANEL OF THE 55° INTERNATIONAL VERDIAN VOICES COMPETITION CITTÀ DI BUSSETO HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

*Led by the General Director of the Teatro Regio of Parma,  
the panel will include renowned representatives of the international music world,  
directors and managers of prestigious opera houses and musical institutions  
from France, Spain, Tenerife, Italy, Oman, and China.*

Applications for the competition must be received by May 20th  
Busseto, from 13 to 18 June 2017

The judging panel of the 55° International Verdian Voices Competition Città di Busseto, will be composed of renowned representatives of the international music world. The competition, aimed at young singers between 18 and 32 years of age, will take place in Busseto from 13 to 18 June 2017.

Led by the General Director of Teatro Regio of Parma, Anna Maria Meo, the judging panel sees the participation of directors and managers from some of the most prestigious opera houses and musical institutions of France, Spain, Tenerife, Italy, Oman, and China. In the two sections 'Interpreti dell'opera *La Traviata*' and 'Giovani Voci Verdiane', the winners of the competition will be announced by Alejandro Abrante (Intendant of the Ópera de Tenerife), Valérie Chevalier (General Director of the Opéra Orchestre National Montpellier Occitanie), Umberto Fanni (General Director of the Royal Opera House of Muscat), Fulvio Macciardi (Artistic Director of Teatro Comunale of Bologna), Joan Matabosch (Artistic Director of Teatro Real of Madrid), Eytan Pessen (Pianist and vocal coach, Director of the Semperoper of Dresden and Artistic Director of Teatro Massimo of Palermo), Cristiano Sandri (Artistic Programming Manager of Teatro Regio of Parma), Qing Xiu (Artistic Director of the Opera Season of Chengdu Theatre, China). A member of the Lions Club Busseto 'Giuseppe Verdi' will be added to the judging panel for the section 'Giovani Voci Verdiane'.

The judging panel will select the interpreters of *La traviata*, to whom they will assign a €4,000 prize for the roles of Violetta Valéry, Alfredo Germont and Giorgio Germont and a prize of €3,000 for the roles of Flora Bervoix, Annina, Gastone, Baron Douphol, Marquis d'Obigny, Doctor Grenvil. The winners of the 'Giovani Voci Verdiane' section will receive a prize of €3,000 donated by Lions Club Busseto 'Giuseppe Verdi'. Provided that the finalists meet the necessary requisites, a maximum of two may be granted access to the first specialist course of Verdian Repertoire by Accademia Verdiana. The finalists of the 'Giovani Voci Verdiane' section will be involved in concerts, productions and performances scheduled during Festival Verdi.

Applications to participate must be sent exclusively by email to: [vociverdiane@teatroregioparma.it](mailto:vociverdiane@teatroregioparma.it). and received no later than 20 May 2017. The complete rules and entry form are available online.

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The winners of the Competition will be announced on Saturday 17 June 2017 at the end of the finalists' concert, accompanied by the Orchestra dell'Opera Italiana directed by Fabrizio Cassi, programmed at 9pm in the Cortile di Villa Pallavicino in Busseto. All prize winners will be protagonists in a Verdian recital on Sunday 18 June 2017, at 9pm, in the space opposite the birthplace of the Maestro in Roncole Verdi.

The 55° International Verdian Voices Competition - Città di Busseto is produced with the support of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, Regione Emilia-Romagna, Provincia di Parma, Fondazione Cariparma.

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