

The official program of cultural events organized by the **Embassy of Italy** presents:

## Giovanni Allevi “Piano Solo”

Monday, 11th April 2016

**Venue:** Thailand Cultural Centre, Small Hall

**Time:** 19.30 hrs

Official Sponsor of the event is the Italian Group **PIRELLI**



*“The Piano claims abandonment: it doesn’t want to be played, but it is wishing to play through the pianist”.*

Enfant terrible who has shocked the musical Academia, Giovanni Allevi is one of the proudest outposts of Italian music and culture in the world. He performed twice consecutively at the openings of the Olympic Games in Beijing and London. Allevi became a worldwide acclaimed living young star by playing classical music, which he is wittingly spreading out with talent and charisma and always attracts masses of fans flocking to his concerts.

Composer, conductor and pianist, **Giovanni Allevi** has performed many concerts and international tours, ranging from the Carnegie Hall in New York, to the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London and the Arena di Verona. Giovanni Allevi has released 9 studio albums and 2 live albums so far, together with composing film scores, hymns, suites, and “O Generosa!”, the theme song of the Italian football league Serie A. His compositions outline the canons of a new type of “Contemporary Classical Music”, through a language that is both learned and emotional. For his intellectual commitment Allevi received certificates of appreciation from the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, and Nobel Prize Mikhail Gorbachev. Confirming his international appreciation, NASA even dedicated an asteroid to him, the “111561 Giovanniallevi 2002 Ah3”.

*"I love piano because it exalts my imperfection....Piano is both terror and ecstasy! It is an odd dimension: occasionally, during my concerts I have the impression that my fingers wander by themselves and I am just a spectator of the Music. It is as though my personality would multiply by the thousand souls of those listening. Piano is mystery for me."*

*"As an artist I have the duty to go where nobody has gone yet".*

*Giovanni Allevi*

**Free admission (registration required)**

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**About the Festival:**

The Italian Festival in Thailand is organized by the **Embassy of Italy** and comprises this year more than 50 cultural events that take place throughout the year in Bangkok: classical music, opera, jazz, seminars, cinema, dance, promotion of the Made in Italy and a lot more. The Festival is organized with the aim of spreading in Thailand the best of the Italian culture. Indeed, we believe that the cooperation among the two countries develops through the mutual understanding and appreciation of each other's heritage and cultural identity.

Now at its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive edition, the Festival has received positive reviews throughout the years, and an ever growing recognition from the general public.

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