



# ITALIAN FESTIVAL IN THAILAND 2016

11<sup>th</sup> EDITION

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

## Italian Guitars at BACC

The Auditorium of the lively Bangkok Art & Culture Centre will host a series of Italian great guitarists, namely **Giordano Passini**, **Alessio Monti** and **Fabio Montomoli**, who will enchant the audience on the nights of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, and the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

Official Sponsor of the event are the Groups **Arnoma**, **Thai Union**, **Central Group** and **Crestlux**



## Giordano Passini

When: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Time: 7:00PM.



An Italian classical guitarist, he started his musical career as a pianist, but soon moved to guitar, the instrument in which he proved his artistry. Last year he won the first prize both at the “European Moncalieri Music Competition” and at the international contest “Contea”. Furthermore, he is both the creator and the artistic director of the classical guitar International Festival “Claxica”, which in just a few years has become a point of reference in the national classical guitar scene, attracting both local and foreign famed players.

## Alessio Monti

When: Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016. Time: 7.00PM.



After the pop and rock experiences of his youth, Italian guitarist and composer Alessio Monti started to study classical music and to tour extensively eastward, incorporating the Oriental philosophy into his way of playing. Mr. Monti is also excellent in music explorations, of which his own guitar represents a proof, as it incorporates both a Kalimba and a resonator. His style is extremely innovative and will be of great interest to lovers of many genres, as it ranges from minimalist to jazz, and from Eastern to Western classical traditions. Maestro Monti actually lives in Thailand and teaches at the Music College of Payap University in Chiang Mai.

## Fabio Montomoli

When: Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Time: 7.00PM.



Fabio Montomoli is recognized by critics as one of the best classical guitar performer in the international scene, with a powerful sound provided with a vast timbre variety. His tours all around the world have covered many important capitals, ranging from Europe, Asia, and both North and South America. Mr. Montomoli is regularly invited to the most prestigious guitar festivals and is Art Director and Founder of two International Festivals, the “Festival Internazionale Chitarristico Palmiero Giannetti” in Grosseto, and the “Festival Internazionale Chitarristico Alvaro Mantovani” in Follonica.

### **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 11th consecutive edition, the Festival has received positive reviews throughout the years, and an ever growing recognition from the general public.

All the events are organized thanks to the contribution of many private sponsors and are free entry upon registration.