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OPERA

Wednesday, 17th January 2018

Io Tacerò: Madrigals, Madness & Murder

The story of Carlo Gesualdo, Prince of Venosa

Venue: Thailand Cultural Center, Small Hall

Time: 8.00 PM

A genius? Certainly. A madman? Possibly. The Italian prince who wrote music 400 years ahead of his time, who once threw a banquet in which he served 120 courses, who murdered his wife and was acquitted by the court, is one of the most interesting figures of the artistic history. Opera Siam presents for the first time in Southeast Asia an entire evening of his work, his music, the poetry in his life, and his wild life story. Performed by the Calliope Chamber Choir, Jatava Quartet, Trisdee na Patalung on continuo and directed by **Somtow Sucharitkul**.

For ticket information, please check the website operasiam.com



JAZZ MUSIC



Friday, 19th January 2018 Time: 7.00 PM

Saturday, 20th January 2018 Time: 4.00 PM

Fabrizio Bosso

and the **Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra**

Venue: Prince Mahidol Hall

World renowned jazz trumpeter **Fabrizio Bosso** will open the Special Edition of the Italian Festival in Thailand 2018 performing as guest soloist with the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra. Bosso. In his very successful career, Bosso performed with some of the most important orchestras in the world, such as the London Symphony Orchestra. A top level concert not to be missed!



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JAZZ MUSIC

Saturday, 27th January 2018

Enrico Zanisi at the

Thailand International Jazz Conference

Venue: TIJC Main Stage (Outdoor)

at Musica Arboretum,

College of Music, Mahidol University

Time: 7.30 PM



In 2012 pianist **Enrico Zanisi** won the Top Jazz Award as Best Young Talent launched by the prestigious Jazz Music magazine and in 2014 he won the SIAE Award for Creativity. Since then he has performed in major Italian festivals and in many tours abroad.

DESIGN

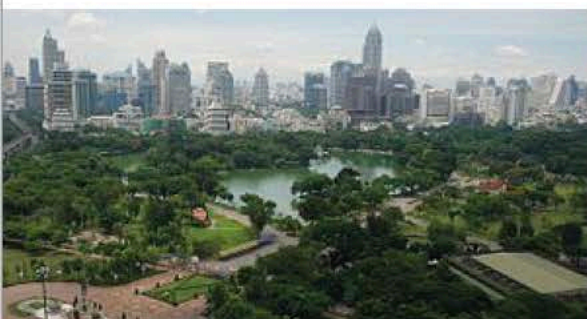
27th January – 4th February 2018

Bangkok Design Week 2018

Venue: Thailand Creative & Design Center and creative districts

Organized by Thailand Creative & Design Center (TCDC), under the Office of the Prime Minister, BKKDW2018 explores the theme of "the NEW-ist Vibes" by inviting the Thai creative & design community to share fresh and insightful visions of Bangkok, allowing visitors to peer into the future of the capital of Thailand in three subjects: City & Living, Well Being & Gastronomy and Creative Business. Italian experts of 5 prestigious Italian design schools such as **IED**, **Domus Academy**, **Istituto Marangoni** and **Milano Fashion Institute** will be holding workshops and talks. A design space at LHONG 1919 will be dedicated to the project by **Gianluca Vernizzi** "A · Maze · ing · Journey to the Italian design house". A **Social Networking Event** will take place at **B&B Italia showroom** on Charoenkrung road with the presence of jazz pianist **Enrico Zanisi**, followed by a DJ set.

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MUSIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, 28th January 2018
**Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra
 and Italian Opera Singers**
 Venue: Lumpini Park
 Time: 5.30 PM

The Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra and two Italian Opera Singers, **Fabiana Rossi** (Soprano) and **Paola Roncolato** (Mezzo Soprano), will perform Neapolitan Songs in Lumpini Park. This "open air" Concert in the most iconic central park of Bangkok will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Italian-Thai diplomatic relations.



CLASSICAL MUSIC

Wednesday, 31st January 2018
Waiting for Riflessi ...
 by **Arnaldo de Felice**
 Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
 Time: 7.00 PM

The magic of Italian music in only one night by renowned oboist **Arnaldo de Felice**: melodies of Verdi and Ponchielli masterfully arranged in virtuoso instrumental settings. Harpsichord music by D. Scarlatti, performed on a real harpsichord. Two world premieres by the two composers/performers Manuel De Sica and **Alberto Firrincieli**. From opera to instrumental music, from Baroque to contemporary.



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SYMPHONIC MUSIC

Friday, 9th February 2018
 Time: 7.00 PM
 Saturday, 10th February 2018
 Time: 4.00 PM

Riflessi ...
Original commemorative composition by Arnaldo de Felice
 Venue: Prince Mahidol Hall

Italian Composer **Arnaldo de Felice** has been appointed by the Italian Embassy to especially write a new, original music to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Italian-Thai diplomatic relations. This exceptional world premiere will be performed by the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by **Alfonso Scarano**.



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LIFESTYLE

Under the patronage of the Embassy of Italy
 28th February 2018, 7th – 14th – 21st March 2018
Italian wine journey for wine lovers
 Venue: Texica Wine Cellar
 Time: 6.00 PM to 7.30 PM

A journey to let wine lovers explore and taste the uniqueness of Italian Wines and understand the Italian art of living. Learn wine from the experts and get more out of each sip. Whether you're new to wine or a long-time collector, your course is waiting. The number of seats is limited.

For information contact:
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DESIGN

Thursday, 1st March 2018
ITALIAN DESIGN DAY
 Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre
 Time: 3.30 PM

On this particular day 100 Ambassadors of Italian design will discuss new trends in each of the major cities around the world. They will also be tasked with bringing back to Italy information about particular strong points of the hosting Countries, both for sharing and for the identification of potential joint projects for the future. Along with innovator **Federico Ferretti** and other experts, Thai alumni of IED Milan will share experiences of living and studying in Italy.



JAZZ MUSIC

Wednesday, 7th March 2018

Vinicio Capossela Trio

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM



Phantasmagorical singer-songwriter, poet, writer, but also illusionist, showman and band-builder. **Vinicio Capossela** debuted in 1990 with the album "All'una e trentacinque circa", after the first pre-biography albums - the telluric "Ballo di San Vito" with Marc Ribot and Evan Lurie, the explosive "Live in Volvo" with the balcanic brass band Kocani Orkestar - from the pataphysique "Canzoni a Manovella" he has shifted his attention to more universal themes, often inspired by classical literature, from Melville to Céline, Dante and Homer. He dedicated his most recent works to Greece and rebetiko, "more than a music, a way of life": the album Rebetiko Gymnastas.

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LIFESTYLE

Under the patronage of the Embassy of Italy
8th March – 11th March 2018

Sanpellegrino Piazza Italia at King's Cup Elephant Polo 2018

Venue: Anantara Riverside Resort Bangkok



A great occasion of sport, sun and sparkle at King's Cup Elephant Polo Tournament, royally sponsored charity event for elephant conservation, currently the 6th largest in the Thai Tourism calendar. Top quality products from Italy, including premium mineral waters, selected wines and beers, scrumptious cuisine, await you at San Pellegrino Piazza Italia. Come for the polo, experience the Italian lifestyle.



OPERA

Friday, 16th March 2018

Time: 7.00 PM

Saturday, 17th March 2018

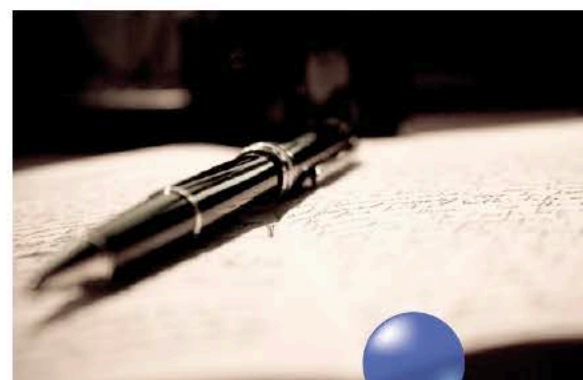
Time: 4.00 PM

Italian Opera Gala

Venue: Prince Mahidol Hall

In the framework of the events dedicated to the 150th Anniversary of Italian-Thai diplomatic relations, Prince Mahidol Hall will be hosting Italian and Thai soloists (mezzo-soprano **Tiziana Carraro**, tenor **Paolo Lardizzone**, baritone **Francesco Landolfi**, sopranos **Sassaya Chavalit** and **Sasinee Aswajesdakul**) led by Chief Conductor **Alfonso Scarano**, to perform with the Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra Italian operatic masterworks.

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LITERATURE

Tuesday, 20th March 2018

Wednesday, 30th May 2018

Italian Writers in Bangkok

Venue: Foreign Correspondents' Club

Time: 6.00 PM

Since 2012, a dozen of Italian Writers in Bangkok have published 20 new books, mostly in Italian and English language. They range from non-fiction to science fiction, from novels and thrillers to history, academic literature and travel. Their publishers include large and independent houses such as Feltrinelli, Bompiani, AVE, Bertoni, as well as specialized and academic publishers including the Tibet House in New York and others. Italian writers in Bangkok include full-time professional writers, international civil servants and diplomats, journalists, business leaders, university faculty members and travelers. While their diversity is large, they share a common love for Bangkok culture and for the Thai people they live with. Two collective presentations of their books open to public with writers **Bultrini, Calvani, Euron, Morello, Nubile, Piazzardi, Ruggeri** and others. Books will be available and will be signed by their authors.

HARP SOLO

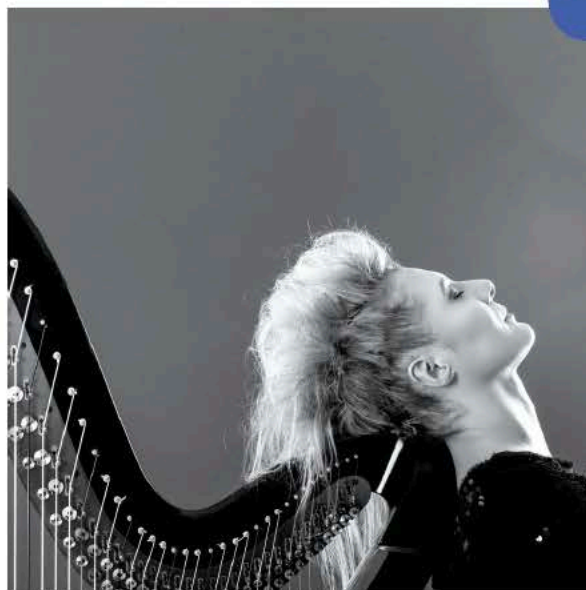
Thursday, 22nd March 2018

Floralda Sacchi

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

Time: 7.00 PM

Floralda Sacchi is recognized as one of the most interesting harpists in the international panorama. Convincing, communicative and original, she always manages to reveal new aspects of her instrument, enriching it with her energy and expressiveness. The project #DARKLIGHT is a research on harp sound elaborated in different ways and united to pre-recorded audio material, soundscapes and original sampling created by Floralda.



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DANCE

Saturday, 31st March 2018

Il Barbiere di Siviglia

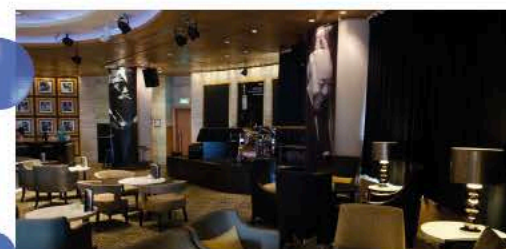
Omaggio a Gioachino Rossini

by Artemis Danza/Monica Casadei

Venue: Thailand Cultural Centre, Small Hall

Time: 7.30 PM

Monica Casadei opens a bracket on the world of Opera Buffa creating a special choreographic version of the Rossini masterpiece "The barber of Seville". She conducts a real psychoanalytic work on all the Barber's figures, whose purpose is to seize the deep nature and to discover the person hidden behind every character, behind the mask of social life.



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CLARINET SOLO

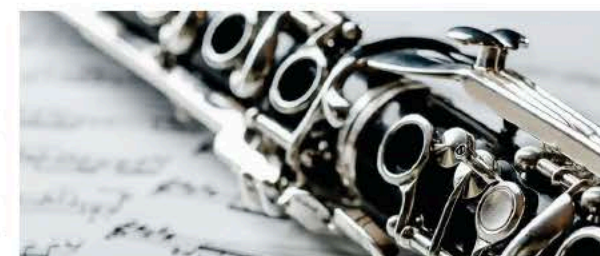
Wednesday, 18th April 2018

Raffaele Bertolini

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

Time: 7.00 PM

Raffaele Bertolini will enchant you with the sound of his clarinet: an extremely original and variegated performance, from classic hits to modern and contemporary music, from music for movies and jazz to live electronic and popular music. A fascinating music journey full of rhythm, colors and sounds.



JAZZ MUSIC

Tuesday, 3rd April 2018

Daniele Sepe Quartet

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

It's not easy to define the music of **Daniele Sepe**, always in the balance between reggae, folk, world music, jazz, rock, fusion, blues, classical music. One of his constant characteristics is the almost "Zappiano" way of dealing with writing and arrangement. Daniele Sepe is the Neapolitan style that blends with funk, Mediterranean melodies and rap, in a continuous infectious contamination where the vivacity and the strength of the sounds are accompanied by a felt social criticism that also does not disdain the game of irony.

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Wednesday, 4th April 2018

In the framework of "New Italian Jazz at the Living Room"

Venue: "The Living Room" Jazz Bar,

Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit

Time: 8.30 PM



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20th April – 22nd April 2018

Slivovitz Septet

Venue: Siam Paragon, Fashion Hall, 1st Floor

The energetic band **Slivovitz Septet** will perform during the Italian Grand Weekend with a series of mini-concerts that will accompany your shopping experience. Enjoy how to live the "Italian way" with a great combination of music, food, wine and drinks.



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EXHIBITION

Opening: Thursday, 26th April 2018

**Prince Naris and Italian Artists, Architects and Engineers
in the Rebuilding of Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall, 1926 – 1932**

Venue: Silpakorn University



Originally built in 1876 under the reign of King Rama V, Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall is best known for its hybrid of Western and Thai architectural creations, and its renovation is the most ambitious restoration project in the reign of King Rama VII. The exhibition explores this rebuilding of Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall under the design and supervision of Prince Naris between 1926 and 1932. It focuses on the collaboration between Italian experts and local artisans in delivering the building's hybrids results. The exhibition shows historical evidences related to the building project such as documents, drawings and photographs, while a scale model of Chakri Maha Prasat Throne Hall's East Wing is newly made for this special event, so as to be the centerpiece of the exhibition.

BAROQUE ART

3rd May – 10th June 2018

Caravaggio OPERA OMNIA

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Main Gallery, 9th Floor



The complete work of Caravaggio, 63 works from over 42 cities in the world and private collections, which would never be seen as being jealously guarded in private homes. The viewer will be placed virtually in front of the original artwork reproduced on a real scale. Thanks to the new digital technologies that allow high-definition reproduction backlight, the visitor will get very impressive and detailed facsimiles of Caravaggio's works. This is your unique chance to enjoy the whole masterpieces of the genius Caravaggio.



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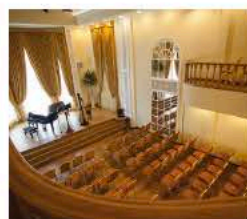
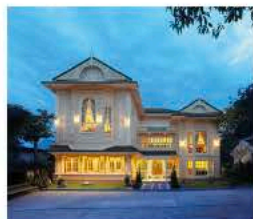
PIANO COMPETITION

5th May – 13th May 2018

Stefano Giavazzi

Venue: Sala Sudasiri Sobha

The main objectives of this yearly competition is to encourage musical competence and raise the international standards of the youth, to popularize H.M. King Bhumibol's music, to promote cultural diversity and friendship among individuals in classical piano music circle and to create individuality in the youth. This year the Italian pianist **Stefano Giavazzi** will not only judge the competitors but will also held a masterclass and a recital.



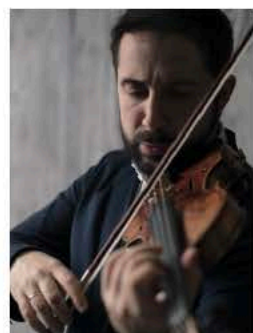
CLASSICAL MUSIC

Wednesday, 16th May 2018

Daive Alogna Duo

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
Time: 7.00 PM

Recital concert by violinist virtuoso **Daive Alogna** and pianist **Leonora Armellini**. In October 2017 he debuted at the Teatro alla Scala of Milan with the La Scala Chamber Orchestra. He has already performed in many important halls such as Carnegie Hall and Morgan Museum of New York, Suntory Hall of Tokyo and has been featured by many leading orchestras including Orchestra da Camera di Mantova, Orchestra Filarmonica Italiana, Rossini Simphonie Orchestra of Pesaro.



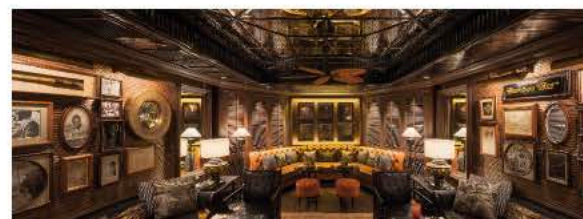
FASHION

Thursday, 10th May 2018

Accademia Italiana: Sfilata di Moda

Venue: TBC

The young designers from Accademia Italiana Bangkok, the most famous fashion design school in Thailand, will come together showcasing their designs in a vibrant and colorful fashion show.



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DANCE

Tuesday, 29th May 2018

"Attacchi di Pane" by E.sperimenti

GDO Dance Company/ Patrizia Salvatori

Venue: Thailand Cultural Center, Small Hall
Time: 7.00 PM

This is a show that brings on stage ironically an ancient theme, but very current: mankind in society. The audience will be involved in a path where fears and weaknesses, particularly the human ego exaltation, will come on stage. BREAD, the metaphorical character of the show, is the "mere" answer to a vacuum that any individual tries to fill with his aspirations and daily fears, which are overcome only if he gets "into the group", the "society", where he can be recognized. Man is hungry of something that he can never achieve alone.

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JAZZ MUSIC

Thursday, 24th May 2018

T-Riot

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

A rock-solid trio session, with a top-shelf Italian groove pedigree, as the group features two members from Berardi Jazz Connection, drummer **Francesco Lomagistro**, bassist **Camillo Pace** and pianist **Pietro Vincenti**, from Quintetto X. All three musicians are in a straighter jazz vein, yet still one that's filled with plenty of rhythm! The piano, bass and drums come together fantastically here, romping together through some great titles of their own and a few really excellent remakes as well. T-Riot sound is full of energy with great Vincenti's solo moments on piano.

Friday, 25th May 2018

In the framework of Italian Jazz Stars at the Bamboo Bar

Venue: Bamboo Bar, Mandarin Oriental

Time: 8.30 PM



31st May – 3rd June 2018

ITALIAN WEEK 2018 @ CENTRAL WORLD

Venue: Central World

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CHOIR

Saturday, 2nd June 2018

Bangkok Music Society Choir

"I Grandi Maestri:

A walk through the centuries of Italian Composers"

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM



The BMS Choir was established in 1991 and has provided musical opportunities to people living in Bangkok by performing some of the world's most beautiful music to audiences across the city. In 2018, about 60 singers of all abilities and nationalities constitute the choir. In this unique concert, organized by the Embassy of Italy to celebrate the National Day, BMS and Immanuel String Orchestra will perform one of Vivaldi's most renowned pieces, "Gloria", followed by the chorus from popular Italian operas including "The Humming Chorus" from Madama Butterfly and "Va, pensiero" from Nabucco.



GUITAR SOLO

Sunday, 10th June 2018

Antonio Fruscella

Venue: Sala Suda Siri Sobha

Time: 4.00 PM



Antonio Fruscella obtained the classical guitar Diploma in 1999. He subsequently perfected at the "Conservatoire National de Région" of Aubervilliers – La Courneuve in Paris and attended several masterclasses by famous teachers such as D. Russell, L. Zea, G. Listes, O. Ghiglia. He won many prizes in Italian national and international competitions.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, 17th June 2018

Luisa Sello

"Sequences reflected"

Venue: Sala Sudasiri Sobha

Time: 4.00 PM

The International renowned flautist, **Luisa Sello**, is a representative personality of contemporary art and one of the most applauded interpreters of Italian music. Among her collaborations, she includes Teatro alla Scala in Milan, Wien Symphoniker Orchestra, Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, Riccardo Muti, Juilliard School and many others.

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JAZZ MUSIC

Thursday, 21st June 2018

Lucia Ianniello & Paolo Tombolesi Duo

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

Lucia Ianniello and **Paolo Tombolesi** have been playing together for many years, both in duo and in larger ensembles. In the last two years they recorded together two CDs for the English label SLAM Productions, "Maintenant" and "Live at Acuto Jazz". The program of the concert "ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW" is dedicated to the women composers of the Italian jazz music, with a special tribute to the composer, harpsichordist and soprano Francesca Caccini (Florence 1587-1640) and to the famous composer and soprano Barbara Strozzi (Venice 1619 - 1677).

This Concert is part of the international calendar of "Festa della Musica".

Friday, 22nd June 2018

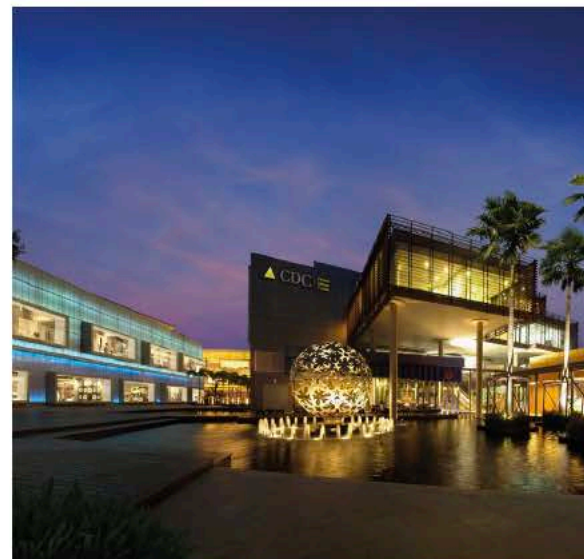
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Time: 8.30 PM



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OPERA AND SYMPHONIC MUSIC

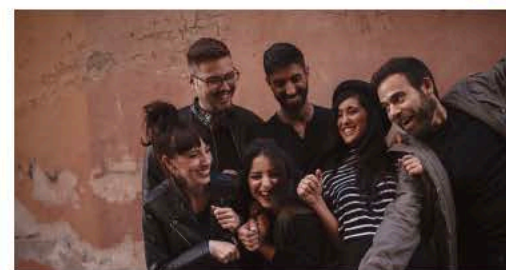
Tuesday, 26th June 2018

Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra
"All Rossini"

Venue: Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall

Time: 7.30 PM

A great Concert to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the passing of Gioachino Rossini. Italian Opera Singers will perform some of the Composers' most famous pieces, together with the Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra.



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DESIGN

Friday, 22nd – 29th June 2018

ITALIAN DESIGN WEEK

Venue: Crystal Design Center, Building B

Crystal Design Center will organize the Italian Design Week, where the public will have the opportunity to admire and familiarize with products of the beloved Italian Design. "Crystal Design Center" is going to hold its annual outstanding exhibition that will gather world-renowned leading Italian brands ranging from furniture and home decoration to kitchenware and food and beverage. At the same time there will be seminars on the market and fashion trends of those sectors.



VOICES

Wednesday, 4th July 2018

Upsweep

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

Upsweep is a vocal group formed by six Singers with a repertoire entirely performed "a cappella" (without the use of instruments) and ranges from pop to rock, from jazz to classical music. Upsweep was born in May 2015 and until now they performed all over Europe. They also won in August 2015 the Maina Contest organized by the Vocally Festival of Fossano in Italy.

OPERA

Friday, 6th July 2018
Opera Siam's Young Soloists
"Gianni Schicchi"

Venue: Thailand Cultural Center, Small Hall
 Time: 8.00 PM

Part of Opera Siam's initiative to produce the complete Puccini operas within a five year period, this is an intimate production by some of Thailand's young opera talents, accompanied by members of the Siam Sinfonietta. The opera will be conducted by one of Thailand's most outstanding young musician, **Trisdee**.



Wednesday, 11th July 2018
 Thursday, 12th July 2018

Madama Butterfly

Venue: Thailand Cultural Center, Main Hall
 Time: 8.00 PM



The closing opera of the 2017/18 season of Opera Siam is one of the most famous in the Italian repertoire. This production features **Nancy Yuen** in the signature role she has performed in opera houses all over the world. The production, designed by **Dean Shibuya** and originally directed by Henry Akina, was workshopped in Thailand in 2009, and the design was subsequently featured at the Savonlinna Festival in Finland and has been on tour, most recently at Hawaii Opera Theater. Now, the show comes back to where it began, after a nine-year journey. Conducted by **Somtow Sucharitkul**.



The show is like a feast, made of many courses, or scenes. Some are taken from the traditional Italian "Commedia dell'Arte", others from plays by Carlo Goldoni, the father of the modern Italian comedy, and they introduce the famous stock characters of Commedia dell'Arte: Pantalone, Dottore, Arlecchino, Zanni, Pulcinella, Colombina, and the Lovers. There are also delights cooked up by the actors based on real experiences as foreigners visiting Asia for the first time. So it's a kind of journey for the masks of Commedia dell'Arte coming to Asia, with all the funny mistakes, misunderstandings and troubles that a "farang" can have when visiting a new world.

GUITAR SOLO

Wednesday, 18th July 2018

Carlo Fierens

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre
 Time: 7.00 PM



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The Italian know-how can boost your business, but approaching a new market you need to find the right information and guidance in order to succeed with profit. Find how the way to succeed and the pitfalls to avoid! Speaker: **Giacomo Balletti** - Managing Director of Franzosi Setti dal Negro Legal Firm for Asia Pacific Region.

THEATRE

Wednesday, 11th July 2018
"Italian Comedy in Bangkok"
 by **Marco Luly**

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
 Time: 7.00 PM

Thursday, 12th July 2018
 Venue: Thammasat University
 Time: 7.00 PM



Italian guitarist **Carlo Fierens** won in 2013 the "Italian National Prize for the Arts", a prize awarded by the Ministry of Education to the best music student of the year, among all conservatories and schools of music. He also took part in many guitar festivals in Europe (Italy, Spain, Austria and Germany) where he had the possibility to visit master-classes and have lessons with famous guitarists.

BUSINESS CULTURE

Thursday, 19th July 2018
Cost of Doing Business to Italy:
getting ready for opportunities
 Venue: SEAC - FYI Building
 Time: 4.30 PM

JAZZ MUSIC

Tuesday, 31st July 2018

Fabrizio Sotti Trio

Venue: Bangkok University, Auditorium at City Campus

Time: 7.00 PM

Fabrizio Sotti's career forged into a fascinating dichotomy between working with some of today's top jazz musicians (he produced two albums for the grammy winning vocalist Cassandra Wilson), writing and producing for superstar hip-hop and pop artists. On the jazz side, with his latest trio project, with top New Yorker musicians (**Mino Cinelu**, **Francisco Mela**) Sotti paints a dynamic sonic picture that presents him as not just an extraordinary and innovative improviser, but as the harbinger of a unique and distinctive sound that is completely his own.



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Wednesday, 1st August 2018

In the framework of Italian Jazz Stars at the Bamboo Bar

Venue: Bamboo Bar, Mandarin Oriental

Time: 8.30 PM



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THEATRE

August 2018

Brian Latini at Konrak Mime Festival 2018

Venue: Thailand Cultural Centre, Small Hall

KonRak Mime Festival is the annual international mime Festival located in Bangkok founded by Sathirakoses-Nagapradipa Foundation and organized by Konnakhao Mime Academy. After the success of the 2017 edition, KonRak Mime Festival 2018 aims to continue its activities with further expansion by having a greater number of mime artists from different countries. This year **Brian Latini** from Italy will perform for the first time in Bangkok with his show called "Happy times".



In memorial of Paitoon Laisakul
Founder of Pantomime in Thailand



BAROQUE MUSIC

Thursday, 23rd August 2018

"Sounds from the XVII Century Italian Courts"

by Baroque Musicke Bangkok

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

The BMB - Baroque Musicke Bangkok directed by **Jacopo Gianninoto** (lute) and **Alberto Firrincieli** (harpsichord) will present Italian baroque music performed on original instruments in a historically informed performance setting.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, 26th August 2018

"ALVEO" Concert

by Feroci Philharmonic Winds

Venue: Thailand Cultural Centre, Small Hall

Time: 4.30 PM



The Feroci Philharmonic Winds founded in 2013 by Damrih Banawitayakit, Dean of the Faculty of Music, Silpakorn University is one of the great wind orchestras in Thailand. The band was named after the great Italian artist Maestro Corrado Feroci, the father of Thai modern art and the founder of Silpakorn University. The **Feroci Philharmonic Winds** gave its inaugural concert in Thailand under the baton of Johan De Meij performing his world popular "Extreme Beethoven". The ensemble is acknowledged as the Thai's foremost musical pioneer of Thai contemporary music initiation by combining western and traditional Thai music instruments. The Feroci Philharmonic leads the field for its quality of performing and for its innovative approach to fusion traditional Thai and western musical art interpretation.

THEATRE

Thursday, 30th August 2018

Othello's Room by

Maurizio Mistretta

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

There's no doubt that much of Shakespeare's works revolves around Italy that offers a great source of inspiration and ideal settings for his masterpieces. Othello is one of them.



BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL



Saturday, 1st September 2018

Giovanni Sabella Piano Solo

Venue: Siam Ratchada Auditorium

Time: 7.00 PM

A variegated program with diverse music styles: piano version of very famous organ works such as "Prelude and Fugue" by Bach, and "Prelude, fugue and variation" by Cesar Franck. Music from Eastern Europe tradition, some Rachmaninoff Preludes and a touch of pure western romanticism.

CLASSICAL & JAZZ MUSIC

Saturday, 8th September 2018

"BACH IS IN THE AIR"

Danilo Rea and Ramin Bahrami

Venue: Mahidol University, MACM Hall

Time: 4.00 PM

"BACH IS IN THE AIR" is a small miracle, an amazing idea of **Danilo Rea**, a Jazz master improviser renowned all around the world, and **Ramin Bahrami**, considered one of the most interesting interpreters of Johann Sebastian Bach's music of our days, that for the first time in the history of music, capture the contemporary spirit and throw a bridge to ears that are used differently. Bahrami's specialization together with Rea's fantasy and extravagance, will serve to further spread this giant, three centuries away.



MASERATI



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CINEMA

10th September – 16th September 2018

Italian Film Festival Bangkok

Venue: Quartier CineArt, 4th Floor, the EmQuartier

EM District and Quartier CineArt proudly present the fourth edition of the Italian Film Festival Bangkok 2018, with the support of the Embassy of Italy and Dante Alighieri Society. All movies will be screened with the original Italian soundtrack, with English and Italian subtitles.

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Il colore nascosto delle cose - 2017

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The place - 2017

Tickets to be purchased at Quartier CineArt.

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MOVIE SOUNDTRACKS

Tuesday, 11th September 2018

"Le Muse" Ensemble

Tribute to Ennio Morricone

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

Time: 7.00 PM

"Le Muse" is an instrumental female Ensemble composed of musicians that developed their career inside the famous group "Rondò Veneziano". The ensemble has performed in many Italian and European theaters. The repertoire proposed has been selected among the rich production of Ennio Morricone, choosing some of the best known soundtracks from the '60s up to nowadays, including the soundtrack that won the Academy Award in 2016.



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SCULPTURE

18th September – 30th September 2018

Nazareno Biondo

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Library L Floor

Nazareno Biondo has completed his artistic formation at the Accademia Albertina di Belle Arti. Since 2008 he participated to national and international sculpture symposiums, winning awards and competitions and realizing monuments. In his hands, marble becomes a reflection about time and concept of abandonment, taking inspiration from products of common use and from consumer icons of our time, subject to their inescapable laws.



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LATIN JAZZ

Thursday, 27th September 2018

Simone Sala Trio

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

Time: 7.00 PM



A song set list composed by both the greatest timeless classic authors and **Simone Sala**, playing his own compositions. An explosive and exciting show, which aims to take every listener by hand through an authentic journey among sounds and rhythms of South America, mixed with the traditional jazz harmonic virtuosity.

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Friday, 28th September 2018

In the framework of "New Italian Jazz at the Living Room"

Venue: Jazz Bar "The Living Room",
Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit

Time: 8.30 PM



CLASSICAL MUSIC

Wednesday, 3rd October 2018

Italian Thai Youth Orchestra

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
Time: 7.00 PM

The **Italian Thai Youth Orchestra (ITYO)** is founded this year with the support and under the patronage of the Embassy of Italy. Its first performance ever will coincide with the very day of the 150th Anniversary of the signature of the first Treaty between the Reigns of Italy and Siam in 1868. For the occasion, a special selection of Italian music will be presented. Italian and Thai musicians will perform under the baton of guest conductor **Gabriele Pezone**.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

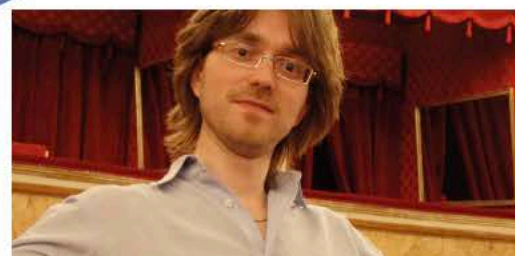
Thursday, 4th October 2018

Mario Tonda & Alberto Firrincieli

Venue: Neilson Hays Library

Time: 7.00 PM

Not many keyboard instruments can be played with four hands like ... harpsichord. The Duo **Mario Tonda & Alberto Firrincieli** – aka "Harpsichord for two" – has just released his first CD and is glad to present a very unique performance: the complete Italian repertoire for harpsichord four hands. Music by Clementi, Jommelli and Rutini.

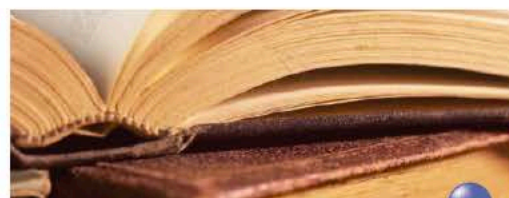


LANGUAGE

15th October — 21st October 2018

XVIII Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo

The Week of the Italian Language in the World is a yearly event organized by the diplomatic network to promote the diffusion of the Italian language. Universities where Italian Language is taught (Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok University & Silpakorn University) and schools will organize various activities linked to the pleasure of studying Italian. This year the official theme will be "L'Italiano e la Rete, le Reti per l'Italiano".



THEATRE

Thursday, 18th October 2018

"La voce del corpo"

by **Luca Vullo**

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM



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PIANO SOLO

Thursday, 25th October 2018

Maurizio Mastrini

Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

Time: 7.00 PM

Maurizio Mastrini is a very original pianist and composer. Defined "Wild Heart" for his solitary nature, he is a real musical "case", not only thanks to the strong emotional involvement in every track, but also thanks to the original piano technique with which he conquered audiences around the world. He will present "W LA VITA", his last successful work in which you can hear the cheerful and at the same time melancholic notes of the island of Cuba. It's a journey into the emotions and states of being of the human soul: love, passion, nostalgia, disenchantment, tenderness, fantasy and lightness ... in short, it is a tribute to life!



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Bangkok Art Biennale 2018

CONTEMPORARY ART

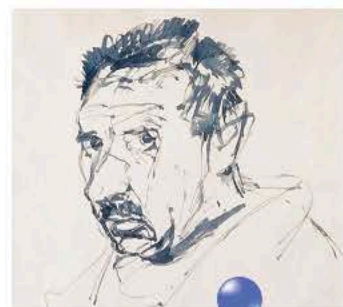
19th October 2018 – 3rd February 2019
Bangkok Art Biennale 2018

Bangkok as city of art and culture is full of rich tradition, creativity and contemporary art. Renowned for heritage, hospitality, entertainment and gastronomy, Bangkok will serve as a grandiose venue for exciting international contemporary art. Bangkok Art Biennale 2018 will be the first in Bangkok and renew the city in the eyes of the international community as an alluring destination for the arts. Artists, art enthusiasts, writers, and media will converge in Bangkok for creative encounters. Under the theme of "Beyond Bliss", everyone is invited to experience dynamic interpretations of joy, happiness and enrichment. Top Italian contemporary artists such as **Francesco Clemente** and **Paolo Canevari** will be invited to the Bangkok Biennale that was launched in the city that invented the first Biennale ever: Venice.

BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL

Saturday, 3rd November 2018
Baritone and piano concert
by **Antonio Sarnelli & Paolo Scibilia Duo**
Venue: Siam Ratchada Auditorium
Time: 7.00 PM

The magic of Italian opera. A night with Italian Romances and Songs from Paisiello, Rossini, Verdi, Mascagni, Tosti and other great Italian composers.



La Patente (The License) is one of Luigi Pirandello's most famous single act plays. Pirandello was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1934. The main characters of this comedy on marginalized people and superstition are a judge, who is going through personal and professional crisis and a man, a jinx, who is having some trouble with society and wants to see his unusual powers officially recognized. It is also a comedy on the masks that people have to wear during their existence and the suffering that derives from not being free to be what they really want to be.

THEATRE

Thursday, 8th November 2018
"La Patente"
by **Maurizio Mistretta**
Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
Time: 7.00 PM

CONTEMPORARY ART

November/December 2018
Massimo Catalani
Venue: RCB Galleria, River City Bangkok

Italian art is indeed at your door: a week in Bangkok with artist **Massimo Catalani**. After an inspiring opening by the Artist, during the period of the exhibition of his big impacting paintings and videos, there will be a conference and a master class on original painting techniques and more, unexpected performances connecting food, wine and art.



FOOD

19th November – 25th November 2018
3rd Italian Cuisine Week in the World
"The Extraordinary Italian Taste"

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THEATRE

Thursday, 22nd November 2018
"La Forchetta di Mastro Scappi"
Venue: Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall
Time: 7.00 PM

In the framework of the "3rd Italian Cuisine Week in the World", the play aims at highlighting the figure of Bartolomeo Scappi, the Michelangelo of Renaissance gastronomy. Scappi was a chef with an intense capacity, but above all a far-sighted forerunner of the cooking technique. The theatrical piece "La forchetta di Mastro Scappi", is a unique act by **Roberto Malini** under the direction of **Mario Morales Molino**.

JAZZ MUSIC

Thursday, 29th November 2018

Filomena Campus Quartet
"Jester of Jazz"

Venue: Bangkok Art and Culture Centre
 Time: 7.00 PM

Queen Mab explores the female side of jazz through the character of Mab, a fairy referred to in Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet, where "she is the fairies' mid-wife, who helps sleepers 'give birth' to their dreams. **Filomena Campus** compares Mab to the Mediterranean myths of the 'Dea Madre' (Goddess Mother) and the Janas (Sardinian legendary fairies) linking her Mediterranean roots to contemporary jazz with an electronic twist. Original music by Lodder and Philips, lyrics by Filomena Campus.

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Friday, 30th November 2018

In the framework of "New Italian Jazz at the Living Room"

Venue: "The Living Room" Jazz Bar,
 Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit
 Time: 8.30 PM



PIANO SOLO

Sunday, 2nd December 2018

Fiorenzo Pascalucci

Venue: Sala Sudasiri Sobha
 Time: 4.00 PM

Fiorenzo Pascalucci is one of the most successful Italian pianists. For his artistic achievements and international concert career, he received from our Country important recognitions. Through his personal interpretations from George Gershwin to Claude Debussy, he is able to give unforgettable emotions.

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ARCHEOLOGY

Opening: Monday, 3rd December 2018

New knowledge on the archaeology of the Lopburi River Basin:
30 years of Thai-Italian scientific collaboration

Venue: Lopburi, King Narai Palace National Museum



The King Narai Palace National Museum in Lopburi is going to open in 2018 a new pavilion dedicated to the Prehistory of the Lopburi River Valley. A special section will celebrate the 30 years of researches carried out by the Thai-Italian project illustrating the most relevant results of the field works and the laboratory investigations so far carried out by archeologists **Roberto Ciarla** and **Fiorella Rispoli** from ISMEO - International Association of Mediterranean and Oriental Studies. Outstanding ceramic vessels, iron tools, and bronze, agate, carnelian jewelries discovered during the salvage excavations at Tha Kae site, dated from the Neolithic (ca. 1800-1100 BCE) to the Sukhothai-Ayutthaya periods, will be sided by fancy burial offerings discovered at proto-historic sites. In the exhibition itinerary, the innovative restoration methods used by Italian specialists will be also shown.

DANCE

Thursday, 13th December 2018

"Spellbound Night"

Venue: Thailand Cultural Center, Small Hall
 Time: 7.00 PM

Founded in 1994 by **Mauro Astolfi**, he run the project with **Valentina Marini** who helped the company evolve internationally and set up worldwide transversal collaborations. The performance collects a series of recent short creations by Astolfi produced in recent years: a series of choreography that have been very successful in both Italian and international theaters presented here in Bangkok under a single program. Different themes and poetics, developed around known and at the same time mysterious stories, demonstrating the different facets of creativity.

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