

Music is in the air in Lucca

The Classical Music Festival

Allow me to paraphrase the words of a song by Paul Young, saying, "Love is in the air, everywhere I look around love is in the air, every sight and every sound...." Replace love with music and you'll have the Lucca Classical Music Festival that will be held on May 8-9 and 10!

This is the first time for such a festival in Lucca focused on the extraordinary cultural inheritance of this town. Music equals beauty, so this wonderful and joyful event is addressed not only to musicophiles but also and mainly to an audience willing to pay a friendly ear and mind to an effort that would have made Giacomo Puccini proud of his town.

Four hundred musicians and more than fifty events for a three-day cultural full immersion that will monopolize Lucca. Guests of international level will also be attending, each performing in their specialized branch. A number of conferences will add to the pleasure of discussing, listening and sharing the concepts, images and thoughts that the festival will have the strength to create.

Music will be everywhere: in streets, squares, museums and inside the most beautiful churches. Entrance is free for almost all events. Street bands composed of the best gifted students of the Boccherini Conservatory will play for the joy of passers-by. These street bands will bring us back to long, long ago when music was played by street musicians. Their violins and viola da braccio were



Violinist Natasha Korsakova will be performing J. S. Bach at Teatro San Girolamo on 8 May at 4.15 pm.

the first instruments on which people started to dance. The street music started to be played in the 14th century. Before this, culture was mostly in the hands of an intellectual elite and music confined to palaces and theaters. Luckily they also felt the need to make it popular among the lower classes.

So let's hope that even those who don't have classical music high on their priority list will be captivated by the opportunity of attending this festival and sharing emotions and divertimento.


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Spira Mirabilis will be performing Beethoven's 9th Symphony at Teatro del Giglio on 8 May at 9 pm.




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