Music under the Stars in Celle dei Puccini

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voice a little while ago (Una voce poco fa): This line from Rossini's II Barbiere di Siviglia announces the open-air event on Saturday 9 August at 9pm, sponsored by the Lucchesi nel Mondo Association to be held at Celle dei Puccini in Pescaglia in front of the Puccini family museum.

This sweet little village, where Giacomo Puccini used to go to stay with his grandparents during the summer months, is a short drive north of Lucca. This is the ideal place for such a concert, on the doorstep of the home that belonged to the Puccini family for five generations. Admission is free and the museum will be open for guided visits.

Under the artistic direction of Vivien Hewitt, we can enjoy a repertoire of music from the operas *Il Barbiere di Siviglia, Carmen*, and *La Rondine*, and also arias and songs by Puccini,

Lara, Bixio, and Rusconi. The interpreters are Livornese mezzo-soprano Maria Salvini, Italian-American tenor Rocco Sharkey, and Italian-Venezuelan baritone Pedro Carrillo. Pianist Piotr Yanchuk will accompany the singers as they perform much-loved operatic arias, as well as lesser-known ones from Puccini's operas *Le Villi* and *La Rondine*.





Maria Salvini has already performed at the Puccini Festival and the Mascagni Projects of Livorno's Teatro Goldoni. Rocco Sharkey recently performed with the Taranto Opera Festival, Festival Puccini, and Siena's Teatro dei Rinnovati. Pedro Carrillo is a favorite of the Lucca public, with a career that embraces both Italy and the most important Spanish theatres. The young, talented

Ukrainian pianist Piotr Yanchuck often performs in Tuscan and Ligurian theatres.

This concert series is organized by the Lucchesi nel Mondo Association with the support of the Italian Culture Ministry, the Fondazione Casa di Risparmio di Lucca, the Town of Pescaglia, and Mondialcarta. On Friday 5 September Lucchesi nel Mondo will participate in the Barga Scottish Weekend Festival with a concert that follows on the success of the one held at Glasgow last year for the centenary of the composer's death.

For the complete calendar and information: https://www.museodicelledeipuccini.it/

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