



Year 3 - 14-20 June, 2010

Amateurs Workshop

Dear amateur musicians,

Come and join our Festival!

Live your passion for string quartet as a full spectrum experience: play with old and new friends, listen to today's best ensembles, try the authentic Cremona's handcrafted string instruments and accessories, perfect your musical skills with the help of world-known musicians.

We want the Festival to become unique for you and have organised a very special programme around you. All-inclusive, very convenient packages have been created for you so that you may fully enjoy Reggio Emilia, its surroundings, its very special atmosphere. Low cost, high offer, in the name of the great art of string quartet.

We'll be waiting for you: our Festival will just not be the same without you!

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in association with



ACMP - The Chamber Music Network
www.acmp.net



Amateur Music Players' Association, JAPAN
www.apa-music.org

PROGRAMME

The five-day workshop includes four sessions a day for each group.

Session 1: Enjoy learning!

Your coaches are:

Peter Cropper, 1st violin, Lindsay String Quartet (UK)

Christophe Giovaninetti, 1st violin, formerly Ysaÿe String Quartet, at present Elysée String Quartet (France)

Antonello Farulli, viola, director of the European Quartet Academy of the Fiesole Music School (Italy)

Manuel Zigante, cello, Quartetto d'Archi di Torino (Italy)

The four artists cooperate with the European Quartet Academy of the Fiesole Music School (Florence), founded in 1974 by Piero Farulli, violist with the Quartetto Italiano.

All lessons are open to the public.

Session 2: Join the guests of the String Quartet Festival Reggio Emilia!

An opportunity to enjoy music, discussions and playing with

Mario Brunello

The Kuss Quartet

The young quartets of the Master Class

... and more!

Sessions 3 and 4: Music is a means to meet!

A great opportunity to explore every aspect of quartet playing:

- Activities with the Cremona violin makers
- *Minus 1* Live: play live with a professional string quartet!
A string quartet awaits you; the quartet member who plays your instrument leaves the group, you join in, and play in his or her place.
- Meetings with other amateur groups
- Exchange of members among the groups
- Rehearsals (every group has its own rehearsal room)

AND IN THE EVENING...

Enjoy great concerts every night! Tickets are included in the packages. Please see the Festival Programme for detailed information on the artists, the musics, the venues.

INSTRUMENTS

Is it too complicated and/or expensive to bring your cello with you? Do you wish to have your viola's sound adjusted? What happens if your bow suddenly needs repairing?

Well, don't worry about any of it. It's already solved!

The Maestri Liutai di Cremona (Cremona Violin Makers) will be in Reggio Emilia all week, ready to assist you and your instrument. They'll offer you:

- Handcrafted cellos for you to borrow: just reserve yours when filling the application form. Only the insurance fee (€ 50.00) will be at your charge. Contract and conditions may be downloaded from www.premiobornciani.org
- Technical assistance, consulting, small repairs service **free of charge**
- Sound adjustment of your instrument **free of charge**
- Possibility to try out their instruments **free of charge**
- Exhibition of handcrafted musical instruments and violin-making accessories

In association with the Cremona Antonio Stradivarius Foundation and the Cremona Violin Makers Consortium.

PARTICIPATION

Priority will be given to existing string quartets. Musicians not belonging to existing quartets, and willing to find fellow musicians in Reggio Emilia, are most welcome to join in; they are requested to fill out the ACMP Self-grading Questionnaire.

Acceptance is at the discretion of the Reggio Emilia Festival.

The Reggio Emilia Festival encourages full participation, but will also accept partial participation.

APPLICATION

Please fill out the application form and send it by e-mail or by fax **before 15th March 2010**.

If you're an existing string quartet, please use Application Form 1.

If you're an individual musician, please use Application Form 2.

SCHEDULE

15 th March	Application deadline
by 30 th March	Organisers notify candidates of their admission/non-admission. Existing quartets who are successfully admitted will be notified of who their teacher/teachers will be, the repertoire they'll play during the week (all sessions), the amateurs groups they'll be exchanging members with. Individual players who are successfully admitted will be notified of who they'll be grouped with and the repertoire they'll be playing during the week (all sessions).
April, May	Members of newly formed groups exchange information and plans. Organisers keep constantly in touch with all participants.
12 th -13 th June	Participants arrive in Reggio Emilia. A welcome letter containing all the useful material and information will be at their hotel.
13 th June, 5 pm	Reception desk: general briefing for all participants. Meeting with the violin makers and delivery of instruments.
20 th June	Instruments returned to violin makers.

FACILITIES

We're doing all we can to offer the best possible conditions for you to enjoy your stay. And if there's anything missing from our list... just ask us!

- An all-inclusive package makes it easier for you to organise your and your family's participation. Please see below for details
- Every group has its own rehearsal room
- Everyone involved in the festival can have lunch together, everyday: you, your coaches, the festival's guest artists, the staff, the public...
- Music stands are available for you to borrow
- A reception desk will be open everyday, 9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.
- Our theatre's music library is open for you to read books and scores, watch recordings of concerts and theatre shows, listen to music... (www.iteatri.re.it – section "Archivio")
- The scores and parts of the music you will play will be available at the reception desk
- A free internet service is available at the reception desk
- Free trial of Cremona violin makers' instruments
- Repairs and sound improvement services available

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PERFORM A CONCERT?

Please do - we'd love it! You can join the 6th edition of "Quartet Movements", a series of free string quartet concerts performed in the squares, courtyards and townhouses of Reggio Emilia's historical centre. Just write "Yes" on the application form. You'll be accompanied to the concert venue and introduced to the public as an amateur string quartet participating in the Festival's Amateurs Workshop. Your coaches will help you prepare for the concert.

MUSICforPASSION PACKAGES

We'd like to make things easier for you, so we offer you three different all-inclusive solutions for your stay in Reggio. Just choose the one for you, and stop worrying about anything. Your only concern will be... choosing your restaurant for dinner!

Please mark your choice in the application form. You will be asked to pay upon arrival at the Festival reception and you'll be given your receipt and your tickets for the concerts.

These are the MfP Packages:

1. **"Quartetto"**, for existing string quartets
2. **"Suite"**, for single musician
3. **"Sonata"**, for accompanying persons

The **Quartetto Package** includes:

- hotel accomodation (8 nights)
- breakfast (8)
- welcome reception
- all festival concerts' tickets (6)
- entrance guaranteed to Sunday night's free concert
- lunches (7, Monday to Sunday)
- Saturday's tour
- Amateur Musicians' Workshop (coaching, different activities, assistance...)
- usage of rehearsal rooms (Monday to Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm and 3 – 7 pm; every group has its own rehearsal room)
- free trial of Cremona violin makers' instruments
- repairs and sound improvement services available

Price per person:

- A. Single room, 4 stars hotel: € 850.00
- B. Double room, 4 stars hotel: € 650.00
- C. Single room, 3 stars hotel: € 750.00
- D. Double room, 4 stars hotel: € 600.00

The **Suite Package** includes:

- hotel accomodation (8 nights)
- breakfast (8)
- welcome reception
- all festival concerts' tickets (6)
- entrance guaranteed to Sunday night's free concert
- lunches (7, Monday to Sunday)
- Saturday's tour
- Amateur Musicians' Workshop (coaching, different activities, assistance...)
- usage of rehearsal rooms (Monday to Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm and 3 – 7 pm; every group has its own rehearsal room)
- usage of scores and parts
- free trial of Cremona violin makers' instruments
- repairs and sound improvement services available

Price per person:

- A. Single room, 4 stars hotel: € 900.00
- B. Single room, 3 stars hotel: € 800.00

The **Sonata Package** includes:

- welcome reception
- all festival concerts' tickets (6)
- entrance guaranteed to Sunday night's free concert
- lunches (7, Monday to Sunday)
- Saturday's tour

Price per person: € 200.00

NO PACKAGE, THANKS!

Not interested in the “all-inclusive style”? Is “Do it yourself” your cup of tea? All you want is the Workshop and the concerts? Here’s the solution for you.

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- Amateur Musicians’ Workshop (coaching, different activities, assistance...)
- usage of rehearsal rooms (Monday to Saturday, 9 am – 1 pm and 3 – 7 pm; every group has its own rehearsal room)
- usage of scores and parts
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Price per person:

A. Existing string quartets: € 200.00

B. Single musicians: € 250.00

FREE TIME

Sightseeing, food and wine tasting, suggestions for wining and dining?, souvenirs to take home, visiting museums and galleries, exploring Reggio Emilia and Italy... The reception desk will help you and provide any information and assistance you need.

And on Saturday, 19th June, we’ll take you on a surprise tour in our beautiful countryside... be ready to taste our world-known food and to take a closer look at Parmigiano-Reggiano!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Location:

Reggio Emilia is located in the northern part of Italy, approximately 60 km north-west of Bologna. All information on how to reach it and on how to plan your trip to Italy is available on our website www.premioborciani.org, section “Come and visit us!”.

Hotels:

These are the hotels we have selected for you. They’re both located in the town centre, walking distance from the Festival venues:

Albergo Morandi ***

Via Emilia S. Pietro, 64

42100 Reggio Emilia

Tel. +39 0522 454397

info@albergomorandi.com

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Hotel Scudo di Francia ****

Stradone del Vescovado, 5

42100 Reggio Emilia

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www.scudodifrancia.com

Other hotels:

Please visit <http://www.municipio.re.it/IAT/iatre.nsf/pagine/dovedormire?OpenDocument&lng=eng>

Lunch:

Everyone involved in the festival can have lunch at the same restaurant, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m., price € 15.00 per meal. In the town centre, walking distance from the Festival venues. Local food specialties. **Lunch from Monday 14th June to Sunday 20th June is included in the MUSICforPASSION Packages.**

Assistance:

A reception desk will be located in the Hall of Teatro Valli. Open from 14 to 21 June, 9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Internet:

A free internet service is available at the reception desk

Information:

Information on Reggio, maps, leaflets, brochures, programmes will be available at the reception desk. The daily programme will be posted the previous night at the reception desk and copies will be available for distribution.

About us:

If you'd like to find out more about us – who we are, our events, the past Festivals, the International String Quartet Competition “Premio Paolo Borciani”... – please visit our website www.premioborciani.org, section “Archive”.

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