

Irene Veneziano - Newsletter n.4

Sesto Calende (VA) – SEPTEMBER 2011

Dear Friends,

After my amazing – and very much needed – week's holiday, I threw myself back into my concert schedule with gusto.

The experiences that have stayed with me most in the interim include the Sandviken Festival in Sweden. There I was given the opportunity to perform several times over four days, both as a soloist and with other musicians. I also saw some excellent concerts and got to know some fantastic people from whom I really did learn a lot.

I was, however, particularly blown away by the warmth and welcome extended by the Swedish public – they packed out the concert halls every time, regardless of the time of day, and gave me three standing ovations in four days....the first time I've ever had that happen!

That incredible musical immersion also had as its backdrop marvellous vistas of woods with towering trees and glittering lakes....a truly unforgettable experience!

My heartfelt thanks to Mats Widlund for inviting me to attend, and also to Sune, Elisabeth and the other organisers for their kindness and warmth.

After my visit to Sweden, I also played Chopin's Concerto Op.11 with the Orchestra Jupiter from Brianza, conducted by the great Sergio Vecerina. The town's Piazza di Zoagli was bursting at the seams with people and, as always, I found performing that particular piece (which I adore) as uniquely moving as ever.

I can't finish up without mentioning the concert I played in Warsaw as part of the Chopin and His Europe Festival. This was my first return visit to the city after the F. Chopin Competition in October 2010. This combined with the fact that the stage I was playing on was the same one as for the pre-qualifiers for the Competition, made it a particularly emotional and intense experience.

On the advice of my friends, Gaetano and Justyna, I also performed a very well-known and popular Polish song for my encore which I feel helped me tune in even more closely to the spirit of the Polish people.

Follow the links below (dated August 22nd) for an excellent account of the concert in Poland, written by Michael Moran:

<http://www.michael-moran.com/2011/08/chopin-i-jego-europa-festival-warsaw.html>

Last but not least, you'll find an interview/profile for the MusicaProgetto.org website by Adriana Benignetti at:

<http://www.musicaprogetto.org/2011/09/colloquio-con-irene-veneziano-tra.html>

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My schedule for the next two months is as follows:

5th SEPTEMBER 2011

MILAN: "Suono e Immagine" I Concerti del Chiostro 2011, Chiostro del Conservatorio "G. Verdi", via Conservatorio 12, Milan, h 20.30. Solo recital, Liszt. Followed by the film "The Tree of Life"

10th SEPTEMBER 2011

ABANO TERME: Sorgente del Montirone, h 21. Entry free. "La Notte Rosa delle Terme" – Solo recital, music by Chopin, Liszt, Prokofiev, Brahms.

Piano: Irene Veneziano, Aska Carmen Saito.

<http://www.termegrandtorino.it/news/25/08/2011/la-donna-protagonista-ad-abano-terme-il-10-SEPTEMBER>

NB: Special "Irene's Guests" discount at the Ritz Hotel: 60 euro per person per night with breakfast and use of swimming pool, steam room and sauna. Follow the link below:

http://www.abanosite.it/hotels/117-Hotel_Terme_Abano_Ritz/hotel.htm

16th SEPTEMBER 2011

BRESCIA: Auditorium di S. Barnaba, Piazza A. B. Michelangeli, h 20.45. Opening concert of "Ledieciornate"

Mozart: Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra, K365 in E flat major

Piano: Irene Veneziano, Daniele Alberti

Orchestra del Festival Pianistico Internazionale di Brescia e Bergamo (International Brescia and Bergamo Piano Festival Orchestra)

Conductor: Pier Carlo Orizio

<http://www.associazionesoldano.it/associazionesoldano/index.php?page=dieciornate-2011-calendario>

26th SEPTEMBER 2011

TURIN: Aula Magna at the Politecnico di Torino, h 18.30. Opening of the "Polincontri Classica" season: <http://www.policlassica.polito.it/>

Chopin recital

8th-9th OCTOBER 2011

ISCHIA: Giardini La Mortella, solo recitals, 17.00 on both days

Music by Chopin, Liszt, Granados.

<http://www.lamortella.org/en/component/eventlist/venueevents/136>

14th OCTOBER 2011

CORDOVADO (PN): Castello Palazzo Freschi Piccolomini, "Perle Musicali in Villa",
Associazione Musica Pura - h 20.45 – Solo recital

Music by Chopin, Liszt, Granados.

<http://www.musicapura.eu/index.html>

30th OCTOBER 2011

MILAN: SpazioTeatro89, via Fratelli Zoia n°89, h 17.00 – 11th Rassegna Musicale "I
Concerti di Spazio Teatro 89"

Chamber music recital with Le Cameriste Ambrosiane

Schubert: "La Trota" (the "Trout" quintet)

Glinka: Serenade (Divertimento Brillante) on themes from Bellini's "La Sonnambula"

<http://www.spazioteatro89.org/music.asp?idEvent=825>

If you are attending any of my concerts, please do always check the dates and times on
my website www.ireneveneziano.it as they can change at short notice.

My warmest regards to you all!

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