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Irene Veneziano - Newsletter n°1 - 2020

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Dear friends,

Here we are with the first Newsletter of the year 2020!

This is a singular period for all of us because of the health emergency which, together with the mass media, has triggered a climate of strong tension and often of excessive panic. We hope that everything will improve and return to normal very soon!

We are confident that we will be able to carry out the **1st International Piano Competition "City of Arona"** from 26 to 29 March 2020 as scheduled.

The auditions of the Competition, divided into age categories and also including a section for piano 4 hands and a section for amateur pianists, are free entrance for anyone who has the pleasure of attending. During the winners' concert, which will take place on Sunday 29 March 2020 at 9.30 pm in the Aula Magna of the Palazzo Comunale in Arona, awards and special prizes will also be delivered. We are waiting for you!!

In recent months I have had the honour of being called into the **Jury** of very important piano competitions such as the "Città di Spoleto" International Competition and the "27th International Piano Festival - Chopin's Mazovia" in Poland, where I also had a performance at the beginning of the festival. The competition in Poland is organized by Jan Kadtubiski, an important Polish pianist and teacher who, despite not being a youngster anymore, has shown incredible and contagious energy and enthusiasm. I was really enchanted by his stories about famous pianists of the past who he had the opportunity to hear or meet live, but also by his anecdotes on the history of his country and Europe. An unforgettable experience!

As for my last **concerts**, I had the pleasure of playing for the first time in a trio with the clarinetist Marco Giani and the cellist Andrea Favalessa in Sesto Calende: we have found a perfect understanding and I hope there will be other opportunities to perform together! After that, I have also played with some of my "old acquaintances" of the flute: with the famous flutist Andrea Griminelli in Ercolano and with the exceptional Michele Marasco in the Palazzo Blu in Pisa.

Finally, I have returned for the fourth time to my beloved Norway, where I have held a Masterclass at the Kulturskole in Skien and a solo concert in the wonderful 600-seat hall of Ibsenhuset. Thanks to Ewa Storkås, teacher and fantastic person, and to Kulturskole for the usual wonderful welcome!

I remind you that my latest **CD "Pictures at an exhibition"** is now available. It includes a program entirely inspired by painting. Take a look at the link: <http://www.ireneveneziano.com/en/cd-pictures-at-an-exhibition-and-other-pictorial-works-irene-veneziano-2019/> .

You can find the complete list of **upcoming events** using the following link:

<http://www.ireneveneziano.com/en/category/live-prossimi-concerti/>.

Here are the events scheduled for the next three months:

6-8 March 2020: Riccione, Italy, JURY - CANCELLED EVENT

Participation in the jury of the XVIII Musical Competition "Città di Riccione".

Saturday 14th March 2020: Messina, Italy

Recital in duo with the flutist Andrea Griminelli.

Palacultura Antonello, Viale Bocchetta, 373, 6 pm.

Accademia Filarmonica di Messina "1770 - 2020: Beethoven Project".

<http://www.accademiafilarmonicadimessina.it/andrea-griminelli-irene-veneziano> .

Music by Beethoven, Chaminade, Fauré, Enescu, Messiaen, Popp, Borne.

26-29 March 2020: Arona (NO), Italy, Artistic Direction I International Piano Competition "Città di Arona"

Any information relating to the rules, the auditions calendar, to the jury on the website:

www.improntasonora.org/concorso .

Free entrance to the auditions and to the concert of the winners.

Concert of the winners: Sunday 29 March 9.30 pm.

Saturday 2nd May 2020: Novara, Italy

Recital in trio piano (Irene Veneziano), violin (Anna Molinari), cello (Lucia Molinari).

Auditorium of the Dedalo Music School, via Maestra 9, 9.00 pm.

"Music on stage" festival.

Music by Beethoven, Shostakovic.

Sunday 3rd May 2020: Milano, Italy

Piano solo recital.

Casa Verdi, Piazza Michelangelo Buonarroti, 29, 5 pm.

Società del Quartetto di Milano.

<https://www.quartettomilano.it/domenica-a-casa-verdi-irene-veneziano-pianoforte/> .

Music by Beethoven, Chopin.

Monday 25th May 2020: Palermo, Italy

Recital in duo with the flutist Andrea Griminelli.

Teatro Politeama, Via Filippo Turati, 2, 5.30 pm.

Amici della Musica di Palermo.

<https://amicidellamusicapalermo.net/2019/10/26/lunedì-25-maggio/>

Music by Beethoven, Chaminade, Fauré, Enescu, Messiaen, Popp, Borne.

If you wish to attend any of my concerts, please always check the dates and times on my website as these may change: www.ireneveneziano.com/en

Best regards,

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