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Irene Veneziano - Newsletter n°1 - 2021

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Dear friends,

Here is the first Newsletter of 2021, a new year full of hope!

The year that has just ended has been really difficult for everyone and the category of musicians, to our disappointment, hardly ever mentioned by the politicians, was one of the most hit.

We hope that we can soon restart to play live!

First of all, I would like to inform you that the **International Piano Competition "Città di Arona"** of which I am artistic director will take place "**ONLINE**", as all the events of this type at the present. We hope that even in this form the competition can act as a stimulus to young and less young pianists! The competition is divided into categories by age, includes a 4-hands section and a section for amateur pianists (soloists and 4-hands) with no age limits. The participants will upload their video recordings on YouTube. The deadline for applications is February 14, 2021; the winners will get cash prizes, special prizes and 11 prize concerts, two of which will be with orchestra! You can find the rules and any other information on the website: www.improntasonora.org/concorso .

As regards my **latest activities**, I was lucky enough to **perform** in trio with Anna and Lucia Molinari, talented and young musicians, in Novara, just before the new restrictive measures.

It was a wonderful emotion to be able to return to the stage, especially through chamber music, emblem of the more positive connotation of the word aggregation. Unfortunately, the recitals scheduled in London, in Minerbio, in Gallarate and in Ispra with the first flute of the Teatro alla Scala Andrea Manco have been postponed to a date to be agreed, while the concert in Messina with the flutist Andrea Griminelli and the piano solo concert in Varese were rescheduled in spring, hoping that in the meantime the laws will allow these events.

My other activities took place almost exclusively online: in October, thanks to an **online Masterclass** for the Kulturskole in Skien, Norway, I was able to see again some students met in previous masterclasses and to meet new ones, only virtually for the moment.

I also had the great pleasure of being invited to be part of the **jury in International Competitions** abroad, held online: the 27th International Piano Festival Chopin's Mazovia in Poland, the Fujairah International Piano Competition in the United Arab Emirates (President of the jury) and the VI Odin International Music Competition in Estonia.

It was very exciting to see how many young pianists need and desire to perform, now more than ever, even in this different form.

Finally, on 10th October I was invited by Osmar Ferreira de Lima for an **online interview** for the Music School "Espaço Musical Arte & Talento" in Brazil, during which I also performed some pieces. At the moment, the only way to "travel" is online!

I remind you that my latest **CD "Pictures at an exhibition"**, which includes a program entirely inspired by painting with music by Mussorgsky, Liszt, Rachmaninov, Dvorak, Granados, Piana is now present on the largest online distribution websites: [Itunes](#) and [Amazon](#) to download it, [Spotify](#) and [Deezer](#) to listen to it for free online.

For the physical copy, you can find information at this link on my website:

<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 months: since live recitals in Italy are still suspended, I ask you to please check for the latest information on my website.

29-30 January 2021: Erba (CO), MASTERCLASS - POSTPONED TO DATE TO BE AGREED FOR COVID EMERGENCY

Masterclass at the European Academy of Music in Erba (CO).

April 2021: Piove di Sacco, JURY for the National Music Competition "Città di Piove di Sacco". Online Edition

Participation in the jury of the National Music Competition "Città di Piove di Sacco", Online Edition.

<https://www.concorsopiovedisacco.com>

Monday 12th April 2021: Palermo, Italy - POSTPONED TO 15th NOVEMBER 2021 FOR COVID EMERGENCY

Recital in duo with the flutist Andrea Griminelli.

Teatro Politeama. Amici della Musica di Palermo.

Friday 21st May 2021: Varese, Italy

Piano solo recital.

Basilica di San Vittore. Benefit concert in favor of CUAMM Doctors for Africa.

Music by Chopin, Schumann.

Saturday 22nd May 2021: Messina, Italy

Recital in duo with the flutist Andrea Griminelli.

Palacultura Antonello. Accademia Filarmonica di Messina.

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

I send to all of you my warmest wishes for a happy new year: may it actually be happy!

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