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The 2nd International “Benvenuto Franci” Vocal Competition October 14 – 16, 2010 Pienza, Italy

For three days in October Pienza, one of the most beautiful towns in Tuscany, will ring with the voices of young opera singers when the International ‘Benvenuto Franci’ Vocal Competition returns for its second edition. The first competition attracted over one hundred singers. Created by Artistic Director Monica Faralli, the competition honours the memory of one of Italy’s great baritones, Benvenuto Franci, born in Pienza. The competition is headquartered in the Conservatory of San Carlo Borromeo in the historic centre of the city.

The Jury:

The competition jury is comprised of internationally renowned members of the opera world. Led by Adua Veroni, the jury includes Music Consultant Francesca Barbieri; Conductor Carlo Franci; celebrated baritone Renato Bruson; Giandomenico Vaccari, Director of the Petruzzelli Foundation and Bari Theatres; Christiano Sandri, Casting Director for the Teatro Maggio Musicale in Florence; Angelo Gabrielli, vocal manager for the Stage Door Agency; Luca Canonici, Tenor and Artistic Director of Opera Festival; and Aldo Salvagno, Conductor and Artistic Director of the ‘Colzani’ Budrio Competition (twinned with the Concorso Benvenuto Franci).

“The number and artistic and professional level of the participants in the first edition of the competition bode well for another successful event, commented Conductor Carlo Franci, son of Benvenuto Franci. “We extend a special thank-you to the Mayor of Pienza, Fabrizio Fè, to the indomitable Monica Faralli without whom this competition would not exist and to all the members of the jury who look forward to the opportunity of discovering the next generation of opera singers.”

Competition Criteria:

The competition is open to all singers born after 31 December 1974. There is also a special ‘Seniors’ section for singers born before 1 January 1975. Singers must be prepared to present 5 arias, in their original language and vocal arrangement. There is a first elimination round, a semi-final and final competition round. The Final round will be presented in the splendid surroundings of the 13th century Church of San Francesco. All elimination rounds are open to the public.

Registration:

The deadline for registering to participate in the competition is October 6, 2010. Registration can be done on-line (www.comune.pienza.si.it and follow the links to the competition) or by registered mail to : 2nd Concorso Internazionale ‘Benvenuto Franci’, Comune di Pienza, Corso Il Rossellino 61, 53026 Pienza (SI), Italy. Details and regulations for the competition are available on the website, by email or by requesting a brochure.

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