

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

“Aurelio Burzi”

for OPERA SINGERS

Fourth Edition

Pesaro 2-3-4 May 2017

Chiesa del Nome di Dio

Via Petrucci,1 Pesaro

The cultural association "Arcobaleno" wish to pay a tribute the life and works of Aurelio Burzi, a versatile artist, musician and sculptor born in the town of Pesaro. Aurelio Burzi spent most of his life working in Brussels. He came back to his hometown with his wife Lydia, a Belgian journalist, and he died there in 2004.

A renowned baritone, he played in the most important European theatres. At the same time he kept his passion for sculpture alive by creating works such as Christ's Head and a Pope John XXIII bas relief. These works ornate the Carmelite Church in Brussels. One of his bas reliefs can be admired in San Leo, Italy.

During the Second World War he was a member of the Italian Army's "Bersaglieri" rifle regiment where he became a skilled marksman and practiced several sports. After being captured, thanks to his boxing skills he won several matches against professionals boxers. All the prizes he won were exchanged for food for his prison camp's inmates.

He is buried in Pesaro Cemetery.

NOTICE OF COMPETITION AND RULES

ARTICLE 1

The competition will be held from the 2nd to the 4th of May 2017 at Chiesa del Nome di Dio located in via Petrucci, 1 Pesaro, Italy. The award ceremony and public final concert will be held at the same location on the 3rd of May at 18.30. The winners of the Competition will have the chance to attend the Masterclass held by Nicola Alaimo that will take place in the morning of the 4th of May.

ARTICLE 2

The competition is open to singers of any gender, nationality and texture of voice without any age limits.

ARTICLE 3

Competitors may be accompanied by pianists from the organization. Rehearsals with pianists will be held the day before the beginning of the competition. However competitors may bring their own pianists. In both cases the competitors shall inform the organizers through the application form.

ARTICLE 4

Application forms can be downloaded from the website www.concorsoliricoburzi.it and they must be filled in and submitted by post within the 27th of April 2017 (post mark will be proof) to: Professor Giovanna Franzoni – Via Luzzatti, 8 – 61122 Pesaro (Italy).

On the application form competitors must include:

- a) their first name and surname, nationality, place and date of birth, address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, type of voice, type of piano accompanist, authorization to the use of personal data;
- b) a copy of ID card
- c) a brief artistic/professional curriculum vitae;
- d) a copy of the bank transfer of the registration fee of 70 euro on behalf of:

Banca di Pesaro

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Beneficiary: Associazione Arcobaleno

Reason: Iscrizione Concorso Lirico "Aurelio Burzi"

The organization is not bound to reimburse the subscription fee under any circumstance. Registration fee will be reimbursed only in the event of the competition not taking place for reasons beyond the organizers' control.

ARTICLE 5

Competitors have to perform 5 *aria* pieces. At least 3 of them shall be selected from Opera repertoire. Pieces must be performed by heart. Competitors must bring to the Jury a copy of the music score.

ARTICLE 6

The competition starts with an Eliminary Round that will be held on Tuesday, the 2nd of May 2017 from 11.00 hours at the Chiesa del Nome di Dio in Pesaro.

The order of the competitors' performances will be drawn. The Eliminary performances will take place behind closed doors. Competitors will perform 2 of the 5 pieces, 1 of their own choice and 1 selected by the Jury.

Competitors must show their ID before the Eliminary Round.

At the end of the Eliminary Round, the Jury will announce the list of the competitors that will be admitted to the Semi-Final Round, which will be held at the same place on the same date from 16.00 hours. Competitors will perform 2 pieces selected by the Jury.

The Final round is scheduled the following day, i.e. Wednesday, the 3rd of May from 11.00 hours. Competitors will perform 1 piece selected by the Jury.

At 16.00 the Jury will announce the winners. At 18.30 the award ceremony and public concert will be held.

ARTICLE 7

The Jury will be composed of music experts of high repute:

- Maestro Nicola Alaimo – Baritone
- Maestro Ludovico Bramanti – Director of the “G. Rossini” Conservatory of Music of Pesaro

The Jury's evaluation is final and irrevocable.

ARTICLE 8

Any persons who have family relations with any of the competitors cannot take part to Jury. Members of the Jury that have/have had an educational relationship with any of the competitors cannot take part in the discussion or express their own evaluation. This eventuality must be noted on the official competition memorandum.

ARTICLE 9

SCOLARSHIP AWARD:

- First prize: 1500 euro
- Second prize: 700 euro
- Third prize: 500 euro
- Scholarship “Maria Luisa Biscuola” for the best interpretation of a Rossini *aria*: 300 euro

The Jury reserves its own right to not assign prizes if it judges that none of the competitor is worthy.

The Jury reserves also its own right to select one of more of the winners as participants for concerts in 2018.

ARTICLE 10

The organizers reserve the right to record the final concert on video, audio tape, CD, DVD, radio/television/film/Internet broadcast without paying the competitors involved. By participating in this competition the singers will give up all rights for radio, TV and Internet broadcasting of the performances carried out during all the competition events. Participation does not lead to payment of any rights or fee of any kind for any reason.

ARTICLE 11

The organizers reserve the right to make any changes to the specified rules if necessary. Any changes will be promptly communicated. In case of objection to the competition rules, the Italian version will be valid. Submission of the application form means the total and unconditional acceptance of all rules

in this notice and any changes foreseen above.

ARTICLE 12

No responsibility is assumed for risks or damage of any kind to the competitors throughout the competition.

ARTICLE 13

According to law decree n° 196 of 30th June 2003 concerning the protection of personal details, the organization confirms that competitors' details in the application form will be kept and used only to send information related to the competition. According to law decree n° 196 of 30th June 2003 the competitors have the right to know, update, delete and rectify their data or object to their use.

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