



La Scala Chamber Orchestra Performs “Fantasies from Verdi's Operas”

A special concert at MIT celebrates the renewal of the research collaboration with Eni

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Cambridge (MA), October 8, 2013 – Last night saw great success at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Kresge Auditorium, with the La Scala Chamber Orchestra (Cameristi della Scala) performing “Fantasies from Verdi's Operas”. The concert, presented by Eni and MIT, celebrates the renewal of the research collaboration which aims to achieve the key message: "Let's give energy a new energy."

For Eni's Chairman Giuseppe Recchi: “Since 2008 we have been the largest partner of MIT for energy research. Our goal is to develop innovative solutions to address global energy needs and challenges by bringing together Eni's own research and technological know-how with MIT's excellence in science and technology. The path to new breakthrough technologies that can have an impact on human life is challenging and never ending but it is also the prerogative of those who are naturally attracted by this fundamentally important endeavor. The inauguration of the Eni-MIT Energy Society last June greatly enhanced our ability to work towards fulfilling this goal. Achieving excellence is for Eni a key mission: this aptitude is part of our DNA, and I believe that technology, science and art are, in the end, aspects of the same way of doing things and of being an enterprise. We are extremely proud to celebrate this collaboration with another example of absolute excellence, the La Scala Chamber Orchestra performing Giuseppe Verdi; a world renowned orchestra performing Italy's most famous composer”.

MIT President L. Rafael Reif said: “We are delighted to welcome the La Scala Chamber Orchestra to MIT to help celebrate the important research relationship between MIT and Eni. We feel incredibly fortunate to benefit from Eni's relationship with La Scala and to share this esteemed ensemble's performance with the MIT community”.

Supporting cultural initiatives has always been a hallmark for Eni and in 2006 the company chose the motto “culture of Energy, energy of culture” to effectively describe its commitment to

promoting artistic and cultural events in the countries in which it operates.

Eni is partner of the La Scala Chamber Orchestra's international tour, which has already included concerts in Moscow, Istanbul and Oxford. "Fantasies from Verdi's Operas" is a musical medley or "Fantasie" of Verdi's operas composed by the composer's friends and colleagues. These compositions, which are true celebrations of Verdi's greatness, have been lying forgotten in libraries across the world since the 19th Century. The La Scala Chamber Orchestra found and transcribed these long lost "Fantasies" and is bringing them to the United States for the very first time. Last night's concert at MIT marked the start of the Chamber Orchestra's U.S. tour, which will also include performances in Providence (Brown University), Washington (Library of Congress), New York (Carnegie Hall), and Miami.

This U.S. concert series is part of the "2013 - Year of Italian Culture in the United States, an initiative held under the auspices of the President of the Italian Republic, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Italy in Washington, D.C., with the sponsorship of Eni, Corporate Ambassador. Eni also supported an exhibition of the late Hellenistic masterpiece the "Boxer at Rest" at the Metropolitan in New York as part of that initiative.

Eni in United States

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