



It is with a great pleasure and much excitement that I want to welcome the 2020 Cremona International Music Academy to our wonderful city of Cremona!

Cremona is known around the world not only as a Capital of Violin Making but also as most important Italian Agriculture and Commerce Center. Thousands of tourists visiting Cremona every year to take part in various conferences and exhibitions, experience the beauty of Cremonese architecture, the elegance of some of the most beautiful piazzas in Northern Italy, exploring Cremona's specialty shops, visiting its unique violin makers workshops and tasting typical food products.

This is not just an economic issue: our products represent an important element in our history and culture and contribute, together with numerous works of art and musical craftsmanship, to making this area unique, awaiting the discovery and appreciation of visitors. Cremona with the surrounding area represents "A place to Play", where it is possible to perform everywhere.

I am proud that since its first season in 2011, Cremona Academy established close contact and collaboration with Cremona Chamber of Commerce and its members, including Consorzio Liutai "Antonio Stradivari". We are happy that the Academy is based at the Chamber of Commerce and performs in some of the most beautiful halls and palaces in Cremona and Lombardy Region, including picturesque medieval town of Crema.

We are extremely happy to welcome Cremona International Music Academy once again! On behalf of Cremona Chamber of Commerce and its members I would like to express warmest greetings to the Academy, its great professors, students, families and guests and wishing them another wonderful season in Cremona and Lombardy!

We are looking forward to our continues collaboration!

Gian Domenico Auricchio