



Welcome from Mayor of Cremona, Gianluca Galimberti

As Mayor of Cremona, I am very proud and happy to welcome the 2020 Cremona International Music Academy to our medieval town. Music has always played an important role in our town going back as far as the 16th Century, when Claudio Monteverdi was born and worked here, and 17th Century, when legendary Amati, Stradivari, and Guarneri made Cremona the Capital of Violin making of the world. The wonderful tradition of music and violin making continues to the present time. Cremona is a home of the so important district of liuthery, of the world-famous Stradivari Museum with its unique Auditorium, professional music conservatories and youth music schools, and the home of over 150 luthiers who continue tradition of great Cremonese violin making.

We are looking forward again to host this remarkable Music Academy, with its renowned Professors, their talented Students and many Visitors from all around the world, from near and far. Ten years ago, the Cremona International Music Academy and Festival has opened a new chapter in the history of our town and is turning into one of the most important music festivals in Italy. I am also looking forward to the opportunity to offer participants and guests to explore our local tourism, introducing our beautiful Cremona and Lombardian region, its culture, wonderful museums and churches, our luthiers, specialty shops and unique Cremonese cuisine to many new visitors.

On behalf of the citizens of Cremona I congratulate Cremona International Academy with its 10th Season in Cremona and wish the Academy another wonderful season, much success, and to all its participants new experiences, wonderful memories and a good time in our town, as well as the enjoyment and appreciation of one of the most beautiful things in the world: music making.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you all in Cremona!

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the Mayor of Cremona
Gianluca Galimberti