



Preaching to the Choir

This month, savor some international musical flavor with a one-night performance by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir. **Lachlan Probyn** chimes you in.

If you are hoping to witness some musical prowess this month, look no further than the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, which will be gracing Rome on 5 April. Taking place at the Istituzione Universitaria dei Concerti, the choir, often referred to as the EPCC, will be conducting an all-night vigil, covering a range of musical genres and styles certain to entice even the most discerning music aficionado. Directed under the artistic eye of Kaspars Putniņš, who also works as the Chief Conductor of the choir, the EPCC treats listeners to a blend of Baroque music and more contemporary 21st century styles. In honor of the choir's heritage, particular tribute is also paid to several composers from the Estonian musical scene including Arvo Pärt, Tõnu Kõrvits, and Helena Tulve. Based in Estonia, the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir was founded in 1981 by Tonu Kaljuste, who committed himself to the role of Artistic Director for 20 years

before retiring. Throughout the decades, the EPCC has developed a steadfast global reputation for its skill, commitment, and overall involvement in the musical scene. Previously collaborating with worldly conductors and orchestras including the London Symphony Orchestra and the Frankfurt Radio Symphony Orchestra, the EPCC is set to bring a repertoire of experience for its one night in Rome. Composed of 28 vocalists, categorized into the usual choir suspects of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, the vocal harmony executed by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir has led to the production of several records. The group was also awarded two Grammys with the honor of Best Choral Performance. While the operas of Puccini and Pavarotti may resonate more closely with Italian musical heritage, why not stray from tradition and revel in this international musical experience for just one night of the year?

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ENTERTAINMENT



Cheer on the city's team AS Roma as they face-off against rivals from across the country. Don't miss: 10 April Roma vs. Bologna, 20 April Roma vs. Torino, and 24 April Roma vs. Napoli.

music performances by various orchestras and solo performers. Via Columbia, 1. Tel 067231941.

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www.romasinfonietta.com

Auditorium Parco della Musica (PDM)

Major arts complex hosting important events, bringing international performers of varying genres from dance and video art, to classical music, rock, and jazz. **8 April:** Bobo Rondelli in concert. **10 April:**

Jazz musicians Giuliana Soscia & the Pino Jodice Quartet team up with sax player Tommy Smith.

12 April: Ezio Bosso. **15 April:** Jazz musician Marcus Miller in concert. **16 April:** Javier Giroto & Aires Tango team up with Ralph Towner for a night of jazz music. **17 April:** Jazz by the Chihiro Yamanaka Female Trio. **18 April:** Rocker Chris Cornell in concert. **23 April:**

Milagro Acustico pays tribute to Sicilian singer Rosa Balistreri. **25 April:** Hugh Coltman: "Shadows, Songs, of Nat King Cole." Viale de Coubertin, 30. Tel 0680241281. **Off Map** www.auditorium.com

Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia

One of Europe's most prestigious classical music organizations, presenting world-class performers and conductors and their renowned orchestra and choir. **2-4 April:** Sir Anthony Pappano conducts pieces by Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky. **6 April:** Pianist Yefim Bronfman in recital. **15 April:** Pianist Grigory Sokolov performs Schumann and Chopin. **27 April:** Pianist Krystian Zimerman in recital. **30 April:** Rachmaninoff 3. Auditorium PDM. Viale de Coubertin, 30. Tel 0680241281. **Off Map** www.santacecilia.it

Big Mama

Rome's most important club for blues also hosts rock and jazz events. Big names, cover bands, and emerging new talent. Vicolo San Francesco a Ripa, 18. Tel 065812551. **Map D5** www.bigmama.it

English Theatre of Rome

English-language theater company run by Gaby Ford, presenting both classic and original plays. Teatro Arciliuto. Piazza Montevicchio, 5. Book at Tel 3489355626 or rometheatre@yahoo.com **Map D3** www.rometheatre.com

Istituto Universitaria dei Concerti (IUC)

La Sapienza University's venue presenting classical and contemporary chamber music. **2 April:** Cellist Andrei Ionita and pianist Naoko Sonoda play Debussy, Brahms, and more. **5 April:** The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir performs Rachmaninov's I Vespri. **12 April:** Guitarist Manuel Barrueco plays Bach, Weiss, and more. **16 April:** Classical jazz by London Brass. Aula Magna. Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5. **Off Map** www.concertiuc.it

Palalottomatica

A gigantic sport and concert arena in the slick, modern EUR district. Some of the biggest stars perform here. **Until 2 April:** Rome's Artistic Gymnastics Championship. **Off Map** www.palalottomatica.it

Sala Casella

Smaller alternate venue (and principal summer venue) of the Roman Philharmonic Academy. **14 April:** The violin of yesterday, today, and tomorrow: Francesco D'Orazio in concert. Via Flaminia, 118. Tel 063201752. **Off Map** (see D1) www.filarmonicaromana.org

Stadio Olimpico

AS Roma and SS Lazio soccer teams hold their home matches here, and warm weather brings big performances. **10 April:** Rome vs. Bologna (soccer). **20 April:** Rome vs. Turin (soccer). **24 April:** Rome vs. Naples (soccer). Via del Foro Italico. **Off Map**

Teatro Argentina

Historic opera house now presenting plays (in Italian) as well as musical performances organized by the Roman Philharmonic Orchestra. Largo di Torre Argentina, 52. Tel 06684000311. **Map D4**

Teatro Brancaccio

Large historic theater putting up vastly varied performances, from Shakespeare to modern drama

See architect Renzo Piano's modern and unexpected design in his masterpiece, the Parco della Musica.

CINEMA

Casa del Cinema

Historic cinema located inside Villa Borghese park showing classic and new films and hosting themed film festivals. Open Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm. Largo Marcello Mastroianni, 1. Tel 06423601. **Map E/F1** www.casadelcinema.it

Original Language Cinemas

All the best titles of the season, even in 3D.

Multisala Lux—Via Massaciucoli, Metro B1 - Annibaliano. Films in original language daily. **Off Map**

Multisala Odeon—Piazza Stefano Jacini. **Off Map** Films in original language every Tuesday.

"Cinema di Roma" app is a fast and easy way to purchase your ticket. For more information head to www.cinemadiroma.it.

CONCERT VENUES AND THEATERS

Auditorium Conciliazione

This auditorium near the Vatican hosts the concerts of the Rome Symphony Orchestra, the Rome Ballet, and other distinguished guest artists. Tel 0668801044. **Map B2/3** www.auditoriumconciliazione.it

Auditorium Ennio Morricone

Located on the campus of Tor Vergata University, this venue regularly hosts classical



Life composed

The Auditorium Parco della Musica hosts composer-musician Ezio Bosso for an outstanding one-night-only concert, held in celebration of his debut solo piano album entitled *The 12th Room*. Treat your senses to this long-anticipated masterpiece, a conceptual project that does double duty with twelve unique compositions that metaphorically symbolize each phase of life. Take in Bosso's collection of moving pieces 12 April.

to hit musicals. **From 6 April:** Rapunzel the musical (in Italian). Via Merulana, 244. Tel 0680687231. **Map G4** www.teatrobrancaccio.it

Teatro Costanzi

The official opera house for the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma and their Ballet Corps. The spectacular interior and the talent residing within make for memorable performances. **Until 3 April:** Berlioz's Benvenuto Cellini (opera). **From 17–24 April:** Giacomo Puccini's Il Trittico (opera). Piazza Beniamino Gigli, 1. Tel 06481601. **Map F3** www.operaroma.it

Teatro Nazionale

The smaller, secondary venue of the Teatro dell'Opera di Roma. Via del Viminale, 51. Tel 06481601. **Map F3** www.operaroma.it

Teatro Olimpico

Main venue for the Rome Philharmonic Academy Orchestra, offering a season packed with talented musicians and innovative performances. Also hosts modern dance. Piazza Gentile da Fabriano, 17. Tel 063265991. **Off Map**

Teatro Sistina

Important theater for Italian pop, folk, and rock singers, as well as Broadway-style revues, musicals, and plays. **From 26 April:** Renzo Arbore and l'Orchestra Italiana. Via Sistina, 129. Tel 064200711. **Map E2** www.ilsistina.it

Teatro Vascello

Much of the season is Italian theatre, however the occasional contemporary dance troupes make this a venue to keep an eye on. Via Giacinto Carini, 78. Tel 065898031. **Map B5** www.teatrovascello.it

PUBS AND BARS

The Abbey Theatre (Navona)

Irish pub with Guinness, Harp, and Kilkenny on tap, plus bottled beer and many Irish whiskeys. Happy hour 11am–8pm. Open for lunch and dinner. €12 Fast menu: burger (150gr/50oz), fries, and a beer. Open Sun–Thurs, 11am–2am; Fri–Sat until 3am. Via del Governo Vecchio, 51/53. Tel 066861341. **Map C/D3** www.abbey-rome.com

Fluid (Navona)

This bar's interior is a cosmic forest, with metal vines along the stairway and a high-tech waterfall along the back wall. Nightly DJs keep the atmosphere alive at just the right volume. The aperitivo buffet is abundant, and the after-dinner scene is lively. Live sax, electric violin, and body painting on weekends. Open daily, 6pm–3am. Via del Governo Vecchio, 46/47. Tel 066832361. **Map C/D3**

Mons (Navona)

This one-of-a-kind cocktail bar (once the legendary Jonathan's Angels) is famous for its gothic-chic décor and anything-goes vibe. Come early for a full meal, or stay late for the fabulous mixed drinks, mesmerizing mood music, and thrillingly dark vibe. Open daily, 5pm–2am. Via della Fossa, 16. Tel 066893426. **Map C/D3** www.monscrew.com

Scholars' Lounge (Venezia)

Quintessential Irish pub serving hot food all day. 22 beers on tap including Guinness, Kilkenny, Murphy's, and Magners, and more than 250 whisky bottles lining the walls (Italy's largest selection). Major sporting events shown on 17 HD screens. Live music, Karaoke, Pub Quiz, and Student Nights weekly. Open daily, 11am–3:30am. Wheelchair access. Via del Plebiscito, 101b. Tel 0669202208. **Map D/E3**