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Nuova Orchestra Scarlatti, Venezi and Grigolo celebrated in music the presence of Italy as Guest of Honour 2024 at the Frankfurter Buchmesse

**Dortmund, 13 June 2024** - 2024 will be the year of Italian culture in Germany thanks to the participation of Italy as Guest of Honour at the 76th edition of the Frankfurter Buchmesse. A historic appointment that was celebrated yesterday evening at the Dortmund Konzerthaus with the symphonic-vocal concert 'Passioni Italiane'. A tribute to Italian music, from Rossini to Puccini, from Donizetti to Verdi and Mascagni.

Just after their international success at Teatro Colón in Buenos Aires, Nuova Orchestra Scarlatti of Naples was the protagonist of the evening, conducted by the Conductor Beatrice Venezi. Tenor Vittorio Grigolo, one of the finest voices in international opera, was the guest star of the event.

The concert took place just a few kilometres from Iserlohn, the headquarters of the national football team led by Luciano Spalletti, ready to start its adventure at the 2024 European Football Championship in Dortmund.

Mauro Mazza, the Extraordinary Commissioner of the Government for Italy's participation at the Frankfurter Buchmesse, stated how the organisation of "Passioni italiane" is connected to the inauguration of Casa Azzurri: "the desire for Italy that was seen in Germany for the National team is the same that is expected in the upcoming edition of the Buchmesse, from 16 to 20 October, with the inauguration ceremony on 15 October".

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