## Opera Event – "Ensemble BelCanto"

As part of the Italian Government's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Italy's unification; and thanks to the combined efforts of the Italian Canadian Cultural Association (ICCA) of Nova Scotia and the Italian Consulates in Nova Scotia and Montreal, we present the renowned Italian group "Ensemble BelCanto". This ensemble is currently travelling the world, for the promotion of Italian culture and music. To demonstrate the strong ties between Italy, Italian Canadians and Nova Scotia the Ensemble BelCanto has included Halifax as one of their Canadian locations on this tour.

This exciting event will take you on a journey of famous opera arias and instrumental music composed by Italian composers such as: Rossini, Puccini, Donizetti, Bellini, Monti, Morricone and others. This once in a lifetime event is surely not an evening to be missed by music, opera and Italian culture lovers.

Saturday, April 16, 2011 - 7:00pm

Adult \$30.00 / Senior \$25.00 / Student\$17.50

Tickets available at <a href="http://www.bellaroseartscentre.com/">http://www.bellaroseartscentre.com/</a>

The "Ensemble BelCanto" whose members have won numerous national and international competitions includes the following Italian artists:

ROSARIA BUSCEMI Soprano ANTONIO ARCURI Clarinet MASSIMO CELIBERTO French Horn ALESSANDRO VUONO **Pianist** 



The Ensemble BelCanto artists graduated 'Cum Laude" as soloist chamber musicians from the Music Conservatory in Cosenza, Italy. After their graduation they continued to enrich their musical talent by pursuing further studies in prestigious centers in Italy and abroad including: the Santa Cecilia National Academy in Rome, Italy and the Conservatoire Superier De Musique de Geneve, Switzerland.

With their continuing studies and work with some of the greatest musicians of our time including: Karl Leister, Gyorgy Sandor, Daniel Rivera, Renata Tebaldi, Irina Osipova, Giuseppe Finzi and many others, the artists specialized in chamber vocal music, musical composition, orchestra and choir music conduction.

Over the years the members of Ensemble BelCanto have undertaken many international performances at notable concert venues including: Theatre Bellini in Catania, the Vatican Orchestra, Theatre Verdi in Salerno, Presou Theatre Orchestra and Kosice Symphony Orchestra in Slovakia, Kiev Orchestra in the Ukraine. Additionally they have toured extensively in Europe playing at select cities and events too numerous to list. During these events members of Ensemble BelCanto have collaborated with famous international artists including: Andrea Bocelli, Cecilia Gasdia, Jose Carreras, Katia Ricciarelli, Daniel Oren, Renato Bruson and many others.

As part of their quest to promote the Italian culture abroad, the Ensemble BelCanto has performed in the following countries: Accademia De Muzica Gheorghe Dima in Rumania, Cluj Napoca in Lagos Nigeria, Conservatoire de Musique in Geneve Switzerland, Temple De la Lanterne Lyonne in Bordeaux France, Elite Park Concert Hall in Goteborg Sweden, Kulturbuhne-Dilingen-Saar-Eppel- St. Leodegar Kirche, Big Eppel, Trierer in Germany, Palau de la Musica in Valencia Spain, Casablanca-Morocco, Finland, Ceck Republic and more.

When not touring, the artists of Ensemble BelCanto teach and collaborate with various music conservatories, academies and associations in Italy.



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