

Italy's BelCanto Ensemble Concert in Abuja



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Rosaria Buscemi from Italy gets ready to sing at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel; December 6, 2010.

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A concert featuring the **BelCanto Ensemble**, composed of five classical music performers from Italy, was organized by the Embassy of Italy on December 6, 2010, at the Lagos Room of the Transcorp Hilton Hotel.

The members of the BelCanto Ensemble are: 1) **Rosaria Buscemi**, a soprano who graduated with honours at the Consenza Music Conservatory in Italy and has won several national and international competitions; 2) **Alessandro Vuono**, a pianist who is both a performer and a teacher, and who's been successful in several national and international piano competitions; 3) **Antoni Arcuri**, who plays the clarinet and has degrees in Clarinet and Orchestration at Cosenza Music Conservatory in Italy and teaches clarinet; 4) **Massimo Celiberto**, who plays the horn, has performed over five hundred recitals in Europe and America and has worked with international artists including Andrea Bocelli; and 5) **Francesco Clemente**, a violinist who is a member of Quinteto Porteno (a formation devoted to tangos) and co-founder

of a group with which he performs classical and contemporary repertoire.

Prior to this concert, two other cultural events were hosted by the Italian Embassy in a span of 12 days. These photos were taken at the BelCanto concert.

Rosaria Buscemi sings...



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The cocktails and buffet dinner after the concert



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A cross section of
the audience



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Applause from the audience



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From left to right: Alessandro Vuono, Francesco Clemente, Antoni Arcuri, and Massimo Celiberto.



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Rosaria with Ambassador Colaminé



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