

## TEATRO PETRUZZELLI

### History:

The Teatro Petruzzelli is a symbol of both Italian musical excellence and architectural beauty and harmony; currently owned by the Messeni Nemagna family, it is the main theater in Bari, the fourth largest in Italy, and the largest private theater in Europe. In 1877 the City Council decided to give 12,000 lire and an allotment of free land to the company willing to build a theater under the terms and conditions it had set. Brothers Onofrio and Antonio Petruzzelli – two traders and ship builders originally from Trieste – presented a project by their brother-in-law, Bari-born engineer Angelo Cicciomessere (who later changed his name to Messeni by Royal Decree). Their proposal was approved in 1895, but construction did not begin until May 23, 1898; the Teatro Petruzzelli opened four years later, on February 14, 1903, with "Les Huguenots" by Giacomo Meyerbeer (recently performed in Martina Franca, for the Festival pugliese della Valle d'Itria). Its stage welcomed the great masterpieces of opera (especially Verdi and Puccini) as well as new works in step with international artistic trends, such as Marchetti's 'grand opéra' "Ruy Blas", Auber's opéra-comique "Fra Diavolo", Gomes's opera ballo "Il Guarany", and the famous "Ballo Excelsior" by Marenco. Unforgettable artists like Beniamino Gigli, Licia Albanese, Tito Schipa, Mario Del Monaco, Alfredo Kraus, Luciano Pavarotti, Renato Bruson, Renata Tebaldi, Piero Cappuccilli, Raina Kabaivanska, and Ruggero Raimondi all performed here. Not to mention conductors Herbert von Karajan and Riccardo Muti, dancers Rudolf Nureyev and Carla Fracci.

### Theatre:





## Opera:

Wednesday 21st (8.30 pm), Thursday 22nd (8.30 pm), Friday 23rd (8.30 pm), Saturday 24th (6.00 pm), Sunday 25th (6.00 pm), Tuesday 27th (8.30 pm), Wednesday 28th (8.30 pm)  
February, Tuesday 1st March (8.30 pm)

### **Il Trovatore** by G. Verdi

Conductor: **Renato Palumbo** - Director: J. Franconi Lee

Interpreters: Giuseppe Gipali / Amadi Lagha, Maria Teresa Leva / Maria Pia Piscitelli  
Carmen Topciu / Milijana Nikolic  
Alberto Gazale, Ernesto Peti, Alessandro Spina, Elisabetta Farris

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Monday 9th (8.30 pm), Wednesday 11th (8.30 pm), Thursday 12th (8.30 pm), Friday 13th (8.30 pm), Saturday 14th (6.00 pm), Sunday 15th (6.00 pm) April

### **Andrea Chenier** by U. Giordano

Conductor: Michele Gamba - Director: Alfonso Romero Mora

Interpreters: Martin Mühle / Hector Lopez, Claudio Sgura / Leo An  
Svetla Vassileva / Burcin Savigne  
Alessandra Volpe, Massimiliano Chiarolla, Roberto Maietta, Stefano Marchisio  
Federico Cavarzan, Nico Franchini, Alberto Comes

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Thursday 6th (8.30 pm), Friday 7th (8.30 pm), Saturday 8th (6.00 pm), Sunday 9th (6.00 pm),  
Tuesday 11th (8.30 pm), Wednesday 12th (8.30 pm), Thursday 13th (8.30 pm), Friday 14th (8.30 pm), Saturday 15th (6.00 pm), Sunday 16th (6.00 pm) September

### **Rigoletto** by G. Verdi

Conductor: Giampaolo Bisanti - Director: Arnaud Bernard

Interpreters: Marco Vratogna / Vittorio Vitelli  
Irina Dubrovskaya / Giuliana Gianfaldoni  
Ivan Magri / Hoyoon Chung  
Daniela Innamorati, Mariano Buccino, Valeria Tornatore, Raffaele Raffio, Tommaso Barea

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Friday 19th (8.30 pm), Saturday 20th (6.00 pm), Sunday 21st (6.00 pm), Tuesday 23rd (8.30 pm), Wednesday 24th (8.30 pm), Thursday 25th (8.30 pm) October

### **Tancredi** by G. Rossini

Conductor: José Miguel Pérez-Sierra - Director: **Pier Luigi Pizzi**

Interpreters: Paola Gardina / Cecilia Molinari  
Valentina Farcas / Francesca Sassu  
Michele Angelini / Alasdair Kent  
Pietro Spagnoli, Alessia Nadin, Giuseppina Bridelli



Wednesday 19th (8.30 pm), Thursday 20th (8.30 pm), Friday 21st (8.30 pm), Saturday 22nd (6.00 pm), Tuesday 25th (7.00 pm), Wednesday 26th (7.00 pm), Thursday 27th (8.30 pm), Friday 28th (8.30 pm), Saturday 29th (6.00 pm), Sunday 30th (6.00 pm) December

**La Traviata** by G. Verdi

Conductor: Carlo Goldstein - Director: **Hugo De Ana**

Interpreters: Lara Kos / Maria Teresa Leva

Anastasia Pirogova / Silvia Lee

Luciano Ganci / Azer Zada

Vincenzo Taormina / Francesco Landolfi

Marco Miglietta, Federico Cavarzan, Gianluca Lentini, Maurizio Lo Piccolo