



From 22 -25 June 2018 the Casa dei Mezzo Chamber Music Festival, founded by Gunnar Strømsholm on the South East Coast of Crete, will take place for the 14th time with focus mainly on Romanticism. Joining the Festival this year are Huber Wild (baritone); the Amadeus Piano Trio (Salzburg) made up by Gerda Guttenberg (piano), Monika Kammerlander (violin) Irina Smirnova (violoncello); Vassilis Varvaresos (piano); Tarek Al-Shubbak (piano); Maria Louisa Geladari-Hanicz (violin); our Festival Quartet that is made up by Andreas Papanikolaou (violin), Dimitri Chandrakis (violin), Chara Sira (viola) and Agelos Liakakis, (violoncello); and Armoniosa Baroque Ensemble made up by Michele Barchi (Harpsichord), Stefano Cerrato (5 string violoncello), Francesco Cerrato (violin) and Marco Demaria (violoncello).

Introducing this year's programme, Gunnar Strømsholm commented "Romanticism" (also known as the Romantic era) was one of the most extraordinary periods in music with an enormous variety of styles. Over four days the Casa dei Mezzo Chamber Music Festival will focus on exploring this poignant and diverse legacy in music.

The programme includes Dvořák's famous *Piano Quintet No. 2 in A major* known as the "American"; Mozart's *Sonata for violin and piano in C major*, *Piano Trio in B flat major KV 502* and *String Quartet KV 465 in C major* known as *Dissonanzen*. Interlaced throughout are works which all have their unique story and voice; Haydn's *Piano Trio no. 39*; Glinka's *Three Russian Song*; Sibelius' *Piano Trio in C major "Lovisa Trio*; Beethoven's *String Quartet No.4*; and Ravel's *La Valse and Tzigane*.

One complete programme is dedicated to the master composers of the Baroque period who bridged the gap between Baroque and Romanticism.

Casa dei Mezzo welcomes back renowned baritone Hubert Wild with a special Schubert Lieder programme reflecting on lighter themed songs.

The Casa dei Mezzo Chamber Music Festival extends deep thanks to the sponsors and supporters whose meaningful contributions have made the festival's ambitious goals to promote classical music to a wide audience in Crete attainable.

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