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A T T E S T A T O

Si attesta che il Maestro Antonio Castagna su invito formale di questa Ambasciata, ha effettuato due concerti ad Abu Dhabi rispettivamente in data 30.10.96 presso la Fondazione Culturale e in data 31.10.96 presso il Beach Hotel in qualita' di pianista, riscuotendo grande successo di pubblico e critica.



L'Ambasciatore d'Italia
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Esordio del complesso teramano negli Emirati Arabi

L'Italian big band ad Abu Dhabi



Tournèe negli Emirati Arabi Uniti del complesso musicale "Italian big band", diretto dal maestro Marco Renzi

Esordio negli Emirati Arabi Uniti per l'*Italian big band*. Il direttore, il maestro teramano Marco Renzi, dirigerà i concerti in programma ad Abu Dhabi mercoledì e giovedì prossimi. Unitamente al gruppo, nella tournèe saranno presenti ospiti solisti di chiara fama, come i pianisti Antonio Castagna e Rosario Mastroserio, il flutista Franco Giardi, la cantante G. Joy Garrison e il baritono Giovanni Zuccari-

no. La trasferta dell'*Italian big band* ad Abu Dhabi è stata possibile grazie all'ambasciatore d'Italia negli Emirato Arabi Uniti, Pietro Cordone, e alla signora Anna D'Ippolito, vice presidente del Club Italiano di Abu Dhabi, i quali hanno condotto tutte le operazioni necessarie per l'organizzazione della tournèe, possibili grazie anche all'impegno economico di ditte italiane e di sponsors di prestigio.

Italian Jazz group to perform today

by a Staff Reporter To 49/18

ABU DHABI: "Big Band," Italy's most famous jazz orchestra ensemble, is all set to perform in the capital, organisers of the show said here yesterday.

The 20-member band, which is the orchestra of the Italian national Television, RAI, and is reputed to be one of the most popular jazz bands in Italy, will perform a good mix of classical and pop music to cater to a wide age range in the audience, Italian Ambassador Pietro Cordone told reporters here yesterday.

Brought to the capital to offer Abu Dhabi residents a taste of Italian jazz orchestra and light music, the Big Band will be performing at the Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation at 8 p.m. this evening and at the Beach Hotel tomorrow night.

The concerts have been organised by the Italian Embassy in conjunction with Circolo Italiano, an Italian social organisation. This is the first-ever overseas performance of the Big Band as a big troupe, the envoy said, adding that it would be a very "composite programme."

The ensemble includes some of Italy's top professional musicians. It is an unusual group of having five musicians on the trumpet, trombones and saxophones, one pianist and one guitarist, one double bass and drums. The band is conducted by Marco Renzi, who has impressive credentials as a composer and musician of several years standing, the envoy said.



Italian Ambassador Pietro Cordone addressing a press conference in Abu Dhabi yesterday. Also seen are Adriano Mazzeletti, Deputy Director of the Italian Broadcast Corporation, RAI, and other organisers and players of the Big Band concerts. — EN picture.

The band is unique as its composition features a total dominance of brasses and a minimum of strings. This lends itself to an unusual display of virtuosity, improvisation and out of the ordinary interpretation, the envoy said.

Adrian Mazzeletti, Deputy Director of RAI, who is a well-known entertainment critic in his own right, will be the master of ceremonies.

Mazzeletti said that there will be special guest artists including the acclaimed pianists Rosario Mastroserio and Antonio Castagna

and the flautist Franco Girardi.

Adding to the cultural mélange is American jazz vocalist Joy Garritson. The band, whose average age level is under 30, also has a new jazz start in the making in 23-year-old Fabrizio Bosso, the RAI official said.

Each of the concerts will feature different programme, but there are some common to both. Both events will include music as varied as Franz, Liszt, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Scott Joplin, Lennon and McCartney, George Gershwin, Nino Rota and a host of well-

known composers.

Michael Applebaum, one of the lead trumpet players, said that the band, which he joined very recently, has staged many concerts and is a "very hardworking band with a commitment to high quality performances."

The band also provides opportunities for composers to bring in their works and have them performed by the group, he said.

The tickets are priced at Dh 50 each for the concert at the Foundation and Dh 150 for the concert at the Beach Hotel.