

King's College London: 2015 Italy Report

On behalf of KCL Chapel Choir, I would like to thank Giampiero Innocente for organising an EXCELLENT trip to Milan, Lodi, Crema, and Mantova from the 9th-16th of June 2015.

We arrived on 9th June and were met by Giampiero at the airport, and transport was provided to our excellent accommodation in Lodi.

10th June: Transport was again provided as we spent the day at the Catholic University in Milan. It was a pleasure to rehearse and perform with the university choir, who provided us with excellent food and company, and it was a delight to perform to such a large and appreciative audience.

11th June: A free day was spent in Milan, where we visited the Duomo and attended a Kauffman recital at La Scala. I enjoyed a very delightful dinner at Giampiero's house with his family and two choral scholars from the university.

12th June: The day was spent in Lodi where we rehearsed and performed in the church next to the site of our accommodation. Again, we had a full audience of around 400 people, and were treated to dinner afterwards.

13th June: Transport was provided as we travelled to Crema for another successful and well-attended concert. Another fantastic buffet dinner was provided after the concert, and we met many of the university's choral scholars again. I was also interviewed by the local newspaper.



14th June: We enjoyed the very special opportunity to sing a Palestrina mass liturgically during the service at St Mark's Basilica in Milan, followed by lunch at an excellent pizzeria nearby.

15th June: This was possibly our favourite concert, in Monteverdi's church in Mantova. Again, we had a very full audience, who gave us a standing ovation at the end of the concert. Dinner was kindly provided by the Touring Group of Mantova and transport was also provided.

16th June: Giampiero very kindly provided us with transport to the airport.

Throughout the trip we enjoyed fantastic organisation and transportation from Giampiero, excellent accommodation in Lodi, stunning venues and large, appreciative audiences. We all had a very happy and beautiful time, and would like to thank Giampiero very much for all he did for us.

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