



Fondazione Franco Zeffirelli, 70 Years of Cinema and Theatre

Florence, the city that witnessed Franco Zeffirelli's birth and education in the wake of the Renaissance artistic tradition of arts and crafts, now houses the **Fondazione Franco Zeffirelli – The International Centre for Performing Arts**, which includes the Zeffirelli Collection and Archives, the Maestro's personal Library and the educational training centre.

At the behest of the Maestro, the **Fondazione Franco Zeffirelli** collects and makes available to the public the entire artistic and cultural heritage of a career spanning over 70 years. This fund has been declared "of particular historical interest" by the Italian Ministry for Heritage and Cultural Activities. It includes, all the material concerning each production, from documentation and notes to scripts, sketches, set and costume design, up to stills and press reviews.

The Fondazione is presided by Pippo Zeffirelli, Franco Zeffirelli's son, and housed in the historic complex of San Firenze, located in the center of the city just a few steps from Palazzo Vecchio.

The Zeffirelli Collection

The exhibition itinerary illustrates the artistic path of Zeffirelli director and designer through the disciplines that have made him renowned throughout the world, such as drama, cinema and opera. The first rooms are dedicated to Zeffirelli's mentor Luchino Visconti and the great Maria Callas. Then the exhibition features the great artists that have accompanied and influenced him, such as Serafin, Giulini, Kleiber, Pavarotti, Domingo, Freni; and the great theaters that have hosted him, including the Civic Opera House of Dallas, the Metropolitan Opera House of New York, the Royal Opera House and the Old Vic of London, the Staatsoper of Vienna, La Scala of Milan, the Arena of Verona.

The Archive

The Archive contains thousands of documents including notes, letters, drawings, sketches, scripts, storyboards, press reviews and a vast collection of stills of productions and films.

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The Library of Fine and Performing Arts

Complementary to the Archive, is the Library of Fine and Performing Arts: a collection of over 7,000 volumes on painting, sculpture, architecture, design, applied arts, set and costume design, pictorial history of countries and cities; including rare editions, periodicals, and monographs dedicated to prominent personalities in the world of the performing arts. All of the volumes are available for consultation.

The Educational Center

The Fondazione Franco Zeffirelli promotes the dissemination of the culture of performing arts through the organization of temporary exhibitions, concerts, and professional training in the disciplines of drama, opera and cinema.

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