

10 YEARS IL POMO D'ORO

In the year 2022, the ensemble il Pomo d'Oro is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Founded in 2012 by Giulio D'Alessio and Gesine Lübben, it soon established itself as an ensemble of outstanding quality in the field of historically informed performance. Il pomo d'Oro looks back on 10 years of intense concert activity worldwide and an impressive list of 35 recordings, many of them award winning.

The ensemble is particularly known and sought after as a partner of singers, be it for solo recitals or entire operas in performance and recording. In 2022, il Pomo d'Oro is touring the new programs of Joyce DiDonato, *EDEN*, and Jakub Jozef Orłowski, *Anima Eterna*, led by the main conductors of the ensemble, Maxim Emelyanychev (chief conductor), and Francesco Corti (chief guest conductor). The last 'opera' production with a stellar cast was Handel's oratorio *Theodora* in November 2021, presenting for the first time the new vocal ensemble il Pomo d'Oro. Further operas and oratorios, mainly by Handel, are scheduled for the coming seasons.

In the field of instrumental music, the ensemble focuses on projects with Maxim Emelyanychev conducting and Francesco Corti as soloist and conductor (Bach harpsichord concertos). Zefira Valova, the concert master of il Pomo d'Oro, also appears as a violin soloist in a new album with works by Benda, Graun a.o., soon to be released.

il Pomo d'Oro is official ambassador of El Sistema Greece, a humanitarian project to provide free musical education to children in Greek refugee camps.

The 'il Pomo d'Oro Academy' was launched online during the first wave of the Covid 19 pandemic, offering free music lessons to music students worldwide.

The Academy is now collaborating with El Sistema Venezuela, offering online masterclasses in Baroque music interpretation in cooperation with the "Inocente Carreño Itinerant Conservatory" in Caracas to the Baroque music ensembles of the El Sistema movement.

In its future residence in Monte San Savino, Italy, the il Pomo d'Oro Academy will host instrumental and vocal masterclasses, workshops and musical education for children.