

«Quei vostri inaspettati e brillanti gruppetti»

Debunking myths in historically informed performances
for the Italian repertoire of the age of Farinelli (1705-1782)



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CALL FOR PAPERS

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CFP deadline

June 1, 2019

The CFP is open to

Musicologists, musicians with a strong research background, theatre historians, organologists, art and/or costume historians, etc.

Submission of proposals

Please submit a 250-word abstract for a 30-minutes paper as an email attachment (pdf) to stilegalante@gmail.com and include the following information: name, email address and AV requirements. The official languages of the conference are ENGLISH, ITALIAN, DUTCH.

At a later date Stile Galante will provide full information on travel, accommodations, and meals. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 20, 2019. Attendance to the conference is free of charges.

The HIP (Historically Informed Performance) movement could seem to be arrived at a death point, having lost part of its initial impetus and will for research. Many performers and performances are today sold to the audiences as “historically informed”, but instead propose a standardized musical product based on performative traditions often lacking a solid link with the history to which they ostensibly refer.

Moreover, this state of things seems to mirror itself in some growing performative fashions: crossovers, “reconstructions” of lost scores, re-orchestrations and folklorization of the repertoire, etc.

Many issues seem to require a new critical attitude. Taking the opportunity given by the events organized for the #farinellipaths project in 2019, the Conference Board has chosen to call for papers related to performative practice issues for the Italian repertoire (vocal and instrumental) written during the life of the celebrated castrato singer (1705-1782).

Musicologists and musicians working with rigorous methodology are invited to contribute papers that identify false performative myths and that stimulate the scholarly debate on topics of fundamental importance to approach and understand specific pages of the repertoire.

Proposals for papers are particularly welcome on the following and related topics:

- a) **Voice**, with special attention to embellishment traditions and the actual use of un-historical voice typologies and standards as applied to specific repertoires;
- b) **Basso continuo**, with special attention to topics connected to instrumentation (and modern “re-orchestration”), rhythmic issues, sources;
- c) **The use of fake “baroque” instruments**, including baroque-looking instruments or completely false modern creations;
- d) **Scenography, costumes and gestures.**

The conference program will also include:

- A guided-tour of the Duca di Martina National Museum collections with its curator, to discover 18th century gestuality in painted ceramics and pottery;
- A workshop on recitatives, and Domenico Scarlatti sonatas;
- A guided night tour of some of the most important 18th century Neapolitan concert locations;
- A panel on the current situation of the recording market;
- An official dinner.

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