

SPECIAL FEATURE on GIOVANNI RICCIARDI

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Giovanni Ricciardi was born in Genoa and took up the cello at the age of six. He studied at the Nicolo Paganini Conservatory in Genoa. He has taken courses in musical interpretation and musical teaching methodology at the Accademia di Alto Perfezionamento in Padua, the Music School in Portogruaro, the Bavarian Academy of Music, and Musik Hoch Schule in Mannheim with Michael Flaksman and became his assistant and with him has deepened and disseminated the Antonio Janigro technique for over 25 years.

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Giovanni has been the recipient of many prizes amongst which are Citta di Stresa International Contest, Rovere D'oro International Contest.

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He performs regularly as a soloist in concerts both in Italy and abroad performing with the Florentine Chamber Orchestra, Italian Philharmonic, Las Plamas Philharmonic (Spain), Campinas University Orchestra (Brazil) and La Paz Symphony Orchestra (Bolivia), Rasa Chamber Orchestra, Karaj. He has also performed in numerous festivals including Tchaikovsky Festival, the IBM International Festival in Brazil, Volgograd Festival, Ascoli Piceno Festival, Festival Internazionale Isola di Capraia and Flamensemble-Florence

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He is president and co-founder and musical director of the Italian Cello Consort, a very large group with up to 800 cellists. The Italian Cello Consort presented the 3 days and 3 nights live performance "101 Cellos" that took place in Genoa (Italy) on 29, 30 & 31 December 2015. Under Giovanni Ricciardi's original production and music direction this prestigious event created a visually stunning and magical ambience in the historical piazzas and buildings of Genoa. "The extraordinary quality of the 101 cellists' shared performance created an exhilarating atmosphere and conveyed intense emotions and joy to the audience." (Repubblica)

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I am delighted to share this amazing video with you all, the cámara and video setting is just INCREDIBLE!:

with 101 CELLISTS! - Italian Cello Consort Genova - Capodanno 2016
David Johnstone - arrangement of the 'Intermezzo' from Cavalleria Rusticana - Mascagni! direzione musicale/musical direction: Giovanni Ricciardi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=YZNehMbLYC4

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He teach masterclass over the world: Germany (Musik Hochschule Mannheim), Cervo, Sazine Music Insitute (Iran) Brasil, Rusian Federation, Cervo (Italy), Spain, UK and many other countries. From 2015 is artist of New York Classical Music Society. From 2018 He's the Artistic Director of Italian Strings Academy " Antonio Janigro". During the 100 years Celebration of Maestro Antonio Janigro 2018 he was invited to teach cello masterclasses with Michael Flaksman for the University of Music Zagreb.

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Giovanni plays a splendid cello build by Pio Montanari e Mauro Lunati violin maker in Genoa. He is receiving great reviews for his performances, like this one from Michael Flaksman:

"Vivaldi's Six Sonatas interpreted by Ricciardi, extremely modulated and full of colors, seek dances in their manifold manifestations, with magnificent virtuosity, and grasping the spontaneity of the improvisation characteristic of Baroque compositions. What wonderful recording, I sometimes had tears in my eyes."

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If you would like to investigate more, here is his personal web page:

<https://giovanniricciardi.eu>

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