**The San Rocco Lyrical Choir**

The San Rocco Operatic Choir was founded in 1989 by members of the operatic and cultural circles in Bologna. Directed by Marialuce Monari, the choir has appeared in opera houses in Italy and at international festivals in Paris, Prague, Vienna, Munich and Bonn among other places. Soprano Emanuela Moreschi comes right from the Arena di Verona. For the third time, the choir is lifting its voice in Bonn in the cause of protecting endangered species of birds.

**Musical Director** Marialuce Monari  
**Piano** Francesca Fierro  
**Soprano** Emanuela Moreschi  
**Introduction** Sandra Fattorini

**Angels and Demons**

"Angels and Demons" is a musical journey which tells of the duality of human nature, which is enticed, tempted, fascinated and manipulated by many Demons, yet is boosted by an irrepressible drive towards heaven and angels, borne on bright and infinite wings of the spirit. Opera is the perfect medium for this tale as it underlines and unveils both these human dimensions, from the demons that make us crave power to those consumed in the flames of the stake and the demon of passion leading to murder. Death eventually takes us to heaven, the ultimate and compassionate destination where angels, in joyful flight with music woven in their wings, bestow every human nature with the indescribable solace of the smile of God.

**Program**

**ANGELS AND DEMONS or: of the human nature**

**GIACCHINO ROSSINI**

Guglielmo Tell (Wilhelm Tell)  
E’ il ciel sereno

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**

Giovanna d’Arco (Joan of Arc)  
Nell’orribile foresta

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**

La forza del destino  
La Vergine degli angeli  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi)

**GEORGES BIZET**

Carmen  
La fumée - Habanera  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi)

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**

Trovatore  
Ah, se l’error t’ingombra  
(Baritone: Enrico Libanori)

**VINCENZO BELLINI**

Norma  
Norma viene – Casta diva  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi)

**GAETANO DONIZETTI**

Lucia di Lammermoor  
D’immenso giubilo – Oh, qual funesto  
(Baritone: Enrico Libanori)

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**

Requiem  
Libera me Domine – Dies irae – Requiem  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi)

**GIUSEPPE VERDI**

Macbeth  
Finale I  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi, Rita Belenghi  
Tenor: Giuliano Cavallera, Angelo Lucifora  
Baritone: Luigi Maggiore  
Bass: Niccolò Roda)

**GABRIEL FAURÉ**

Requiem  
In Paradisum  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi, Rita Belenghi)

**PIETRO MASCAGNI**

Cavalleria Rusticana  
Inneggiamento  
(Libretto: Emanuela Moreschi)

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... will be used to protect the Siberian Crane. The endangered Siberian Crane migrates up to 5000 kilometres from its Arctic breeding grounds to wintering areas in Iran, India and China. Its survival depends on the support of the people in different countries with whom it shares its habitat.

CMS has developed a special agreement to ensure the transboundary protection of the Siberian Crane. Awareness campaigns along the migration routes of the cranes is of central importance.

Folk festivals with art competitions and dances related to the Siberian Crane are organized every year in nine countries along the western and central migration routes. Illustrative brochures and posters in different languages will now inform people about this crane species and win them over for their protection in the long term. Please send your donation to the following account:

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Purpose: CMS – World Migratory Bird Day
The Bonn Convention (CMS)
As an environmental treaty under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Bonn Convention provides a global platform for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and their habitats. The Convention brings together the States through which migrating animals pass and lays down the legal basis for conservation measures for the species’ entire migration route.

AEWA
The Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) is an international treaty for the protection of migratory waterbirds and their habitats in Africa, Europe, parts of Asia and Greenland as well as the Canadian Archipelago. AEWA came into being under the auspices of the Bonn Convention and is administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Within the framework of the Agreement, governments and conservationists from numerous countries decide on the protective steps to be taken for waterbirds throughout their entire migration range.

World Migratory Bird Day
Every year the Bonn Convention and AEWA organize World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). This is a global campaign aiming to protect migratory birds and their habitats. To this end on the second weekend in May, events take place across the world. This year the operatic choir Corale Lirica San Rocco from Bologna will give a benefit concert on behalf of the Siberian Crane.

In times of ever-increasing global demand for energy, the theme of this year’s World Migratory Bird Day “Energy – make it bird-friendly!” aims at highlighting the compatibility between energy technology and the conservation of migratory birds. Deployment of hydropower, bio-energy, ocean, solar, wind and geothermal energy technologies can affect millions of migratory birds and their habitats. In particular, large birds are threatened by electrocution on power lines and other obstacles resulting from infrastructure along the migration routes that can drive them out of their important habitats.

In the light of climate change, the expansion of renewable energies can be an opportunity for biodiversity. However, this requires careful planning and risk assessment at local, national and international level to avert threats to migratory birds.

Coordinated conservation measures by governments, conservation charities, scientists, the energy sector and the general public are urgently needed. Thus, we can reap the benefits of sustainable energy without affecting migratory birds and their habitats.

Bologna Operatic Choir
Lirica San Rocco presents:
“Angels und Demons”
Saturday, 9 May 2015
19.00 hrs
Admission: 18.30 hrs
Kreuzkirche
Kaiserplatz 1
Bonn

For more information on World Migratory Bird Day, please visit: www.worldmigratorybirdday.org

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