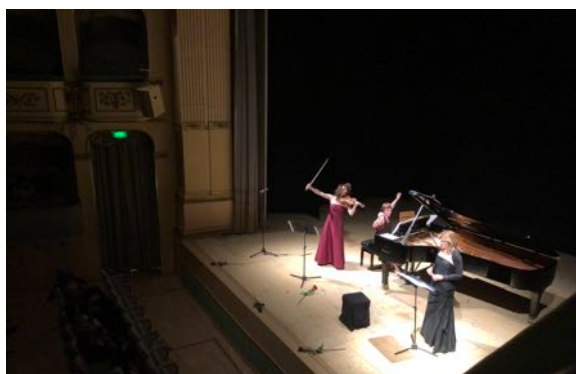


Storie (d') amare e d'amore (Bitter) Stories of Love



Giusi Cataldo, speaking voice
Liliana Bernardi, violin
Elena Matteucci, piano

"This concert, conceived by Liliana Bernardi, gives life and voice to spiritual and earthly love experienced by women belonging to the musical and poetic world. From Shakespeare to Virgil, from Prokofiev to Schumann, the concert offers the opportunity to live emotions and to acknowledge that experiences and feelings of women sung by the greatest writers of all times also belong to our personal and innermost present. The concert, which includes the presence of three women on stage, leads the audience in a journey through women's feelings, evoking emotions felt in different ages by different personalities with a shared feature.



Praise by Francesco Antonioni

«O Tell Me the Truth About Love» is a famous poem by Wystan Hugh Auden, variably translated into Italian as a request or a plea to understand the true meaning of love. It's impossible to know what love is: it's not a concept, there are no theories about it but only examples. Seven women, seven examples drawn from poetic imagery, one from real life (the troubled love story between Clara and Robert Schumann, suitably caught before it turned into something different with Johannes Brahms's intervention), compose the theme of the concert through words and music, and make music necessary, since words must stop on the threshold where glances, smiles, sounds set in. The combination is interesting and creative, and it adds a further line to Auden's poem, not made by words but by musical notes. The truth, maybe, about love.