

LUIGI MAIO, musicattore



Luigi Maio coined for himself the term “il Musicattore”®, which summarizes his versatility as an actor, composer, author and singer. He has performed at important Theaters, such as *Teatro alla Scala* in Milan and the *Petruzzelli* in Bari, traveling from Genova to Oporto, from Milano to London. He is a UNICEF testimonial and the representative in Italy of the Foundation Igor Stravinsky, based in Geneva, as the greatest performer in the world of “L’Histoire du Soldat” (his version of this play has been extolled by Marie Stravinsky, granddaughter of the composer and Geneva Foundation chief).

Luigi Maio has been recognized as the greatest exponent of the “Teatro da Camera” genre, for which he received the “Premio dei Critici di Teatro” and the “Premio Ettore Petrolini” Awards.

His performance of Alighieri’s tercets, abundant in multiple voices and undertones, has been defined as the «first Dante in 3D» from the well-known medievalist Francesco Mosetti Casaretto.

Pieces from his works, for which he is also author of the librettos as well as performer, have been played by first-rate soloists and directors, such as Bruno Canino, Mario Brunello, Francesco D’Orazio, Marcello Panni, Donato Renzetti, Giuseppe Bruno, Luigi Tedone, Mario Ancillotti, Enrico Grillotti, Michele Mariotti, Alberto Martini, Kasper De Roo, Alessandro Ferrari, Tonino Battista, and by orchestras such as the “Solisti del Teatro alla Scala”, the “Teatro Carlo Felice Orchestra”, the “Filarmonica Regionale Marchigiana”, the “I Virtuosi Italiani”, the “Orchestra d’Archi Italiana”, the “Camerata Strumentale Italiana”, the “Hyperion Ensemble”, the “Mikrokosmos Ensemble”.

Lately, the great tenor Francesco Meli has sung a piece he commissioned from Maio, an aria for voice and piano, namely “Se ‘l foco al tutto nuoce” (with lyrics from a text by Michelangelo Buonarroti): the song, was performed by Meli, accompanied on the piano by Michele Gamba, with great success at the *Teatro alla Scala* in Milan on Monday 3rd April 2017.