

The Yehudi Menuhin School

Enrico de Barbieri
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Dear Enrico,


Thank you so much for including me in the wonderful evening of celebration in Trento some days ago. I felt very privileged to have been invited, and to have enjoyed your hospitality and that of the City of Trento. It was very moving to see how much effort you had put into organising a truly memorable celebration of the life of your father and how much respect both the City of Genoa and the City of Trento have for the memory of your father. That so many people attended the Concert is a tribute to your organization and to the affection the people of Italy have for the musical legacy of Renato De Barbieri.

I have several memories of the evening which I shall not forget; the cavalcade of cars to the Theatre with the police escort; the white helmeted guards from Genoa protecting the precious Violin; the presentation of the violin to the performer; the wonderful costumes of the guard of honour from Trento; the beautiful City of Trento itself; the exquisite Theatre so newly restored to grandeur. All these memories made my visit to Trento an experience I shall always treasure. I know that Yehudi himself would have loved to be present and was honoured that I could be there to represent his family and all that Yehudi stood for.

Thank you for giving me such an enjoyable time with the comfortable hotel and the delicious dinner to follow the concert. If you are ever in London, we should be very pleased to reciprocate the hospitality and welcome you to the School. I hope that your wonderful evening raised lots of money for the Red Cross. Congratulations on such a special event. Please pass on my grateful thanks to Alberto Pacher for his part in making my stay such fun.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely


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