

Santo Spirito Resonates with Mozart Performed by Young Musicians

The basilica of Santo Spirito was filled with music and applause on Thursday evening, as more than 150 people attended the free concert by the Mozarteum ensemble Bella Musica. The event was organized by Friends of Florence, the nonprofit foundation dedicated to preserving and promoting Florence's cultural heritage. The concert was part of its ongoing commitment to support music and the arts in the city. Bella Musica is made up of talented young musicians from the Mozarteum University in Salzburg, one of the most prestigious conservatories in Europe. The ensemble brings to Florence the vitality and freshness of emerging artists who are already performing at an international level. The evening's program featured some of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's most beloved works, alongside compositions by other great masters such as Joseph Haydn. The selection was performed with clarity and energy, highlighting the youthful spirit of the ensemble. Chamber pieces and orchestral arrangements alternated to showcase both the virtuosity of the individual musicians and the cohesion of the group as a whole. The concert was held on August 28, the feast day of Saint Augustine, inside the basilica founded by the Augustinians in Florence. The coincidence added symbolic resonance to the evening, with music accompanying a place of centuries-old history and spirituality. The performance was originally planned in the cloister of Santo Spirito but had to be moved inside the basilica due to an orange-level weather alert. The change of venue proved fortunate: the excellent acoustics of the church enhanced Mozart's music and created an intimate connection between the performers and the audience. The concert ended with long applause and enthusiastic appreciation. Many passersby in Piazza Santo Spirito, intrigued by the music resonating from the church, stopped at the doors to listen, adding to the atmosphere of participation and curiosity that surrounded the evening. Support Florence Daily News Florence Daily News is an independent news site covering the stories, culture, and life of Florence and Tuscany. We don't rely on clickbait, invasive or hidden advertising, or paywalls. Instead, we believe in quality journalism that respects our readers and serves those who care about thoughtful, local reporting. If you value our work, consider supporting us with a donation. Donate securely via Stripe below. Make a one-time donation Choose an amount 5.00 15.00 100.00 Or enter a custom amount Your contribution is appreciated.

