

"Audiences are always captured by his ability to make music, by his freedom and his fearlessness."

" He is a pianist who never ceases to surprise; his freedom and imagination keeps the listener waiting for something new "

*The Italian pianist Andrea Azzolini is recognised by the music world as a distinctive and exuberant young talent. His performances have been described as "far from being academic and dry; rather, he is brimming with youthful vitality, warmth and temperament". In the 2014/2015 season, he was awarded the Premier Prix and Outstanding Artistic Performance prize at the 10th International Piano Competition "Albert Roussel" and the Grand Prix at the "Music and Earth" international competition in Sofia. These awards in July 2015 led to the release of a CD containing music by Beethoven and Liszt.*

*He has performed in major Italian cities and abroad, in Austria, Switzerland, Russia, Bulgaria, England and Holland. He has performed in the Wiener Saal in Salzburg, in the Rachmaninov Hall, Moscow, with the Kammerorchester (ZKO) in Zurich and in Sofia with the "National Academy Symphony Orchestra".*

*He has won the first prize in the "A. Salieri", "Premio Arte e Musica", "Val Tidone" and "Città di Firenze" international piano competitions.*

*Andrea Azzolini began studying piano at the age of seven. He graduated from the "F. E. dall' Abaco" Conservatory in Verona, having studied under Laura Palmieri, a pupil of Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli.*

*At thirteen he debuted with the Conservatory of Padua Youth Orchestra with Haydn's Concerto in D major. He continued his studies at the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow, under the tutelage of Natalia Trull. During these years he came into contact with important personalities of the music world, including Dmitry Bashkirov, Gary Graffman, Pavel Gililov, Leonid Margarius, Vanessa Latache. Their praise of his talent was unanimous.*

*Next season he will give recitals in Paris, Brussels, Sofia and Munich and will perform with orchestras in concertos by Beethoven, Poulenc, Schumann and Chopin.*

*In 2015 Azzolini will become an artistic director of the "Bartolomeo Cristofori Piano Festival" in Padua.*