FINAL CONCERT OF "NABUCCO" PRESENTED BY RICCARDO MUTI ON 15 DECEMBER 2021 AT FONDAZIONE PRADA IN MILAN

Milan, 15 December 2021 - Tonight at 8 pm the seventh edition of "Riccardo Muti Italian Opera Academy" at Fondazione Prada in Milan (4-15 December 2021) will conclude with the final concert of *Nabucco* presented by Riccardo Muti and conducted by the young conductors of the Italian Opera Academy.

As stated by Miuccia Prada, "thanks to this collaboration with Riccardo Muti and his Academy, for eleven days the Foundation has become a place of musical and cultural research and study not only for the ten young talents who have worked closely with the Maestro, but for hundreds of experts and students who, by attending the rehearsals, have been able to grasp the importance and value of his teachings. His deep passion and generosity towards the new generations have strengthened our belief to also consider classical music as one of the fundamental cultural expressions for our lives, but above all an engaging and attractive tool for the intellectual growth of the youngest."

Yesterday evening, December 14, 2021, Maestro Muti conducted the opera by Giuseppe Verdi in the spaces of the Deposito at the helm of Orchestra Giovanile Luigi Cherubini and with Coro Cremona Antiqua under the direction of Antonio Greco, in the presence of the Presidents of Fondazione Prada Miuccia Prada and Patrizio Bertelli, the Minister of Culture Dario Franceschini, the Minister of Education Patrizio Bianchi, the General Manager of RM Italian Opera Academy Domenico Muti, the Mayor of Milan Giuseppe Sala, the Councillor for Culture of the City of Milan Tommaso Sacchi, the Secretary General of the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities Salvatore Nastasi, the President of Bocconi University Mario Monti, the Superintendent of Teatro alla Scala Dominique Meyer, the President of La Triennale di Milano Stefano Boeri, the President of the Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera Livia Pomodoro, the Étoile of Teatro alla Scala Roberto Bolle, the Artistic Director of Teatro Arcimboldi in Milan Gianmario Longoni, the Director of Teatro Franco Parenti in Milan Andrée Ruth Shammah and the artist Francesco Vezzoli.

The project, presented for the first time in collaboration with Fondazione Prada, has seen Riccardo Muti undertaking a training program addressed to five young conductors and five répétiteurs from worldwide selected from hundreds of applications. The young conductors who will take turns in conducting the final concert are: Giuseppe Famularo (Italy), Henry Kennedy (Great Britain), Elinor Rufeizen (Israel), Cristian Spătaru (Romania) and CJ Wu (Taiwan). The young répétiteurs who participated in the rehearsal process are: Raffaella Angelastri, Giacomo Anglani, Filippo Bittasi, Linda Piana and Cecilia Pronzato. The performers of the opera *Nabucco* include: Serban Vasile (Nebuchadnezzar), Azer Zada (Ismaele), Riccardo Zanellato (Zaccaria), Gabrielle Mouhlen (Abigaille), Francesca Di Sauro (Fenena), Andrea Vittorio De Campo (II Gran Prierdote Di Belo), Giacomo Leone (Abdallo) and Vittoria Magnarello (Anna).

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