



Marcello Cormio

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Marcello Cormio is an Italian born conductor, opera coach and pianist.

Among his recent engagements, he has served as cover conductor for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra during the 2014-2015 season.

South Florida Classical praised him as "an assured hand in the pit, conducting the score with vitality while leaving the singers room to breathe in their solos" for *Così fan tutte* at Sarasota Opera's 2016 season. Mr. Cormio's "notable" conducting debut at the 2014 Sarasota Opera Festival in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* was praised for a "lovely, light touch with the music": "the young Italian drew vital and spirited playing, with the fizzing ensemble exciting yet with a fine balancing of solo voices, chorus and orchestra" (The Classical Review). Upcoming operatic engagements for Mr. Cormio include *L'elisir d'amore* at the Michigan State University Opera Theatre.

He has recently led productions of *Così fan tutte* and Robert Nelson's *A Room with a View* at Michigan State University, *Street Scene* at West Virginia University, and *Le nozze di Figaro* at the 2015 Sarasota Opera Festival.

As a symphonic conductor, he has appeared with orchestras around the United States and Europe, including the San Antonio Symphony, the Orchestra della Società dei Concerti di Bari, the Bacau Symphony, the Orchestra Sinfonica del Conservatorio di Bari, the Bay View Festival. In 2013, he had his conducting debut in China, performing in concert halls in Hangzhou, Tianjin, and at the National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing.

In recent years, Mr. Cormio has been regularly invited as guest lecturer and conductor for opera workshops at prestigious academic institutions.

He first came to the United States as a recipient of the prestigious Ambassadorial Scholarship awarded by the Rotary Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- As Conductor:

Engagements

Conductor “L’elisir d’amore” – **Michigan State University** (Lansing, MI) - Fall 2016
Conductor “Così fan tutte” – **Sarasota Opera** (Sarasota, FL) - Winter 2016
Conductor “A room with a view” – **Michigan State University** (Lansing, MI) - Fall 2015
Conductor “Hansel and Gretel” – **West Virginia University** (Morgantown, WV) - Spring 2015
Conductor “Le nozze di Figaro” – **Sarasota Opera** (Sarasota, FL) - Winter 2015
Conductor “Così fan tutte” – **Michigan State University** (Lansing, MI) - Fall 2014
Conductor “Street Scene” – **West Virginia University** (Morgantown, WV) - Fall 2014
Conductor “Il Barbiere di Siviglia” – **Sarasota Opera** (Sarasota, FL) - Spring 2014
Conductor Opera Scenes – **Manhattan School of Music** (New York) – 2012 and 2013 edition
Guest lecturer **Opera do Recife – International Workshop** (Recife, Brazil) - Summer 2013
Ass. conductor/vocal coach “Turandot” - **Opera National de Lorraine** (Nancy, France) - Fall 2013
“Music from the Great Russia” - **Bacau Symphony Orchestra** (Trani, Italy) - 2012
“Heart-warming Classics” Concert - **San Antonio Symphony Orchestra** (San Antonio, TX) - 2011
The Art of Aldo Ciccolini **Orchestra Società dei Concerti di Bari** (Scafati, Italy) - 2006
Paola Bruni in Concert **Youth Symphony Orchestra “Pelagus”** (Barletta, Italy) - 2006

Positions and Appointments

Guest cover and assistant conductor **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** (Pittsburgh, PA) - 2014
Assistant Conductor **Lexington Philharmonic** (Lexington, KY) – 2012-2013
Conductor and Orchestra Clinician **GMEA All-College Orchestra** (Savannah, GA) - 2012
Assistant Conductor **University of Kentucky Symphony Orchestra** (Lexington, KY) - 2011- 2013
Assistant Conductor **Indiana University Orchestras** (Bloomington, IN) - 2007-2009
Music Director and Conductor - **Contemporary Music Ensemble “Makrokosmos”** (Italy) - 2005-2006
Music Director - Guest Faculty - **Summer Opera Workshop at Indiana University** - 2012 and 2013
Music Director - Guest Faculty - **Manhattan School of Music – Opera Scenes** - 2012 and 2013
Assistant Conductor - **University of Kentucky Opera Theatre** - 2011- 2013
Opera Conductor – Faculty - **Bay View Opera Festival** - 2010
Assistant and Cover Conductor, Rehearsal Pianist - **Sarasota Opera** (Sarasota, FL) - 2010
Assistant Conductor, Rehearsal Pianist - **Indiana University Opera Theatre and Ballet** – 2007-2009

- As Educator (Teaching positions):

Visiting Assistant Professor – Director of the Opera Program - **West Virginia University** - 2014-2015
Teaching Assistant – Conducting and Opera - **University of Kentucky** - 2011-14
Graduate Assistant – Conducting and Opera - **Indiana University** - 2007-09
Full Professor of Piano - **Conservatorio Regional do Baixo Alentejo** (Beja, Portugal) - 2002
Professor of Piano, Music Theory, Harmony - **Associazione Musicale Sarro** (Trani, Italy) -1999-2006

EDUCATION

Professional Training

WSO Conducting Symposium 2009 with Maestro Larry Rachleff - Winnipeg, Canada - 2009
Master Class with Maestro Jorge Mester - Bloomington, IN - 2008
Master Class with Maestro Leonard Slatkin - Bloomington, IN – 2007-2008
Master Class with Maestro Herbert Blomstedt - Bloomington, IN - 2007
Conducting Workshop with Maestro Donato Renzetti - Lanciano, Italy - 2005
Two-year Piano Specialization Academy with Nelson Delle Vigne-Fabbri - Trani, Italy/Brain-L'Alleud, Belgium - 2000-2001

Academic Degrees

DMA in Orchestral Conducting - University of Kentucky - Lexington, KY – 05/31/2016
PhD in Musicology - Università del Salento - Lecce, Italy - 05/15/2011
MM in Instrumental Conducting - Indiana University School of Music - Bloomington, IN - 12/18/2009
Graduate Diploma in Orchestra Conducting - Conservatorio “N. Piccinni” - Bari, Italy - 10/23/2005
Graduate Diploma in Composition - Conservatorio “N. Piccinni” - Bari, Italy - 07/24/2004
Master’s Degree in Musicology - Università degli Studi di Lecce - Lecce, Italy - 04/15/2004
Graduate Diploma in Piano - Conservatorio “E. Duni” - Matera, Italy - 07/10/1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Visiting Scholar Appointment - IU Jacob School of Music - Musicology Department - 2006
- Doctoral Triennial Scholarship earned by competition - 1st prize - Università di Lecce - 2005
- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship 2005/2006 - Rotary Foundation - 2006
- Scholarship as High School Best Student, Liceo Classico “F. De Sanctis” – Trani, Italy - 1994