

**MUSIC FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES**

**a project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
to promote Italian music in the world**

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with

**FRANCESCA MICHIELIN / VASCO BRONDI | Museo del Novecento, Milan**

**CLEMENTINO / FIORELLA MANNOIA | Castel dell'Ovo, Naples**

**LA RAPPRESENTANTE DI LISTA | Palazzo Butera, Palermo**

**available free of charge exclusively on *italiana* from 21 June, 2021 Music Day**

**On Monday 21 June**, on the occasion of the Music Day, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will present *Music For Uncertain Times*, a project to promote Italian music abroad. It consists of three video episodes broadcast by the **foreign network of Embassies, Consulates and Italian Cultural Institutes** and on the **Vimeo channel of *italiana***, the Ministry's portal dedicated to promoting the Italian language, culture and creativity around the world. Commissioned by **Farnesina**, written by **Andrea Lai** and directed by **Francesco Coppola**, the project consists of three exclusive, previously unreleased musical performances recorded by leading figures in contemporary Italian songwriting in places that represent the country's cultural heritage: **Francesca Michielin** and **Vasco Brondi** at the **Museo del Novecento** in **Milan**, **Fiorella Mannoia** and **Clementino** at the **Castel dell'Ovo** in **Naples** and **La Rappresentante di Lista** at **Palazzo Butera** in **Palermo**.

*Music For Uncertain Times* is built as a dialogue between music, cultural heritage and film language. The performances take place in three architectural gems: **the oldest castle in Naples, one of the most recently built museums in Milan, a monumental complex that is the symbol of Palermo**. Contemporary Italian pop is the protagonist, with three exclusive live performances in new versions. The musical moments are then followed by reflections on music in these uncertain times through the words of the artists who were interviewed immediately after the performances.

**Francesca Michielin** and **Vasco Brondi** are two of the most interesting artists on the Italian music scene today: she is a multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter who is celebrating the tenth anniversary of her career this year, he is a pioneer of the indie scene with the project *Le Luci della Centrale Elettrica* who has now embarked on his solo career. They kicked off 2021 by collaborating on the single *Cattive Stelle*. In *Music For Uncertain Times* they perform it live for the first time, piano and vocals, at the Museo del Novecento in Milan. **Fiorella Mannoia's** unmistakable voice has been a hallmark of Italian music in the last fifty years, while **Clementino** is a protagonist of the Italian hip hop scene in the new millennium. The two artists seemingly come from worlds that are light years apart, and they meet within the walls of Castel dell'Ovo for a blend of guitar and rap with a scenic view over the Bay of Naples. The performance is made even more magical by the song they have chosen, *Terra mia* by Pino Daniele. **La Rappresentante di Lista** - a project born in 2011 from the encounter between singer Veronica Lucchesi and multi-instrumentalist Dario Mangiaracina - was one of the biggest revelations of the last edition of the Sanremo Festival, where she won over both public and critics with her song *Amare*. In their hometown of Palermo, surrounded by the 18th-century atmosphere of Palazzo Butera, now an avant-garde laboratory of Mediterranean art, the duo performs the Sanremo song in an elegant, intense and experimental version for piano and strings.

*Music For Uncertain Times* is a journey across music as art among the arts, through the musicians, their notes and their words, as they reflect on music in times of change, on its being a guide when perspectives change, on its role as beauty in the face of fear. The sound of music fills architectural spaces that were conceived for other purposes. Their story is told by art critics and curators: **Gianluca Marziani** at the Museo del Novecento, **Paola Ugolini** at the Castel dell'Ovo and **Claudio Gulli** at Palazzo Butera. The programme offers three intense "musical postcards" showing the new Italian beauty, three new free videos available to all our viewers from 21 June on *italiana*.

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