

Dearest Mrs. Franca,

I would like to express to you, also on behalf of the children of the orchestra, all my gratitude for the scholarship that the Gerry and Franca Mulligan Foundation wanted to award to the MYO Mondaino Youth Orchestra. Our Jazz Band of very young people (average age 17) has dedicated itself for two years to the study and dissemination of Gerry Mulligan's music, to make it known above all to the new generations.

After the concert in Sala Verdi in Milan in May 2022 in which we had the pleasure and honor of meeting her, MYO presented the show "MYO meets Mulligan" in all its concerts, in Italy and beyond.

In fact, a few days after our meeting in Milan, we had the honor of representing Italy at the World Meeting of Youth Orchestras in Vienna, where we held concerts at the prestigious Sala d'Oro of the Musikverein, at the Haus der Musik and at the Gross Theater Siegharts. In the same days we were guests of the Vienna University of Music for a workshop which had the music of Gerry Mulligan as its theme.

Among the most important events to which MYO has been invited in these two years we remember: Florence Youth Festival in Piazza della Signoria in Florence, Festival la Mortella Ischia, Salsomaggiore Jazz Festival, Urbino Jazz Festival, FOG Festival Montecatini, Memorial Tirincanti Riccione and the concerts at the Teatro Titano in San Marino and at the Teatro degli Atti in Rimini.

With "MYO meets Mulligan" MYO won the 1st Prize at the "Città di Pesaro" International Music Competition, the Innerwheel Rosa Award by Malatesta Riccione and received the honor for educational, musical and cultural merits from the Province of Rimini .

Finally, thanks to the scholarship received from the The Gerry & Franca Mulligan Foundation, last week MYO began recording its third recording project, which will largely be dedicated to the music of Gerry Mulligan and which will make use of the precious collaboration of Maestro Mario Marzi.

In the hope of being able to meet again in Milan,
I send my warmest regards.

For the MYO Mondaino Youth Orchestra
Maestro Michele Chiaretti