

# International Composition Workshop 2026



31 August - 4 September 2026

Salerno - Italy

# Aureliano Cattaneo

Ensemble in residence

**Ensemble Theia**

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## Compositions for Ensemble and Solo Instrument

**August 31 - September 4, 2026**

Teacher: **Aureliano Cattaneo**

Ensemble in residence: **Ensemble Theia**

Application deadline: **April 30, 2026**



*Associazione Theia*, with the patronage of the *Filiberto and Bianca Menna Foundation*, is pleased to present once again *Dentro il suono*, its International Composition Workshop, now returning for a new edition. This year the workshop will take place in Salerno, in the halls of the *Casa del Combattente*. Teaching will be entrusted to the composer **Aureliano Cattaneo**, who is on the faculty of the ESMUC, Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya in Barcelona.

### REGULATIONS

#### ENROLLMENT

When submitting the application, each composer must attach:

- a curriculum vitae;
- a copy of an ID card or passport;
- 2 scores in PDF format, at least one of which must be for a chamber ensemble, and at least one recording of them.

The results of the selection process will be announced on **15 May 2026**.

Applications must be sent exclusively by email to: **theiaensemble@gmail.com** with the subject line: FIRST NAME + LAST NAME – workshop registration.

Admitted composers are invited to write an original piece for either ensemble or solo instrument, with the instrumentation assigned by the teacher, with a duration of **no more than 7 minutes**. During the workshop, composers will have the opportunity to discuss and refine their work with the teacher, the Ensemble musicians, and the Ensemble's conductor.

#### ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS (8 PLACES AVAILABLE)

For active participants, two participation options are available: **solo instrument** or **ensemble**. Applicants must indicate their preference in the application.

The following will be admitted:

- **4** composers with pieces for **ensemble** (instrumentation will be assigned by the teacher);
- **4** composers with pieces for **solo instrument** (Participants may indicate a preference among the instruments listed).

For **solo instrument**, the available instruments are:

- flute (also piccolo and alto flute)
- cello
- double bass

For the **ensemble**, the available instruments are:

- flute (also piccolo and alto flute, one performer)
- clarinet (also bass clarinet, one performer)
- violin
- cello
- double bass

Any special instruments or accessories must be provided by the composers themselves.

All compositions will be performed in a public concert on 4 September 2026. Some of the performed works, selected by the Ensemble or recommended by the tutor, may be taken up again in future seasons and concert engagements of Ensemble Theia.

Before the start of the workshop, an **online meeting** will be held (date to be announced), during which selected composers will be able to have an initial discussion with the teacher regarding the draft of the assigned work.

Candidates who are not admitted after the selection process may still participate as auditors (upon payment of the fee established for auditors).

At the end of the course, participants will receive a **certificate of attendance**.

## TIMELINE

- **30 April** – Application deadline
- **15 May** – Notification of selection results and assignment of instrumentation
- **31 May** – Payment of the first instalment of the attendance fee
- **Late June / Early July** – Group online meeting with all participants
- **31 July** – Submission of scores (any individual part must be submitted by **5 August**).  
A short description of the piece must also be submitted in PDF format, no longer than 600 characters.

## WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

Duration: 5 days (August 31 – September 4, 2026)

Activities for selected composers include:

- **reading session** with Ensemble Theia;
- **lecture** by Aureliano Cattaneo on his music;
- **2 individual lessons** (approximately 60 minutes each);
- **2 rehearsals** of their composition;
- Final **rehearsal** and **concert**;
- A **discussion** session with the ensemble's conductor or musicians after the final rehearsal or concert.

**Auditors** may attend all the workshop's activities.

The course will only take place if a minimum of 6 active participants enroll. In case of cancellation by the organization, all fees will be refunded.

For legal matters, the *Court of Salerno* will be the designated competent authority.

An audio and video **recording** of the concert will be produced by Ensemble Theia. Any recordings made during the final concert and the reading sessions may be used exclusively for study purposes. Publication on social media, SoundCloud, or personal websites will be permitted only upon prior request and with the explicit consent of Ensemble Theia. In no case publication for commercial recording purposes will be allowed.

## **PARTICIPATION FEES**

### **Active Participants - Ensemble Workshop**

- € 35 Registration fee to be paid at the time the selection application is submitted. (It is non-refundable.)
- € 600
  1. € 300 by **May 31, 2026** (non-refundable, except in case of event cancellation);
  2. € 300 by **July 31, 2026** (Submission deadline for scores).

### **Active Participants - Solo Instrument Workshop**

- € 35 Registration fee to be paid at the time the selection application is submitted. (It is non-refundable.)
- € 400
  1. € 200 by **May 31, 2026** (non-refundable, except in case of event cancellation);
  2. € 200 by **July 31, 2026** (Submission deadline for scores).

### **Auditors**

- € 100 for the entire workshop.

All fees must be received net of any charges. Any bank, PayPal, or other transaction fees are the responsibility of the participant.

Fees do **not** include travel, accommodation, or meals.

Please contact the organizers at **theiaensemble@gmail.com** for useful information on accommodation in Salerno and on how to reach the course venues by public transport.

## **WORKSHOP VENUE**

The workshop will be held at the former *Casa del Combattente*, located at Via Lungomare Trieste 13, 84121 Salerno (SA), Italy. *Casa del Combattente* is located about a 20-minute walk from Salerno's railway station and port, which provide easy connections to the main destinations along the Amalfi Coast and throughout the region.



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