

# Masterclass fees being withheld from applicants

Last year we published two Conducting Courses organised by Davide Cicchetti:

## **Masterclasses for Conductors with Wolfram Christ (Milan)**

07 - 11 Jun, 2024

Posted: 02 Mar 2024

## **Conducting Experience with Orchestra Filarmonica Italiana**

19 - 22 Nov, 2024

Posted: 29 Jul 2024

We have reason to believe that neither Course has taken place and that the organiser is still holding the application fees of many applicants (he denies this).

We have contacted Cicchetti on numerous occasions and he always promises to refund applicants but they are still waiting, months later. His protestations (please see below) are wearing very thin with us and we have lost trust.

The second course was published by "Manlio Rossi", but we consider the possibility that this may be a false name for Cicchetti (Mr Cicchetti strongly denies this allegation); we would certainly not have published this course if we had known Cicchetti was behind it.

If Mr Cicchetti owes you money, or if you know Manlio Rossi who (Cicchetti states) produced the second Course, please contact musicalchairs at: [features@musicalchairs.info](mailto:features@musicalchairs.info).

There is already a group of applicants who are dedicated to recovering their money.

The following is taken verbatim from his replies to us:

*This is Davide Cicchetti.*

*I absolutely confirm that i am in contact with all the applicants.*

*I confirm that the refund is guaranteed to every applicants since the masterclasses haven't been done.*

*I am not holding personally anybody's fee, but i am resolving an unpleasant issue with a partner association while is going to be at last resolved and the money recovered so in a while i ll be able to proceed with the refund. I guarantee all my efforts has been done to resolve and it going to be done successfully*

*I am the responsible of the projects.*

*Mr. Rossi is not an alias but an assistant in charge for the production of the Conducting Experience project.*

*You have not any right to speak about fraud because as far as i know you are neither a policeman nor a judge.*

*Nobody can speak about fraud because: for the first masterclass with Mo.Christ it has been canceled, and we promised the complete refund.*

*Every participant will be completely refunded. I appreciate that you are doing so much for this and please keep contact with me and I will update you about the refund process. Unfortunately we had a deep cash flow crisis which is going to be resolved asap.*

*The second project is Conducting Experience and it is still on and alive. We are contracting an orchestra and we have dates for the postponed workshop.*

*The two projects are separate and different with different people working for.*

*I am assuring you and to all the participants that I will do my best to refund everybody asap.*

*Just to remind you, I have a history of achievements of more than 20 competitions successfully produced (never heard of Dorati Competition, Mendelssohn Competition, Opera de Nice Competition, EU Conducting Competition, Almaty Conducting Competition and many many others?) and more than 15 masterclasses organized all over the world.*

*If you think I would be interested in becoming a pirate you are wrong.*

*My reputation is more important and the ethical code of our projects has always been exemplary.*

*Everybody can happen to fall into financial crisis and it is a matter of dignity to come out of this in a positive way. And it is what I want to do.*

*If you want to help the participants and me to come out of this issue your help is highly appreciated.*