

*Brescia International  
Early Music Summer School & Festival*

# BIEMSSF

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# What is BIEMSSF?

Addressed to all-age players and singers, the **Summer School** and **travelling Festival** based in Brescia is designed and directed by Marcello Mazzetti and Livio Ticli. It is a unique opportunity for **intensive training and performing in Italy**: the programme offers weeks of fantastic singing/playing classes, performance opportunities, along with **concerts, social events** and **tours** in some of the most **beautiful cities** and **historic villages** in Central and Northern Italy. We welcome students from all over the world to work with leading Early Music ensembles from Europe and US, scholars specialised in HIP and experts in Early Music Pedagogy and Improvisation.

## When & Where

BIEMSSF usually takes place **in July in Brescia** and surroundings (Northern and Central Italy). Please check out our official pages and channels for dates and schedule!

## Specifics & Enrolment

Did you know there are many ways to join BIEMSSF?

For instance, you can apply **as a group or as an individual**.

In any case we strongly recommend to **contact us in advance**, as there are limited places available. We can also help you shape your stay and choose activities matching your needs.

**For any information about dates, timeline, schedule, fees, special deals, registration forms, etc. please, visit our official page [PalmaCHoralis.org/BIEMSSF](http://PalmaCHoralis.org/BIEMSSF)**

*Holidays, Tour, Study, or...?*

*...just fun!* **OUR  
PROGRAMME**

Check out all activities on our **on-line schedule**.

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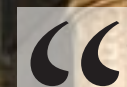
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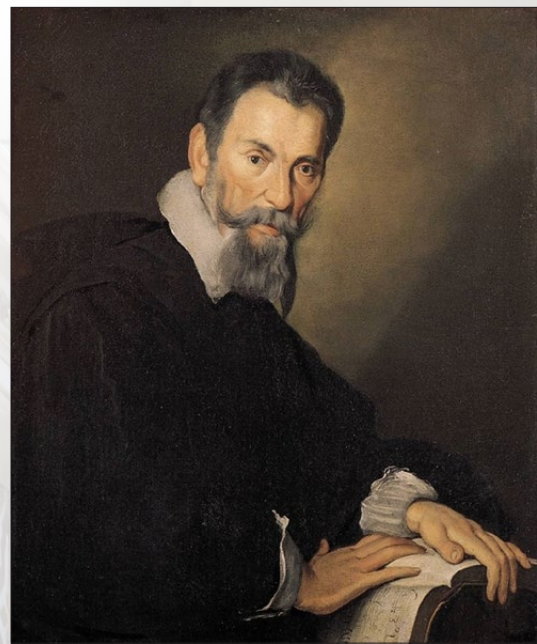
Welcome to  
**#Biemssf**  
**#EarlyMusicBrescia**

 **CAPITOLIUM** (*Brescia*)  
BIEMSSF ★ Aperi·Happening  
*Italian Music Mastery*



# BIEMSSF Music Programme

The programme deals with grand music from late Renaissance and Early Baroque Italy. Indeed, Italian Masters left us a rich heritage of polyphonic repertoire and performing practices, ranging from Polychoral Style to Stile Concertato, from the Art of Intabulation and self-accompaniment to the more recent Basso Continuo technique. Participants will have the unmissable opportunity to explore music by great composers such as Claudio Monteverdi and his contemporaries from Brescia, by experiencing Italian Culture and Music in historic places and unique venues around Northern Italy.





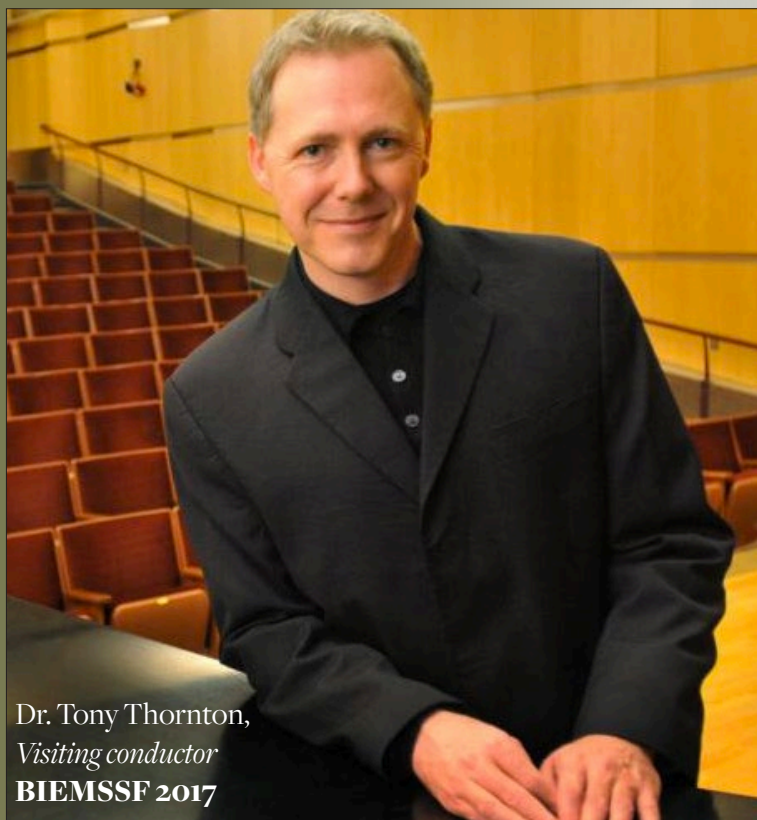
# Network

BIEMSSF usually hosts Internationally acclaimed singers, players, conductors, ensemble and scholars as Experts-in-Residence.

Further, BIEMSSF can count on several partnerships: PALMA CHORALIS · *Research Group & Early Music Ensemble*, The Early Music Department of Brescia, Museo Diocesano di Brescia, Soli Deo Gloria Festival, Cappella Musicale S. Francesco da Paola di Reggio Emilia, The City and District Council of Brescia, Fondazione Brescia Musei and Convitto Vescovile "San Giorgio".



In 2017 the Department of Music and Dance of the University of Massachusetts–Amherst (USA) joined our network.



Dr. Tony Thornton,  
Visiting conductor  
BIEMSSF 2017





# Summer School ➡ Who is it for?

Singers and players of all ages (18+) and abilities. We have courses in Ensemble Music and classes for Soloists beside a variety of different activities such as Individual Coaching, Lectures, Seminars, Workshops, Special Projects, etc.

Special programmes for youngers (6+) based on Historical Music Pedagogy and EOI® Method, designed by Palma Choralis *Research Group* for introducing kids to the joyful Early Music world.

Thanks to Palma Choralis *Ensemble*, participants are given the opportunity to perform in breathtaking locations (Renaissance and Baroque Churches, Palaces, etc.) and on historical instruments. Each Summer School focusses on a different topic and a specific repertoire, and gives numerous hints and tips on performance practice (techniques, improvisation, diminution, etc.).

A nice, relaxing environment helps you get into learning mode, meet new friends and grow your professional network.

Professionals and Enthusiasts



Students



Research & Internships



Kids and Choirs



Vocal & Instrumental Ensembles



And friends!





A cross section of our 12-day  
full immersion in Early Music...





# Festival ➡ The Tours

**"Dream big, work hard and... enjoy the journey"!!!**

BIEMSSF is chiefly a cultural exchange programme which aims to enliven people and places through Early Music.

Tours become pivotal part of the experience and you will relax your body and refresh your spirit exploring some of the most beautiful cities and historic villages in Central and Northern Italy before, during and after wonderful concerts.



*Milan - Sforza Castle*



*Sirmione - Catullo's Villa*



*Brescia - Santa Giulia Cloister*



*Reggio Emilia, Basilica of San Prospero*



# Festival ➡ Concerts & Performances

- My voice resounded in some of Italy's most beautiful historic churches!
- No ways! It's terrific!
- Yes, we did sing and play where the Madrigal and Polychoral Style were invented!

*Italian top-rated Early Music festival and historic venues are waiting for you! Never thought of performing where Benedetto Marcello is buried, playing on a real Antegnati organ or singing from the original print of Monteverdi's Vespers?*



Join BIEMSSF  
and let's make all this real!





# Room & Board

The agreed-upon accommodation offers comfortable single/double ensuite rooms, provided with air conditioning and WI-FI. Italian Breakfast is included as well as free access to gym, pc stations and entertainment rooms. 24/7 access to lobby and room by personal electronic key.

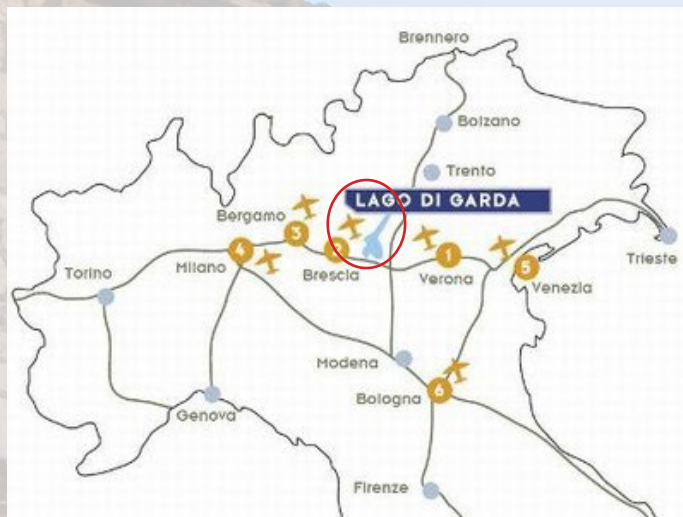
Please, consider that available rooms are limited: BIEMSSF board will give the rooms out on a first-come, first-served basis. No worries in case of early arrival, late departure, or if you have guests... just bear in mind to email your needs asap.

The accommodation is located in Brescia about halfway from the historic centre, the Early Music Department and the University Campus. You will enjoy a well-served residential area with free parking and excellent public transport links (bus, subway, bike rental, etc.).

Not all meals are included. University Cafeteria, CSVG and other restaurants offer BIEMSSF participants special deals on meals: they can be purchased separately or as a meal card.







# Getting to Brescia

Whether you are coming to Brescia or leaving, you have plenty of choice:

3 international airports located around Milan (Bergamo Orio al Serio, Milano Linate and Milano Malpensa), one in Venice and one in Verona.

Further, rail and coach connections offer a range of options.

## Train

All three international airports around Milan, as well as Venezia and Verona's ones have good Brescia connections by train.

The Brescia Train Station is about half a mile (900 m) from downtown and 2 miles (3.5 Km) from the Early Music Department, with cab service at the station.

We suggest to use the Metro for getting around the city. Main stops: Vittoria (downtown); Europa (Early Music Department); Stazione FS (Train Station).

## Bus

Bus service from Milan airports to Brescia Train Station are provided by

"Autostradale" bus company  
[www.autostradale.it](http://www.autostradale.it)

Air shuttle nord  
[www.busnavettashuttlestazionebresciamalpensalinate.com](http://www.busnavettashuttlestazionebresciamalpensalinate.com)

## Private shuttles to/from Airports

BIEMSSF can book private shuttles upon request for a minimum of participants.

For this service, please email BIEMSSF in advance for information and costs.

# Planning to stay longer?

*Great choice!*

*You can experience the best  
the district of Brescia can offer:  
a mix of art, culture, landscape  
and food!*

*Just remember  
these Brescian words:  
SPIÈ, LAC, POLÈNTA E BAGÒSS!  
Enjoy!*

*Sirmione: 35km from Brescia eastbound*



*Val Sabbia: 30km from Brescia northbound*



*Lake Iseo: 25km from Brescia westbound*







You think you saw  
everything?

Just come and try!