

Bologna City of Music
Activities Report 2017-2018

The **UNESCO Creative City network** allows Bologna to foster international exchanges, stimulate the growth of local business through collaborations with other cities, promote the music sector of Bologna and encourage wider access to music and other innovative cultural phenomena.

A strategic tool for positioning a creative Bologna in a worldwide context is an **annual public call** for the selection of projects encouraging the **internationalisation of Bolognese music**. This call enables musicians and other workers in the sector to perform on an international stage and also welcomes artists from other UNESCO Creative Cities of Music to Bologna.

Support to the music industry is further demonstrated by a constant activity of international relations, communication and promotion.

Furthermore, in collaboration with Incredibol!, Bologna City of Music has offered to creatives and operators of the UNESCO Creative Cities the opportunity to be present in the most important exhibitions and artistic events of the city, encouraging the development of interdisciplinary projects.

In addition, thanks to the network, Bologna can boast the following music collaborations:

within the cluster of Music

- a duo from Liverpool formed by the clarinettist Sacha Rattle and his wife, pianist Zeynep Özsuca, has taken part in the Bologna Festival, May 2017

As a return match, the young Italian pianist Pietro Fresa has joined the Liverpool's orchestra-in-residence at St George's Hall, the Orchestra dell'Arte - September 2017

- the ensemble Atse Tewodros Project has been selected by Katowice, to perform on August 26 at Before Womex, a preview of the main event scheduled in October 2017.

- In Nov. 2017 at the Auditorium Manzoni, the concerts of Musica Insieme hosted the Arturo Toscanini Philharmonic Orchestra and one of the greatest pianists of our time, Krystian Zimerman from Katowice

- the project Shooting Stars of the Bolognese collective duo Antonello Ghezzi has been selected to participate at the Sound Design Festival of Hamamatsu - Dec2017

- the Bolognese Blue Penguin ensemble has been selected to join the A Cappella Woche Festival in Hannover - May 2018.

- the project Shooting Stars of the Bolognese collective duo Antonello Ghezzi has been selected to perform in the framework of the XII UCCN Annual Meeting – Creative Crossroads – Krakow/Katowice - June 2018

- the Choir Euridice has performed with Norddeutscher Figuralchoir in the framework of Nacht der Chöre event, entirely dedicated to choral music - Hanover, June 2018

- the Festival Eco della Musica has collaborated with the Conservatory of Bogotá, hosting colombian musical excellences – August 2018

- the Belgian musician Johan Fostier, teacher at the conservatory of Gent, has given a masterclass at the festival Claxica edition, an International Festival of Classic Guitar – September 2018

- the Chamber Orchestra Kammerorchester Hannover with the conductor Hans-Christian Euler and the oboist Jury Schmahl from Hanover has performed in the framework of the Bologna Festival, October 2018

within the interdisciplinary projects:

- participation of the Erika Deak Gallery from Budapest at the Set Up Contemporary Art Fair – Bologna. Budapest is city of Design– January 2017

- Bologna Children's Book Fair; stand with the city of Dunedin (New Zealand), City of Literature - April 2017

- twenty-two students from the high-school Liceo Musicale Lucio Dalla in Bologna, have had a one-week exchange student programme with their counterparts at the Department of Music of Cègèp de Saint-Laurent in Montreal, Canada. Canadian fellows has returned the visit in Bologna from 26th of May to 2nd of June 2018. Montreal is City of Design - September 2017

- The Creative Cities Southern Hui (Dunedin-NZ), a multiple day collaborative event, welcomed Prof. Anna Maria Lorusso, Director of the Masters in Publishing at the University of Bologna and a member of the Board for the Libraries of Bologna Municipality as guest speaker at Creative Connections, and special delegate for the duration of the Hui – Dunedin-NZ is City of Literature Nov/Dec2017

- The MOG (Molinella Ocarina Group) tour in Poland with its Christmas concert on December 13th, 2017 in Krakow– City of Literature

- A gaze over Bologna: Call for an illustrator from the Chinese Creative Cities in all disciplines for a residency aimed at the realization and printing of a little Artist's book on Bologna – Sep/Oct 2018

For the past activities, please check out the [2016 UNESCO Monitoring Report](#) with all the details.

Bologna is currently leading the Coordination of the **9 Italian UNESCO Creative Cities** that consider creativity and innovation as key tools for the cultural, social and economic development of their territories. Bologna and Pesaro are Cities of Music, Fabriano and Carrara Cities of Folk Art, Parma and Alba Cities of Gastronomy, Rome City of Film, Turin City of Design and Milan City of Literature. Such collaboration aims to support the development of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network both at national and international level, to develop an integrated connection between culture, economic development and tourism, and to become a platform of reflection and research in the area of new economies.