



The Ambassador

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Dear President,

Thank you for inviting me to *Mondomusica New York*; it truly looks like a wonderful initiative, and I regret very much that I will not be able to attend the inauguration of its second edition.

Let me take this opportunity, however, to congratulate CremonaFiere on this splendid event, which includes such a rich and impressive program. I believe it perfectly combines Italian *savoir faire* with our cultural heritage, and that it promotes Italy's traditions while creating internationalization opportunities for our country.

It was therefore our pleasure to include its first edition in our 2013 – *the Year of Italian Culture* calendar and celebrate Italy's brilliant tradition in the craftsmanship of stringed instruments.

Cremona is one of Italy's musical gems: internationally acclaimed for its luthiers and musical traditions, the hometown of Antonio Stradivari - the greatest and most famous violin maker of all time - as well as of Andrea Amati and Claudio Monteverdi.

We are therefore very happy to include *Mondomusica New York* in our new cultural website, ItalyinUs.org, and help you promote Italian excellence abroad.

Please accept my very best wishes for CremonaFiere's continuing success. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Claudio Bisogniero

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