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Newsletter

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A musical for the 40th birthday of TGS!

by Igino Zanandrea, President of TGS Eurogroup

Here we are again, in the heat of TGS summer courses: once again, more than one hundred students aged between 13 and 17 plus a very good team of leaders are carrying out the experience in the TGS centres in Caterham, Tonbridge, Dorking, Tunbridge Wells and Guildford.

And yet, we are already planning next year's courses and, at the same time, preparing the great event, the celebration for the 40th birthday of TGS.

We are still collecting written and videotaped memories from people involved in TGS over the years in order to prepare a leaflet-and-dvd pack, which will be available on the by now quickly approaching September 28th.

In the meanwhile, a new and unexpected event has been added to the programme of the celebration day: we have lately received the official positive response for performing a musical in the Astori theatre, at 5 pm, to conclude the celebrations. This is going to be a sort of "event inside the

event", and thanks to it the celebration of "TGS 40" will be made known to Mogliano, the town, and to those people not usually involved in our activities and who will take part, somehow, in the celebrations. In this way TGS Eurogroup will hopefully achieve a wider visibility and will be able to reach more and more youngsters.

The musical performed will be "Jesus Christ the Resurrection", casting and production by the "Gruppo Musicale Ex Allievi del Collegio Vescovile Balbi Valier" (the former pupils of the Balbi Valier boarding school as choir and musicians), a cultural association with charity aims from Pieve di Soligo (TV). The musical is the translation into Italian and the free adaptation of the famous musical of the 70s, "Jesus Christ Superstar", but unlike the original version this production follows more closely the Christian tradition of the Gospels. While the original version stresses the human aspect of Christ and concludes with His death, this production, developed by the cast themselves, highlights both the human sufferings and the divine victory of Christ over death, showing also His final resurrection.

The first performance took place in April 2007 at the

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*in occasione dei festeggiamenti per i 40 anni di attività dell'associazione
presenta una produzione*

GRUPPO MUSICALE EX ALLIEVI DEL COLLEGIO VESCOVILE BALBI VALIER DI PIEVE DI SOLIGO

Jesus Christ LA RESURREZIONE

SPETTACOLO MUSICALE

DOMENICA 28 SETTEMBRE 2008, ORE 17.00
TEATRO ASTORI, MOGLIANO VENETO (TV)

Spettacolo di beneficenza con raccolta di fondi
a favore della missione salesiana di Chişinău in Moldavia

Careni Theatre in Pieve di Soligo, in the presence of Mons. Giuseppe Zenti, the Bishop of the Vittorio Veneto diocese; since then, the show has been performed again many times both in Pieve di Soligo and in Conegliano and, more lately, in Este, at Manfredini Institute, the local Salesian house.

The cast, gathered of their own accord, is made of non professional elements, people of every age, different education and origin, all sharing the dream to build a common project together giving, in the meantime, many youngsters the possibility to devote their time and efforts in a wide ranging activity having as its final goal the transmission of a Christian message of great value. Although very different from one another and, without any artistic ambition, these people are kept together by the passion for Jesus Christ's human and divine story, performed by them in a modern and up-to-date show; all this is a very strong way to testimony, profess and transmit the Christian faith.

The final result, beyond the brightest expectations, was defined by Mons. Giuseppe Zenti at the end of the performance, as such: "Excellent, an exceptional achievement, a group of people who have offered us something more than a show, they made us think and rejoice in our souls" (Careni Theatre, Pieve di Soligo, April 3rd 2007).

The general planning of the show is care of Renata Scalco Bonaldo and Fabio Sforza, while the music director is Marco Fontanive.

More than one hundred people, in different roles, cooperate

to make the show. The artistic company includes the music group "Special Sound Group" from Pieve di Soligo and the choir "Coro Improvvisando" from Conegliano; this last one has already taken part in many events organized by TGS Eurogroup (in the last four years they sang during the Holy Mass in San Marco on the morning of the "Su e zo per i ponti" race) and they will also be at Collegio Astori on September 28th to sing during the Holy Mass to remember don Dino Berti.

There have also been other occasions in which TGS Eurogroup and the "Gruppo Musicale Ex Allievi del Collegio Vescovile Balbi Valier" have cooperated; just to name one, the narrator of the show is our salesian delegate, don Igino Biffi!

Furthermore, the charity aims of the show are in favour of an important project, which TGS is supporting, of the Salesian province "San Marco" of North-East Italy: the offered money, collected during the show will be donated to support the new Salesian Mission of Chisinau in Moldavia.

We strongly recommend everybody to book in advance their tickets as soon as possible, by simply filling in the form attached. The show is open to the city audience and admission is free. Since we foresee a great affluence, we suggest all "TGS people" to confirm their presence immediately and we will secure their seats.

For any further information on the show please visit the official web site www.gruppomusicale.org

Guestbook

"Thank you for your kind invitation to the 40th Anniversary celebrations of TGS. We will be coming to the 40th Anniversary of TGS in September. It's a very special time and we will most certainly be there to celebrate with you."

Maggie and Ray Anderson, Coulsdon, UK.

"Carissimi, mi ha fatto molto piacere ricevere informazioni sul mitico Tgs. Mi farebbe molto piacere venire alla festa per i 40 anni dell'associazione. Un saluto a tutti quanti... mi vengono in testa tantissimi nomi, mi viene un po' di nostalgia..."

Giorgio Micoli, San Vito di Fagagna (UD).

"Thank you very much for your message and my very best wishes to all of you at TGS. I'm hoping to be in Venice for your big celebration later on this year, all being well."

Teresa Law, Guildford, UK.

"Grazie per l'invito: non mancherò! NB: Bruna sei una forza!"

Luca Sbrogiò, Preganziol (TV).

"Our connections with TGS started when we were asked to become a host family in Tonbridge Kent some years ago. We still remember waiting in the car park at the rear of Sainsburys wondering who our students were and what they would be like and if they would like us! We are very glad to say we became good friends with our students whilst they stayed with us.

It was during this time that we were introduced to Don Berti and we came to respect the way that he wanted only the best for his

students and kept a firm but kind hand on how TGS in Tonbridge was organised."

Desmond Hall, Tonbridge, UK.

"Nel 1978, anno in cui incontrai a Tonbridge Franca e Lucio, universitari come me, e don Eugenio, un prete che sa trasformare la cultura in dialogo fra amici, gli studenti si affiatarono in modo eccezionale e fu così che passai il mio più bel mese in Inghilterra. Quando io e Carlo ci sposammo, il 16 giugno 1979, don Roberto e don Eugenio celebrarono il matrimonio; Franca, Lucio e parecchi ragazzi del gruppo provenienti dal Triveneto fecero cerchio intorno all'altare del Duomo di Schio...."

Lucilla Calgaro, Zanè (VI).

"We will talk about our visit to Italy which is beginning to take shape. We're very excited about joining all of you for the TGS 40th anniversary."

Daria and Tony Keeler, Tonbridge/Hythe, UK.

"Credo di aver imparato in quei giorni quello in cui ancora oggi credo profondamente. L'amicizia, il puro divertimento e la spensieratezza sono la base di grandi risultati in tutte le cose della vita. Oggi posso affermare che il TGS mi ha formato e mi ha dato dei valori che oggi riconosco come pilastri della mia persona."

Diego Benatti, Venezia.

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Here is the preview of the programme of "TGS 40" which will take place on Sunday, September 28th 2008 at Collegio Astori in Mogliano Veneto! 9.30: a warm welcome to everybody, followed by a presentation in the theatre. 12.30: the celebration of the Holy Mass in the chapel, especially to commemorate don Dino Berti. 13.00: the traditional "Spaghetti party" all together. Soon after, games in the yard and dvd shows. 17.00: to conclude the celebration day, in the theatre the great musical "Jesus Christ the Resurrection". You are warmly invited to join in the day's events! Send an e-mail to tgs40@tgseurogroup.it, or fill in the form on the web site or send by fax the enclosed form. We are looking forward to seeing you all!