Andrea Bocelli

O2 Arena Prague on 13 January 2024

**After a series of sold-out concerts, the Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli returns to Prague's O2 Arena on January 13, 2024 where he will perform as always with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra and a whole host of distinguished guests.**

In an interview with Radiožurnál some time ago, Andrea Bocelli praised and appreciated the Czech audience: ‘*Every time I come to Prague and find that the concert hall is sold out, it is a joyful proof for me that the Czech audience loves me and is looking forward to seeing me. And also thanks to this relationship I always have very good memories of Prague and the Czech audience."*

In a recent interview for TV Prima, conducted by Libor Bouček during a recording session with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra in Prague, he spoke beautifully about the importance of classical music and culture in general for mental and spiritual development. He sent this important message to his audience, and especially to young people: "*Without culture, humanity would fall into ignorance, this leads to people becoming slaves to something or someone, this is very dangerous. ... Study, learn, try to understand things, understand the world, look at it with an unbiased view, try to absorb as much as possible."*

Over his career, Andrea Bocelli has performed not only for millions of enthusiastic audiences in the world's greatest concert halls and opera houses, but also for popes, presidents and royalty, selling nearly 100 million records. Bocelli has won numerous awards, including a Golden Globe, seven Classic Brit Awards and seven World Music Awards, and has been nominated for a Grammy Award six times and a Latin Grammy six times. Since 2010, his star has shone on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Yet he remains a humble and kind man who, in addition to his dazzling singing career, is dedicated to the Andrea Bocelli Foundation, which aims to help socially and medically challenged people around the world.

In the fall of 2018, the artist released an album *Sì*, an intimate collection of songs that celebrates love, faith and family. Sí is an album about heart and soul, positivity and family, melody and magic. For this reason, Bocelli chose it for a strong yet simple title. "*Yes is the word you say when you get your first kiss, when you agree with someone, when you want to make someone feel good. Sí is the word you say every time things end well... Sí is the expression of a positive and strong human word, feeling and emotion.*" Upon its release, the album immediately shot to number one on the US and UK charts, thus making history. On 20 November 2019, Andrea was nominated for a Grammy Award for the album.

Two years later, in the fall of 2020, Bocelli released a breath-taking album *Believe*, on Sugar/Decca Records, celebrating the power of music and its soothing, calming effect on the human soul. The album features a previously unreleased composition by star Italian composer Enio Morricone, duets with the brilliant mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli and a multiple Grammy Award winner Alison Kraus. Bocelli explores in depth very personal themes of faith on this album. "*The concept behind the album title Believe is three words," explains Bocelli, "faith, hope and charity. To believe is to listen, to turn to the heavens within each of us, to strive to achieve the most wonderful, even the only possible state of being, which is a life in harmony with other human beings and with the world as a whole, a life lived poetically (i.e. for the greater good) and spiritually. Music can then be our guide on this journey."*

In the darkest times of 2020, when the global pandemic of Covid was hitting its peak, this warm-hearted, empathetic artist brought his listeners hope and strength to overcome the difficult times with a symbolic online broadcast from the deserted Duomo of Milan. The concert was streamed to an incredible 28 million people around the world, and the Maestro followed it up six months later with an equally magnificent and spectacular online event *Believe in Christmas* from the Teatro Regio di Parma, with Bocelli's then eight-year-old daughter Virginia making her debut with Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*.

Tickets for the Prague concert can be purchased at Ticketmaster and Ticketportal.

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