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Grand Master Josè Carreras at JOSP Fest

ROME, 27 MAY 2011 – International tenor Josè Carreras, best known for his exhibition in “The Three Tenors” with Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo in 1990, will perform at JOSP Fest, Journeys of the Spirit Festival, on Saturday, 4 June at 21.30

The concert held by the Grand Master in the extraordinary location of Piazza di Spagna will be a journey in his musical career: starting from his first arias that helped establish his musical presence to his well-known successes including a tribute to the Italian song. The JOSP Orchestra, conducted by the Spanish Master David Gimenez, will accompany Carreras, along with the Soprano Gladys Rossi. The concert is free.

Carreras has worked with the most important conductors including Herbert von Karajan, Claudio Abbado, Riccardo Muti, Lorin Maazel and Zubin Metha. He has a very wide repertory that includes over 60 operas such as La Bohème, Tosca, Don Carlo, Carmen, La forza del destino, Pagliacci, L'elisir d'amore and Un ballo in maschera. There are more than 600 titles in his concert portfolio, belonging to different styles from baroque to contemporary music.

He is the honorary president of the London Arts Orchestra. The Grand Master has won numerous national and international awards including the Grand Prix Du Disque dell'Academie, Luigi Illica Award, a Grammy Award in 1991, Sir Lawrence Olivier Award for his interpretation in “Stiffelio” at the Royal Opera House, Albert Schweitzer Music Award and a Classical Brit Award in 2009.

He is also Honorary Life Member at the Staatsoper of Vienna, honorary member at the London Academy of music, Gold Medal at the New York Spanish



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Institute and Gold Medal for Art, directly received from His Majesty the King of Spain.

In addition to Carreras, Ambrogio Sparagna will perform the “Taranta d’amore” at JOSP Fest in Piazza di Spagna. Taranta d’amore is a show dedicated to Italian popular tradition. The public, on the evening of 3 June, is the protagonist of the event and is directly invited to participate.

There is also the JOSP Orchestra that will perform each day of the Festival at Piazza Navona. The 55 elements of the JOSP Orchestra were selected by Master Maurizio Trippitelli. He has accompanied Master Sergio Rendine since 1995, and he currently teaches percussion instruments at F. Morlacchi Conservatory in Perugia.

JOSP Fest, created by Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi, an activity of the Vicariate of Rome, Department of the Holy See, celebrates pilgrimages and traveling. It is a festival for anyone interested in discovering the world with a new set of eyes and becoming a global citizen.

For further information please visit the website www.jospfest.com, where you will find the complete program of the events.

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