

Biella, culture in mourning for the death of Bernard Brauchli: in the 80s he created the Festival of Early Music

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On Saturday night, Bernard Brauchli, creator of the "Festival Musica Antica" in Magnano and honorary president of the association of the same name, passed away.

Born in 1944, he was 79 years old and since 2019 he had already chosen to entrust the artistic direction of his festival to Anastase Démétriadès, a great friend and long-time collaborator. He had been in an institution in Switzerland for about a year due to his worsening health condition.

The current president Thérèse Cuttelod, daughter of Bernard Brauchli, and the entire Board of Directors together with the director announce that a concert will be organized in tribute to the maestro scheduled for Saturday, December 9 at 6 p.m. in the Church of Santa Marta in Magnano. Instead of flowers, donations in support of the Early Music Association in Magnano will be appreciated.

Bernard Brauchli was one of the main architects of the revival of the clavichord. For more than thirty years he has played and lectured all over the world on this

instrument, also combining it with the fortepiano and the organ. He has also published numerous articles on the subject in specialized periodicals in Europe. He is an honorary member of the Midwestern Historical Keyboard Society (USA) and of the artistic committee of the Festival International de l'Orgue Ancien de Valère (Switzerland) and was for many years president and artistic director of the Cambridge Society for Early Music (USA).

In the mid-1980s, during a visit to Magnano (his mother's hometown), Bernard Brauchli had the idea of organizing a clavichord recital in the Romanesque Church of San Secondo. The great and unexpected success convinced him to create, since 1986, a festival of early music that still continues and that every summer brings the greatest performers to Magnano.

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