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HSBC Malta Foundation Supports 20th Malta Spring Festival and International Strings Academy

The HSBC Malta Foundation is proud to renew its support for the 20th edition of the Malta Spring Festival, taking place from 7 to 11 April 2026 across iconic venues in Valletta. The annual festival, widely regarded as one of Malta's premier music events, brings together world-class performers, emerging talent and audiences for a celebration of classical and contemporary music.

In keeping with its longstanding commitment to the arts and education, the Foundation is also backing the International Strings Academy, a fully funded intensive training programme for young string musicians held during the Festival from the 6 to the 11 of April. The Academy offers free tuition, daily lunches and access to all Festival concerts to selected participants, with guidance from internationally acclaimed faculty including Dmitry Sitkovetsky, Charles Sewart, Alexandre Razera, Adam Klocek, Emanuel Salvador, Gjorgji Cincievski and Brian Schembri.

The Malta Spring Festival's 2026 programme features an exciting series of concerts and musical experiences. The Opening Concert on Tuesday, 7 April at St Paul's Anglican Pro-Cathedral in Valletta will showcase contemporary works and chamber repertoire. Throughout the week, performances at Teatru Manoel will include solo, chamber and orchestral music by leading artists such as the Huberman String Quartet and other distinguished performers. The Festival culminates in a Closing Concert on Saturday, 11 April 2026, featuring the Malta Spring Festival Academy Orchestra under the direction of Brian Schembri. The programme will include Charles Camilleri's Suite 2001 - Kosmos, Britten's Simply Symphony op.4, Karl Fiorini's Weinende Frau and Ginastera's Concerto for Strings op.33.

The International Strings Academy runs alongside the Festival, enabling promising young violinists, violists, cellists and double bass players to refine their craft through intensive coaching, ensemble collaboration and performance opportunities, all free of charge.

Glenn Bugeja, Head of Corporate Sustainability at HSBC Malta, said: "The HSBC Malta Foundation is delighted to support the Malta Spring Festival in its landmark 20th year. This festival enriches Malta's cultural landscape and, through the International Strings Academy, creates invaluable opportunities for young musicians to learn from world-class professionals. Our continued partnership reflects HSBC's commitment to the arts, education and community development."

The Malta Spring Festival remains a highlight of Malta's cultural calendar, inspiring audiences and nurturing talent both locally and internationally. The HSBC Malta Foundation's sponsorship ensures that music education and artistic excellence continue to flourish on the islands.



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