



# ITALIAN FESTIVAL IN THAILAND 2016

11<sup>th</sup> EDITION

The official program of cultural events organized by the **Embassy of Italy** presents:

## Danilo Rea “Piano Solo”

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Venue:** Chulalongkorn University, Music Hall

**Time:** 19.00 hrs

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Two-time “Italian best jazz album” winner, **Danilo Rea** is one of Italy’s leading jazz pianists. His music is rich of surprising moments of improvisation characterized by a great lyricism, which granted him to be compared to the piano legend Keith Jarrett, especially after Rea performed an astonishing solo concert at the Guggenheim Museum, a single towering 90-minute spontaneous suite based on a new mix of arias, Italian songs and Rea originals.

His constant research of expressiveness through the instrument also conferred him the reputation of being a poet of jazz music.

**Danilo Rea** has been educated in classical music at Santa Cecilia Academy in Rome, but in his career he has covered a fair range of different music genres. Indeed, after the academic studies he experimented progressive music with one of his first bands, “New Perigeo”, while developing his interest to jazz music with the “Trio di Roma”, ensemble formed with Enzo Pietropaoli and Roberto Gatto. His rise in the jazz world was rapid and the Italian pianist got the honor to play with the most famous American soloists, such as Chet Baker, Lee Konitz, and John Scofield. Nonetheless, Danilo Rea does not take inspiration from the “Great American Songbook”, but rather from his motherland and the traditional Italian classical and pop music. This is one of the reason why Danilo Rea also got to collaborate with a vast number of Italian great pop stars throughout his long career, such as Mina, Rino Gaetano, Claudio Baglioni, Pino Daniele and Adriano Celentano, and is still considered one of the greatest Italian piano performer in the jazz scene.

**Free admission** (registration required).

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### About the Festival:



The Italian Festival in Thailand is organized by the **Embassy of Italy** and comprises this year more than 50 cultural events that take place throughout the year in Bangkok: classical music, opera, jazz, seminars, cinema, dance, promotion of the Made in Italy and a lot more. The Festival is organized with the aim of spreading in Thailand the best of the Italian culture. Indeed, we believe that the cooperation among the two countries develops through the mutual understanding and appreciation of each other's heritage and cultural identity.

Now at its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive edition, the Festival has received positive reviews throughout the years, and an ever growing recognition from the general public.

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