



Presentation of a Book by Manuela Bianchi Porro

THE LAKE VIEW WINDOW – IN MEMORY OF ETTORE BASTIANINI

Friday 26th October 2018 at 5.45 pm – Fono Biblioteca Gavazzeni
Bergamo, Città Alta (Upper City), Piazza Mercato delle Scarpe

Information for participation at the event and the purchase of the book



An introvert, jealous, fragile, but also jovial, smiling, happy, vital, this is our new Ettore. Destiny, however, had condemned his way almost like a cruel retaliation reminiscent of the awful motto of Maria Callas that the life of an opera singer must always be tragically terrible.

(from the preface by Valerio Lopane)

What struck me from the very beginning of this story was its veracity. This truth has nothing to do with testimonies or medical records, but it comes from the sincerity of how it was lived by someone who is still alive and is able to tell the story and by who is no longer with us but has left proof not only with his letters but also through his actions.

(from the introduction by Luisella Franchini)

Naturally it all depends on whether you can leave "your high position at La Scala". You need to go to the seaside and eat. The other night you were very thin... but always very, very pretty.

Vienna, 9th June 1962)

When he lost his beautiful abundant grizzled hair...he shaved his head just like today's fashion. I thought of when Luchino Visconti, in the *Traviata*, had left Ettore without a wig....he was even more handsome when I look at him today. A few years ago in an opera magazine, someone recalled this incident and Lissner, the superintendent, remembered the comment made by Maria Callas: "It was enough to change the passion of Violetta...". (*The Lake View Window - p.76*)

1. PARTICIPATION AT THE EVENT

There is no entry fee, but it is advisable to make a reservation by sending your request to the Secretary of the Association: vito_stabile@yahoo.com no later than the 15th October 2018. The Biblioteca Gavazzeni (library) will announce the event on their own playbill with the details of the event which will be published on the website of the Association.

2. CELEBRATION AFTER THE EVENT

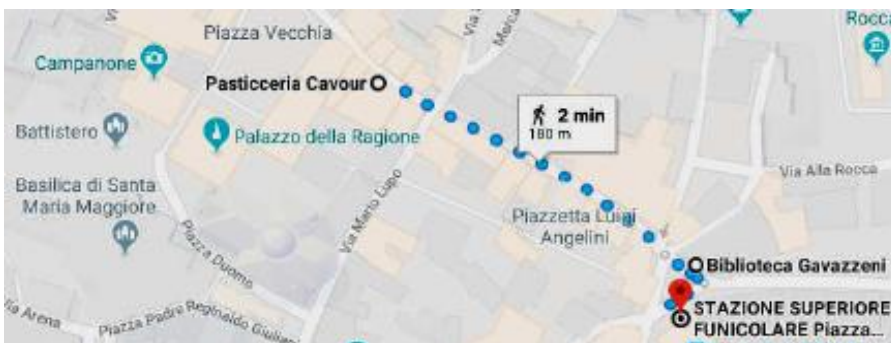
The event will last one hour and fifteen minutes and afterwards we will celebrate Manuela Bianchi Porro with an *after event cocktail hour* at the nearby historic *Pasticceria Caffè Cavour* (at a cost of about 18-20 euro per person). For the celebration it is also necessary to make a reservation through the Secretary of the Association, before the 15 October 2018, listing the number of participants.

3. PURCHASE OF THE BOOK

Manuela Bianchi Porro has expressed her desire that the book become property of the Association Bastianini, which will provide for the publication and distribution to the members of the Association at a cost of 15 euro per copy to cover expenses.

Whoever would like to have the volume must book it by email through the Secretary of the Association no later than the 10th October 2018, indicating the number of copies desired and whether the book will be picked up at the event itself or it should be sent by mail. Payment in the form of a donation should be sent to the Association by Bank Transfer (through Popolare Etica; Account number N°000011474780; IBAN: IT44M0501812101000011474780; reason: Donation

4. MAP AND LOGISTIC INFORMATION



Il caffè pasticceria Cavour si trova in via Gombito a meno di 200 metri dalla biblioteca

La Fono Biblioteca Gavazzeni si trova nella piazza ove sbocca la stazione superiore della funicolare di Bergamo che congiunge Città Bassa con Città alta

The Old Upper City of Bergamo has very limited parking spaces. It is advisable to park in the center of the lower city and either take a taxi or Bus N° 1 and get off at the cable railway. With the same ticket take the cable railway which arrives at the square where the Library is located. Should you arrive by train, it is possible to take Bus N° 1 directly at the station and then proceed with the cable railway.

Hotel reservations are to be handled individually using the usual internet websites. The Hotels and B&Bs of the Upper City are close to the Library and hotel guests have permission to park in the Upper City (check hotels for further information).

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