

## Biography

Raffaele Trevisani's virtuosic technique and brilliant musical personality are consistently praised by the public and critics.

Raffaele Trevisani studied with Sir James Galway who regards him as "...one of the best flutist of the day for his beautiful singing tone, perfect technique and dedication to the art of music..".

"The singing flute" and "prodigious flutist" (Corriere della Sera), "colorful playing and expressive singing sound" (Markische Allgemeine), "...Mr. Trevisani enchanted the full audience with excellent technique and incomparable tone" (The flute, Tokio), "he has a perfect breathing technique, a rich, flexible sound, an impeccable finger technique and his intuition for poetry and dramatic moments is very convincing" (Der Bund),

"...extremely musical flutist " (La Nazione), " Great musicality and very intense sound " (R.N.Zeitung), "Mr. Trevisani has inherited many of Galway's qualities and added some of his own ..... thrilling sound and splendid technique ..... electrifying clarity sculpted with great artistic precision" (Pan Magazine, London Wigmore Hall debut).

He also received unanimous appreciations from Jean Pierre Rampal, Maxence Larrieu and Julius Baker. Long time before receiving his diploma from the G. Verdi Conservatory in Milan, he quickly became the young student of Sir James Galway, studying privately with him. For four years (1984-1988) he collaborated with the Orchestra of Teatro alla Scala in Milan and for the last thirty years, Mr Trevisani has been performing all over the world. Maestro Trevisani began his solo career with I Solisti Veneti, performing in numerous prestigious concert series in Italy and around the world. He has also performed as a soloist with the Orchestra da Camera di Padova e del Veneto, I Pomeriggi Musicali di Milano, I Cameristi della Scala, I Solisti della Scala, Orchestra del Teatro Lirico di Cagliari, Kammerorchester "Arcata" Stuttgart, Bielefelder Philharmoniker, Orquestra Sinfonica do Estado de Sao Paulo, Orquestra Sinfonica do Paraná, Istanbul State Symphony Orchestra, Adana Symphony Orchestra, Moscow Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of South Africa, Israel Strings Ensemble, Suk Chamber Orchestra, Silesian Symphony Orchestra of Katowice and many others. Maestro Trevisani has played in Japan, USA, Canada, South America, Russia, South Africa England, Spain, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Turkey, Israel as well as in Italy for the most important musical Societies and Festivals. He performed in many prestigious halls such as Teatro alla Scala di Milano, KKL Luzern, Wigmore Hall in London, Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto, Bunkakaikan and Suntory Hall in Tokio, Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, Museum Hermitage in Saint Petersburg, Philharmonie of Stuttgart, Musichalle in Amburg, Rudolf-Oetker-Halle in Bielefeld, Sala San Paolo and Memorial de America Latina in San Paolo, Baxter Hall in Cape Town, State Theater of Pretoria, Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, Detroit Symphony Hall, Trinity Church in New York, Bohuslav Martinu Hall and Palffy Palace in Prague, Milano Conservatory Hall, Catania Teatro Bellini, Bergamo Teatro Donizetti, Vicenza Teatro Olimpico, Sanremo Teatro Municipale etc. He has participated in well-known music festivals such as Settimane Musicali in Stresa, Settembre Musica in Turin, Firenze Musica, Palaces of St. Petersburg International Music Festival, Rheingau Music Festival, Campos de Jordao Music Festival, Veneto Festival, Europaishes Music festival, International Music Festival in Maputo Mozambique, Miagi Music Festival and for the celebrations of "Ten years of freedom" in Sout Africa, Festival Musica nas Montanhas in Pocos de Caldas (Brazil) and International Festival "Le Corde dell'Anima " in Cremona. He has been invited to play and give master classes in Europe, Japan, USA, South Africa and in the most prestigious flute festivals around the world (Boston, Frankfurt, Detroit, Chicago, Rome, Las Vegas, Milano, New York). Raffaele Trevisani has performed and recorded world concerto premieres dedicated to him by composers Carlo Galante, Alberto Colla, Hendrik Hofmeyr and Ernani Aguiar. Maestro Trevisani has been on the cover of four issues of the Italian national monthly music magazine "Amadeus" with the cd included. He is a Delos recording artist, a worldwide recognized label company for highest achievement in quality recording. Raffaele has recorded for the Italian RAI, the German SDR, the Japanese NHK, the English BBC, the Russian Television and the Brazilian Television; moreover, Globo Brazilian Television and RAI Corporation Television in New York (for the program "Italiani in America") have dedicated to him specials with interviews and live concerts. He has been invited to play duo concerts with Maxence Larrieu and with Sir James Galway for the Italian Television. Currently he is a flute professor at the Civica Scuola di Musica "Claudio Abbado" of Milan. He has been invited as a juror in many international flute competition as Theobald Boehm International Flute Competition 2011, Carl Reinecke International Flute Competition 2013, Domenico Cimarosa International Flute Competition 2013, and recently at the 2014 Carl Nielsen International Flute Competition. Raffaele Trevisani holds a summer flute seminar since 1991 in Premeno (Lake Maggiore) with students coming from all over the world. Raffaele Trevisani plays a 14 carat gold Muramatsu flute belonged to Sir James Galway and a 14 carat gold Powell flute.

## Reviews

*"I have known Raffaele Trevisani over a period of years and do not hesitate to say that he belongs to the best of the flautist of the day. His perfect technique, beautiful singing tone and dedication to the art of music will ensure him a place of honor with the public and his colleagues".*

Sir James Galway

*Interpretation of Italian style. Cultural tradition from Milan as we can see from clothes..flute player in his suit and women pianist of course in long dress..The program was about the Italian flute method showing bel canto-tradition which is typical for operas.We heard La Folia (madness),which is the Basics of the classical music and Schubert Variations..... Casellas neoclassic work changed the colour and really this style had it as the new blood change in classical music area at that time and Francis Poulenc did that as well. Here was the french temperature of open, fresh, real feeling of music and the listener never knows what is coming next. The second part showed Briccialdi's compositions which he made to themes of the Italian operas. Briccialdi was called as the Paganini of the flute and no wonder why! The works were delightful. The player had to be like Paganini himself. Ornaments, scales, trills and cadences.Very delightful concert. People were talking that how we could get these fine artists back to Finland in near future.*

JAMSA SEUTU

*The husband and wife team of flutist Raffaele Trevisani and pianist Paola Girardi, residents of Milan, give sparkling performances that seem to be suffused in bright Italian sunlight of four Sonatas for Flute and Piano by Mozart. The works, Köchel Numbers 301, 296, 376 and 379, were written for piano with violin obbligato by the young composer in 1778-1781. But given the great popularity of the flute in the last quarter of the 18th century, it was inevitable that the violin part be transcribed for flute, as it is here by Trevisani, a practice Mozart himself doubtless endorsed.*

*Actually, it's not too hard to resolve difficult violin passages for the flute by transposing them up an octave. The problem, which Trevisani handles very well, lies in the breath control needed to play long ties and rapid eighth-note passages. These were path breaking sonatas in that Mozart freed the violin (and hence the flute) from its accompanist role by alternating the melody between the two instruments. The other thing you notice is the terrific abundance of gorgeous melodies in these works and their nice balance between poetry and virtuosity. K296 in C Major, for instance, has one of Mozart's loveliest slow movements, an Andante sostenuto that pays tribute to his mentor, J. C. Bach, by incorporating the melody of one of his arias. The spirited finale of the same sonata bears more than a coincidental family resemblance to that of Mozart's great Concerto for Flute and Harp, K299 in the same key. The concert showed the close partnership between the two artists. These enjoyable performances are exceptionally robust and forceful, and will not fail to please listeners who prefer this approach to the music.*

Atlanta Audio Society

*"Trevisani's interpretation has, besides the shining of its sparkling virtuoso, a quality of sound, a fineness of expression, the elegance and the lightness of the phrasing. A musical freshness that makes it fully appreciable."*

Amadeus

*"Raffaele Trevisani has an extraordinary sound, homogeneous and soft, particularly in the lower scale. Its quality never fails, not even in the most acrobatics passages. In this regard the pieces by Doppler, Sarasate and Borne had been a real virtuoso training.... Paola Girardi has proved herself a very sensitive performer of chamber music. Their interpretation conveys a feeling of mutual understanding that goes beyond the music. Charming their performance of the Dvorak Sonatina for the flexibility of the cantabile passages expressed by Trevisani's flute together with the harmony between delicacy and energy (whereas it is needed) of Girardi's interpretation. Remarkable the facility with which the flautist overcomes the most inaccessible passages: excellent deftness and clear musical arrangement never obscured by the overflow of notes of certain passages. Concert ended by two unscheduled pieces."*

L'Arena



# *Raffaele Trevisani*

*"A soft, cantabile flute melody pervaded the Hall Duke Federico Augusto of the Wiesbaden Casino. Raffaele Trevisani and his excellent accompanist introduced to the audience some rare compositions, not usually performed in Concert Halls. The popular, timid, almost resigned tone of Schubert's Lied (op. 160) gained by his interpretation a virtuoso character which Trevisani mastered with pearly simplicity, changing thus a soft and varied musical language. With a jocose and well-finished wriggle, with a dancing leap, Trevisani dominated the first and the last movement of a tonal Sonata by Hindemith; while the second movement received a more meditative and lyrical outline. He took us back to the Romantic atmosphere performing Undine by Carl Reinecke. The excellent technique of the artist raised the Nymph from the waters through a jocose waving whirl and a fine, picturesque trait among luminescent arpeggios, masterfully supported by Paola Girardi. The Sonata op. 94 by Sergej Prokofiev was dominated by the exciting joy of the most quick movements, whereas the Andante balanced prudence and meditation. The Scherzo proved Trevisani brilliant agility. In the conclusive Andante con Brio a bright sound, colourful, marked and pronounced dominated the musical scene with its sparkling accents. Long applauses and enthusiastic ovations from the enraptured audience at the end of this vital and tense final interpretation, returned then by a generous encore."*

Wiesbadener Tagblatt

*"Next was Carl Philip Emanuel Bach's Concerto for flute and strings in D minor. This gave the orchestra the chance to showcase Raffaele Trevisani, who just arrived from Italy. He played his 14-karat gold Muramatsu flute with such effortless eloquence that at times the sound melded so naturally with the violins that there was no telling the difference. Trevisani's elegant dance with the cellos was breathtaking, with lightning quick bow action matching the flying fingers on the flute. A triple ovation followed and the intermission allowed audience members to pinch ourselves, wondering how they were so lucky to be witness to such talent."*

Lompoc Record, CA

*"He created a lyrical and poetic atmosphere with the romantic mixtures of colours and sounds. The entire program was a perfect combination of virtuosic technique and the sweet and elegant sound of Mr Trevisani on his Flute."*

Wiesbadener Tagblatt

*"Sparkling, turbulent, talented: Raffaele Trevisani interprets Italian music... Brilliant technique in Corelli, in the turbulent Rossini's sonata 'La Tempesta', in Donizetti's Sonata in G and at the end in the solo of Demerssman's 'Concerto Italiano', that he played with pathos and 'bravura'... melodic dialogue between the solo instrument and the piano... the togetherness with the sensitive Paola Girardi at the piano emerged in the interpretation of Rota, Busoni, and Briccialdi. The young Italian flutist has the utmost control on his instrument: his correct breathing allows him to colour the phrases, with elegiac sounds and expressive voice. He can move through the various styles of different epochs with extreme ease."*

Markische Allgemeine

*"Mr. Trevisani enchanted the full audience with excellent technique and incomparable tone. Playing the most difficult Bach's Partita he succeeded in making the controlled nobility of the melody. In Mozart's K 296 he created a thick and affectionate sound space. From the encores, the most impressive was M.Miyagi's Haruno Umi, played with a pure sound. A fine pianist (Paola Girardi n.d.r.)... in a fantastic ensemble with Trevisani"*

The Flute

*"The interpretation of the young Trevisani is notable: we could love the precision and clearness of the sound in all its nuances ... the technical aspect was at a very high level"*

Der Bund

*"The applause and cheers which followed were more appropriate to La Scala than La Wigmore."*

Pan

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Frankfurter Zeitung

*"Trevisani has a very rich sound, especially in the low register that gives him a smooth expression suitable for the romantic repertoire... Paola Girardi is a secure pianist that confronts without hesitation the most dangerous passages and at the same time has a beautiful and rich sound"*

L'Arena

*"Magnificent performance... two musicians of immense skill. We were able to enjoy Trevisani's beautiful tone, expertly and sensitively accompanied by the pianist P. Girardi from the very first moments of Bach's Suite; the harmony of this duo was evident also in Mozart's Sonata K 296 and in Schubert... but it was the Pierné's Sonata that put to the test the magnificent musicianship of these two artists, able to actualise the composer's "natural versatility"... a large audience gave them an endless, warm and intense applause"*

Il Corriere della sera

*"A highly professional Italian duo ... the pianist P. Girardi was much more than a simple accompanist, she realised a perfect tonal equilibrium during the concert, with precise touch and a good use of the pedals... it is difficult to say which piece most impressed the audience: the eloquence of Bach's Suite in C minor, the gracious singing of Mozart's Sonata K 296 or the "belcantistico" style of Donizetti's Sonata. With the rarely played Pierné's Sonata the duo demonstrated once again the stylistic versatility; with Schubert and Sarasate the immense virtuosity of the flutist was evident"*

Neue Luzerner Zeitung

*"Flute and piano in stylistic symmetry - Raffaele Trevisani's and Paola Girardi's performance was characterised by a coherent and balanced style. Trevisani's performance of Mozart's K296 gave a light and divine atmosphere and the accompaniment of Paola Girardi was appropriately Mozartian, with a pearly sound and an elegant phrasing... the interpretation of this duo is highly expressive but always respectful towards the composer's intention... the quality of Trevisani's tone was always polished, sweet and precious"*

Gazzetta del Sud

*"The young Trevisani is a real master of his instrument. He has a perfect breathing technique, a rich, flexible sound, an impeccable finger technique and his intuition for poetry and dramatic moments is very convincing. It is a real pleasure to listen to him: the legato phrases breathe, the colours expand... you cannot in any way doubt of the artist's skill and immense musicality. At the piano, the pianist Paola Girardi, demonstrated to be a partner of equal value and a secure performer, full of personality and able to differentiate between musical styles."*

Der Bund

*"Elegance and poetry are watchwords for the flutist Trevisani. His recital with Paola Girardi, Thursday night in the Okinawashi Civic Auditorium presented music from Mozart to Borne. Every moment was polished and delivered with sensitivity. The ensemble's interpretation was wonderfully balanced throughout the evening. Trevisani's tone was silvery, beautifully controlled and the phrases flowing and immaculate. His tone is warm and inviting, always appropriate, never shrill in the upper registers and in the vibrato. Italian sense of taste and proportion: his dynamics are not exaggerated for easy effect and his phrasing is never overdramatized for the sake of sentiment. It was rather wonderful to have the opportunity to listen to this promising Italian flutist in the role of a soloist"*

Okinawa News



# Raffaele Trevisani

## Discography

Raffaele Trevisani is a recording artist of Delos that virtually every major audio publication worldwide has recognized as the highest achievement in quality recording.



**J.S. Bach**  
**Trio Sonatas**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano  
Piet Koornhof, Violin



**Flute Concertos**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Constantine Orbelian, Conductor  
Moscow Chamber Orchestra



**Saverio Mercadante**  
**Three concertos**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Constantine Orbelian, Conductor  
Moscow Chamber Orchestra



**Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach**  
**Flute concertos**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Constantine Orbelian, Conductor  
Moscow Chamber Orchestra



**The Virtuoso Flute**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano



**Mozart Sonatas**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano



**W. A. Mozart**  
**Flute Concertos**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Patrick Strub, Conductor  
Orchestra Arcata Stuttgart



**Flute and Piano Sonatas**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano



**Fantasy**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Luisa Prandina, Harp



**La Musica degli Animali**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano  
Luisa Prandina, Harp  
Virginia Ceri, Conductor  
Orchestra Suzuki di Milano  
Ensamble of flute "Gli armonici"



**New Century Flute Concertos**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute - Piccolo  
Piet Koornhof, Violin  
Roberto Duarte, Conductor  
Constantine Orbelian, Conductor  
Moscow Chamber Orchestra



**Verdi-Briccialdi - Operatic Fantasies**  
Raffaele Trevisani, Flute  
Paola Girardi, Piano