



ISTITUTO ANTONIO STRADIVARI

The Istituto di Istruzione Secondaria Superiore Antonio Stradivari (hereinafter Istituto Stradivari) was established by Royal Decree, Law of 21 September 1938, under the name of Scuola internazionale di liuteria in Cremona. Through successive modifications, in 1960 it took on the new definition of International Professional Institute for Violin and Wood Crafts, with special purposes and organization. In 1994, the three-year qualifications and the subsequent curricula were redefined, respectively in: Furniture and Furniture Operator and Violin Maker Operator, followed by the post-biennial qualification of diploma of Technician of Violin Making and of Technician of the Industry of the Furniture and the Furnishing. The training offer expanded further in 2004-5, when the Fashion section was launched, which conferred the three-year qualification of Clothing and Fashion Operator, and, after the two-year post-qualification, of Clothing and Fashion Technician.

Since 2010, the educational offer has expanded further thanks to the activation of the Liceo Musicale, one of the main innovations emerging from the "Gelmini" reform, reserved for a few institutes throughout the country. The choice fell on our school institution, thanks to the long relationship, and truly unique in Italy, with the art of violin making and musical practice.

The School Sizing Plan of the second cycle of education 2017-18, approved by the Province of Cremona, led the Stradivarius Institute to aggregate the Artistic High School of Cremona, thus allowing to achieve full autonomy with a stable managerial figure. The result is the creation of an arts centre in the city of Cremona, which naturally focuses on the prestigious International School of Violin Making, together with the Music and Art Schools and the professional branches of Fashion Design and Interior Design. The new Educational Institute could further encourage the integration of the educational offer of a lute character with that of the Liceo musicale, Artistic High School, Fashion Design and Interior Design in order to implement a synergy and a relationship between musical and artistic training and professional training, between musicians, people competent in the arts and manufacturers of musical instruments.

The common element of all the courses is the practice, combined with the study, research and exchange of knowledge in musical and singing performance, in artistic production, in drawing, in the elaboration of models, in the construction, maintenance and repair of musical instruments and furnishings, in the making of clothes and accessories.

The aim is to create a Polo delle Arti, a laboratory of excellence that develops the educational offer of the Institute of Higher Education "Antonio Stradivari" and contributes to the serene development and improvement of the basic cultural preparation, strengthening the mastery of basic alphabets, languages and symbolic systems, expanding the wealth of experience, knowledge, skills and competences that enable students to keep up with cultural progress, technological and scientific preparing to deal with the necessary tools university studies in all fields and demands of the social world and work.

The Ministerial Decree of 3 August 2011 authorizes the Institute to implement pursuant to art. 11 of the D.P.R. 275/99 an Innovation Project that aims to refine the section of Liuteria' in relation to the specific characteristics of the School and its particular users and the significant evolution of the new social, cultural

and productive context, formalizing and consolidating the role of the Institute in the implementation of activities and courses of technical and cultural updating and deepening aimed at the professional lutheran sector, and to test a new organizational and educational model that solves the problems associated with the provision of a quality training offer.

Following the request for renewal of the Innovation Project, the school received a communication that this request has been renewed for the five-year period 2016-2021 with note prot. N. 1232/15/A10 of 12 June 2015 and has already received, following an inspection visit, a highly positive opinion from the Directorate of the USR Lombardia with note MIUR of the AOODRLO Registry Decrees (U). 0001359 of 16/10/2015. Nell'anno scolastico 2019/2020 sono stati istruiti gli atti ed è stata inviata la documentazione necessaria per richiedere il rinnovo del Progetto Innovazione per il quinquennio 2021-2026.

Since 2017, as a result of the school sizing of the Province of Cremona, the Stradivari Institute also includes the Artistic High School with active addresses from the third year of Figurative, Scenography, Graphics and Architecture. In this way, the Stradivari Institute is presented as an "integrated centre of the expressive arts".

The educational offer of the School today includes the possibility of activating: courses of State Vocational Education in the field of Violin Making, Fashion and Furniture; courses of Technical Education (Technological Sector - Fashion System); courses of High School education (Liceo Musicale e Coreutico - Sezione Musicale e Liceo Artistico - Sezione Liceo Artistico) and courses of Education and Regional Vocational Training.

In Temporary Association of Purpose and on the basis of projects included in the specific regional planning, the School also provides postgraduate courses of Higher Technical Education and Training (IFTS).

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