

The history of the "Augusto Massari Prize"

The "Augusto Massari Prize" for Music Philately was first donated in 1972 by Severino Massari to commemorate his father, the Italian composer and philatelist Augusto Massari (1887- 1970). The sponsor of the prize was a founding member of the Italian association of thematic collectors CIFT (Centro Italiano di Filatelia Tematica). From 1972 to 1979, the prize was annually awarded at the national thematic exhibition in Italy for the best exhibit on "Music". In coordination with the philatelic music study groups in France, England and Germany the prize is awarded at an international level since the 1980.

Meanwhile, 20 exhibitions were held in seven countries:

1980	<i>Riccione</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
1981	<i>Mondorf les Bains</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>EXPHIMO 81</i>
1982	<i>San Marino</i>	<i>San Marino</i>	
1983	<i>Besancon</i>	<i>France</i>	
1984	<i>Westberlin</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>PHILA MUSICA '84</i>
1985	<i>Nijmegen</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>EURO MUSICA '85</i>
1986	<i>Wetteren</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>THEMAPHILA 1986</i>
1987	<i>Neapel</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
1989	<i>Castelfidaro</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
1991	<i>Mondorf les Bains</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>EXPHIMO 91</i>
1995	<i>Nevers</i>	<i>France</i>	
1996	<i>Saluzzo</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
1997	<i>Grenoble-Seyssins</i>	<i>France</i>	
1999	<i>Lambesc en Provence</i>	<i>France</i>	
2002	<i>Bad Griesbach</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>PHILA MUSICA 2002</i>
2005	<i>Mondorf les Bains</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>EXPHIMO 2005</i>
2007	<i>Wetteren</i>	<i>Belgium</i>	<i>THEMAPHILA 2007</i>
2009	<i>Worms</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>PHILA MUSICA 2009</i>
2010	<i>Saluzzo</i>	<i>Italy</i>	
2013	<i>Lambesc</i>	<i>France</i>	

The previous winners are:

- 1980 *Pietro Iaderosa (Italien): „Musik und Philatelie“*
- 1981 *Ellen Holz (Deutschland): „Europäische Musikgeschichte“*
- 1982 *Valeriano Genovese (Italien): „Grosse Europäische Musikfestspiele“*
- 1983 *Sonja Weiss (USA): „Vom Madrigal zur modernen Musik“*
- 1984 *Gerhard Binder (Deutschland): „Die Zeit der Minnesänger“*
- 1985 *Valeriano Genovese (Italien): „Musik und Philatelie“*
- 1986 *Gunnar Dahlvig (Schweden): „Musik der Romantik“*
- 1987 *Ermano Musso (Italien): „Das Theater, der Thron der Musik“*
- 1989 *Ludwig Wolf (Schweiz): „Die Musik im deutschen Sprachraum“*
- 1991 *Valeriano Genovese (Italien): „Das Klavier“*
- 1995 *Valeriano Genovese (Italien): „Giuseppe Verdi“*
- 1996 *Guy Palteau (Frankreich): „Blasinstrumente“*
- 1997 *Peter Lang (Deutschland): „Die Notenschrift - Das ABC der Musik“*
- 1999 *Giancarlo Pezzoni (Italien): „Das Klavier“*
- 2002 *Lavy L. Blau (Israel): „Europäische Musikgeschichte seit dem 12. Jhd.“*
- 2005 *Jean Pierre Tornare (Schweiz): „Ludwig van Beethoven“*
- 2007 *Giancarlo Pezzoni (Italien): „Das Klavier“*
- 2009 *Yukio Onuma (Japan): „Ludwig van Beethoven - His Life in a Historical Context“*
- 2010 *Danny Jimmink (Niederlande): „Step by Step to Dancing“*
- 2013 *Franz Zehenter (Österreich): „Sozialgeschichte des Jazz“*

In addition to the general competition there is a literature class for philatelic literature on "Music" since 1980. Since 1997 a Massari Prize for youth collections is also awarded.

The Patron: Augusto Massari

Augusto Massari was born in San Giovanni Marignano (Italy) on June 1, 1887. He studied music at the State Conservatory in Milan and later worked as a conductor and composer. His compositions include several lyrical operas: "Raffaello e Fornarina", "Arcieri", "Biancaneva", "L Errante". His most famous stage work is the opera "Graziella", which premiered on October 13, 1928 in Rimini with great success. On the occasion of an International Stamp Exhibition in Riccione in 1949, Augusto Massari composed "The Philatelists' Song" ("Il Canto del Filatelico"), to which he also wrote the text. In 1968 he composed a hymn for the International Sports Stamp Exhibition "Verso Mexico 68" in Riccione, the precursor of today's OLYMPHILEX exhibitions. In 1968, the city of Rimini awarded Augusto Massari the Grand Prize of the city - together with the great film director Federico Fellini. Augusto Massari died in 1970. The theater in his hometown San Giovanni Marignano is named after the composer.