

DELITIAE MUSICAE



“... the most impressive feature of this ensemble is the way of combining polyphonic lines: colours are bright, voices are clear and music is floating with deep human accents: extraordinary!” S. Gasser, Répertoire,

“...an Italian ensemble that plays a repertoire for much time left to others musicians, with philological and musicological awareness.” S. Cappelletto, RAI

The a cappella instrumental and vocal ensemble Delitiae Musicae was established in 1992; in a few years he was considered one of the most enterprising Italian early music ensemble and reached wide international recognition.

Longhini and the ensemble has performed in major European Festivals and theatres with great success, i.e. Monteverdi Festival in Cremona, San Maurizio in Milan and the Utrecht Festival. Some of the recent successes include the performing of *La rappresentazione del Pastor fido* by Guarini and Monteverdi at the Utrecht Festival and the oratoire *Jephthe* in Madrid.

The Ensemble has released important recordings in the last ten years following its musicological studies and researches in the Italian Renaissance and Baroque music including the *Missa Philomena Praevia* by Verdelot, four widely acclaimed albums dedicated to Masses by Palestrina based on Lupus and Jacquet de Mantua's compositions. This last recording marked an important moment in Delitiae Musicae career and was awarded the “Choc du disque” in 1998, and Prize “9 de Répertoire” in France besides the Spanish “Five Stars” Award.

After this success Delitiae Musicae embarked on further recordings including Adrian Willaert's *Christmas Vesper* (Classica editor 1st Choice, April 1999) and the books of madrigals by Banchieri, *Pazzia senile & Saviezza giovanile*, *Studio dilettevole* and *Metamorfosi*.

Delitiae Musicae is now under exclusive contract to Naxos. It has achieved the complete recording of the whole *Madrigals* by Monteverdi, released in 14 Cds, and is currently working on the recording of Gesualdo da Venosa's *Madrigals*, whose integral edition has never been realized.

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