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Teatru Manoel launches this month's programme

The historic national theatre's packed calendar offers an artistic and cultural kick-start to 2021

Teatru Manoel has announced an exciting new programme of events set to take place at the historic Valletta venue throughout this month.

From family-friendly events under the popular Toi Toi programme to the highly anticipated Valletta Baroque Festival, the January calendar at the national theatre promises a strong start to the new year for Malta's cultural and artistic community.

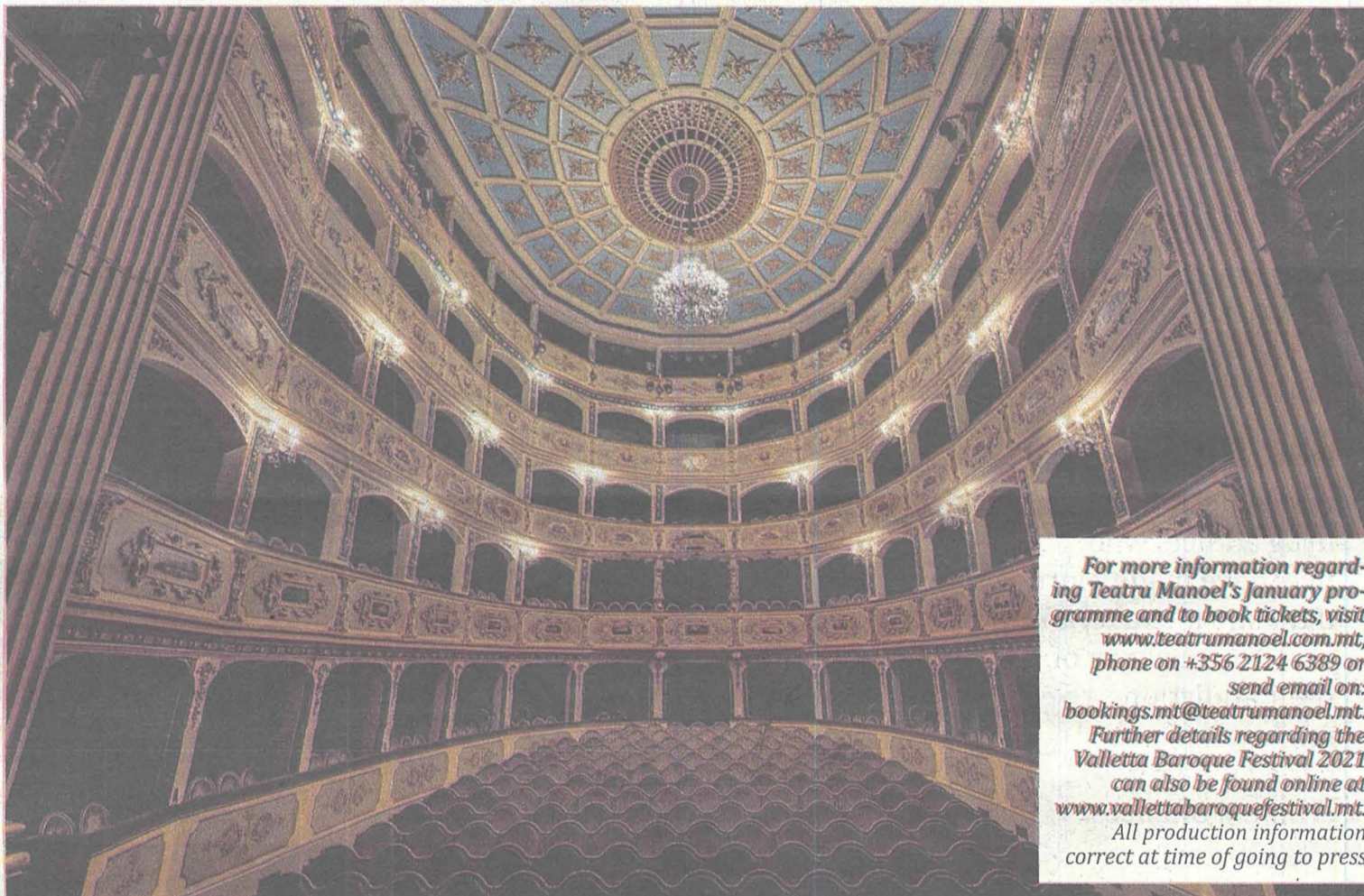
"Teatru Manoel is thrilled to announce the launch of a diverse and exhilarating programme," says Teatru Manoel CEO, Massimo Zammit. "It has undoubtedly been a challenging year for everyone and therefore we would like to provide our audience some relief from their stresses through artistic creativity and innovation."

The programme kicks off today with two performances of *Il-Hrafa tas-Soppa tal-Ġebel*, a Maltese language production that is part of the Teatru Manoel Toi Toi Education programme. Written and directed by Dorothy Bezzina, this original interpretation of a classic folk tale is full of rhythm, dancing and music and is ideal for audiences aged five and over.

Another Toi Toi event is set to be performed twice on 24 January. The *Toi Toi Barock Concert* stars Dorothy Bezzina, Maria Eleonora Zammit and Rambert Attard and features musical mash-ups of works by Handel, Monteverdi, Couperin, Purcell – and Elvis Presley!

There is also plenty for classical music enthusiasts at the Manoel. On 6 January, *An Evening with Richard Strauss* celebrates some of the German composer's most popular works, performed by soprano Miriam Cauchi, pianist Maria-Elena Farrugia and leading Maltese cellist Simon Abdilla Joslin. Meanwhile, a piano recital by prominent conductor and musician Michael Laus on 9 January will explore the relationship between the music of two other great composers, Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt.

An annual highlight of the Teatru Manoel events calendar



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For more information regarding Teatru Manoel's January programme and to book tickets, visit www.teatrumanoel.com.mt, phone on +356 2124 6389 or send email on: bookings.mt@teatrumanoel.mt. Further details regarding the Valletta Baroque Festival 2021 can also be found online at www.vallettabaroquefestival.mt. All production information correct at time of going to press

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Miriam Cauchi in *An Evening with Richard Strauss*

remains the Valletta Baroque Festival, which on this occasion is being held exclusively at the theatre between 15 and 24 January to ensure the safety of both audiences and artists. The Festival's 2021 programme includes performances by the Abchordis Ensemble, the Goldberg Ensemble, Andrea Buccarella, Teodoro Baù, La Petite Écurie, Marvic Monreal, Luis Aguilar, Gjorgji Cincievski, Marco Mencoboni, Cantar Lontano, Gillian Zammit, the Valletta Baroque Ensemble and the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Our artists have created a truly impressive series of events at Teatru Manoel this January," says Teatru Manoel artistic director Kenneth Zammit Tabona. "Once again, they have shown their extraordinary ability to adapt and innovate in the face of adversity, creating events that will astound and delight audiences at the theatre, as they always have."

During any event or production, Teatru Manoel strictly adheres to the regulations as issued by the Public Health Regulation Department/Superintendence of Public Health.