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A center for the well being of the voice

Spokeswoman, Edi Bocelli, mother of the famous tenor.

CASCIANA TERME. First footsteps for the "Edi Bocelli Project." The mother of the famous Andrea Bocelli is a spokeswoman for a "center for the well being of the voice", concerned with diagnosis, therapy and the education of the voice that would be of interest to opera singers, modern (pop) singers, public speakers, actors and all those people who have vocal problems.

The Director is Professor Franco Fussi, knowledgeable on all the aspects of the voice and the phonetic apparatus. Collaborating with this "clinic" for the voice, which will open next September at the St. Mark Grand Hotel. a voice school, whose artistic manager will be the Maestro Delfo Menicucci, an opera teacher at the Joseph Verdi Conservatory of Milan, the same "coach" of tenor Andrea Bocelli.

The school will operate in monthly stages for four days each; besides the technique of vocal projection, it will have other different subjects of specialization, that of deepening sound techniques, speech therapy, **auditory analysis "Tomatis Method"**, refinement and broadening of the opera and modern repertoire, mime and bodily gestures, Alexander relaxation techniques of the voice apparatus, autogenic training, seminars on psycho-physical equilibrium of the singer/actor and stage art. The school is also open for anyone who wants to familiarize themselves with the art of singing. Towards this purpose, during the grand opening, the teacher Delfo Menicucci will introduce his recently published book "School of song", published by the publishing house Omega of Turin, in which he explains in detail the "lunge technique".

This voice projection technique is used by the Maestro with great success and with exceptional results by all its students, primarily Andrea Bocelli who has practiced this technique with him since January 2001. The book is preceded by a preface from Professor Franco Fussi and by a presentation of the very same tenor from Lajatico, who's been an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative that will see reunited in his family's native land its musical references. Edi Bocelli gave the announcement of the birth of the school yesterday at the St. Mark Villa.

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