

## Rome's Legendary Philharmonic Orchestra to Perform Tonight at the Hilton Addis

*By Our Staff Reporter*

Tonight, the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute will provide us the rare opportunity of seeing and listening to one of Rome's legendary philharmonic orchestras. The performance is staged on the occasion of the Italian National Day 2000. The musicians will perform at the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Addis Ababa.

This is their second visit to Ethiopia. Those who attended their last performance can appreciate the current visit. As one diplomat rightly pointed it out, "You don't have to be a music student to appreciate Rome's Philharmonic Orchestra." They are one of the best in the world.

Mr. Ezio Monti is the music director. Soprano vocalists Sabina Macculi and Montserrat Sanroma, famous in their own right and loved by their fans, will be on hand. Singer Rosalynn Robinson, a contralto, Franco Scozzafava on violin and Vyacheslav Osipov on viola shall show their talents.

The Rome Philharmonic Orchestra was founded by a group of enthusiasts to spread musical culture in Italy and abroad. Since 1995, it has achieved considerable success both at home and

abroad for high quality performances. Its repertoire ranges from baroque to great symphonies, from lyrical operas to 20-century music with the participation of first-class soloists. Luigi Panelli is the current Managing Director.

Tonight's performance is a Gala Charity Evening. All income derived from the event will be donated to the Mother Teresa Home. Sponsors of the event are Italian companies.

Having a Philharmonic Orchestra in Addis Ababa is a rare treat. If you can afford it, don't miss the performance. We highly commend it.

