

Rome Philharmonic Orchestra Performs at the Hilton

By Our Staff Reporter

To mark Italy's National Day, Rome's Philharmonic Orchestra performed on Friday before a packed and enthusiastic audience at Hilton Addis Ababa. The performance, organized by the Embassy of Italy and the Italian Cultural Institute, was preceded by a cocktail reception.

Dr. Marcello Ricoveri, Ambassador of the Republic of Italy, and his wife, Mrs. Ricoveri, and other invited guests were present. "Once more, to mark the celebration of its National Day, Italy brings to Ethiopia a musical production of outstanding quality, in line with its cultural traditions - a performance which holds an even greater appeal than the one presented last year," the ambassador said.

It was, indeed, an evening of classical music of quality. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Ezio Monti, was outstanding. The three vocalists, soprano lirico, soprano leggero and contralto, performed superbly.

The event, as explained by Dr. Ricoveri, had not only a cultural dimension but was



also - and mostly - a charitable one. As a result of the event, 78,000 birr was raised. All will go to the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Sisters Foundation.

The Italian Ambassador also conveyed the felicitous message that the cultural event marked the celebration throughout the world of Africa Day and a new chapter in Ethiopia's history.

Both the ambassador and Dr. Giulia del Fabbro, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, thanked the Italian companies and Hilton Addis Ababa for making possible the bringing of the orchestra to Addis Ababa for the second time.