

## In Scena! Italian Theater Festival NY

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*What is your job on this show?*  
Founding Artistic Director.

*What is your show about?*

In Scena! is the first Italian Theater Festival to take place in all 5 boroughs.

*Where were you born? Where were you raised? Where did you go to school?*

I was born and raised in Rome, Italy. I went to school in my city, from kindergarden to University. I have a degree in Performing Arts from the university "La Sapienza" in Rome.

*Are audiences in New York City different from audiences in other cities/countries where you've performed? If so, how?*

Absolutely! In Italy going to theater is consider a luxury or something for few people who love theater. Unless you do commercial theater, which is always a different matter. Our country is full of culture, but it seems that culture is not greatly appreciated. Here it's the opposite! Culture is highly regarded as one important aspect of society and people goes to theater... actually, it seems that newyorkers are going mostly to off broadway and off off broadway looking fr=or new plays, new actors, new directors... new ideas!

*What is one specific thing that you hope audiences will realize you've contributed to the production?*

I do hope that the audience will start realizing that there is much of Italian theater they don't know. This is only the first year, but we are already offering a wide variety of proposals, from funny to dramatic, from dialect to bilingual, from readings to full productions.

*Which famous person would you most like to get a fan letter from: Denzel Washington, Maggie Smith, Ang Lee, Jennifer Lawrence?*  
Maggie Smith

*Why are theater festivals so very important?*

Theater Festivals give the opportunity of tasting many productions at once. It is true that usually the productions in a Festival are not what they would like be, with reduced space, time, tech possibilities, yet it's also true that many times theater festivals are the first step into fame. And a lot of runs!

