



XXI Anniversary

Conservatory – 8 October, 2022

To all of you, dear friends, good evening

Good evening and thank you so much to all the authorities, who never fail to attend our celebrations.

This year too, to conclude our 8th October, we find ourselves in the hall of the prestigious Conservatory, now familiar to us, which generously welcomes us. It will offer a musical moment that will sweetly accompany our memories tonight.

Special thanks to the Director of the Conservatory, Dr. Cristina Frosini who, together with the entire management, decided this year to set up a series of musical events dedicated to 'Milano della memoria'. We are ourselves part of this memory.

Indeed, 21 years have passed but the memory, the historical memory and the intimate memory do not fade, they must never fade away.

We must leave to young people, to the new generations -an example of which are tonight's young musicians- a message through our testimonies and experiences, for them to learn that from past mistakes, a positive and constructive change can start.

From pain, a flower must be born, a symbol of love, of affection, of hope, of beauty.

Today we lived a very important and significant moment, during the celebrations at Bosco dei Faggi. Our 8th October from now on will always coincide with the official celebration of the National Day "Not to forget" dedicated to the memory of the victims of Linate's accident of 8th October 2001, established by an act of Parliament and very much wished for by all of us. Thanks to the President of ENAC Pierluigi Di Palma, the Director General Alessio Quaranta and the honorable member Raffaella Paita who have worked so hard to obtain the formalization at the Parliament.



We thought that such day dedicated to our loved ones was much needed, and finally this desire has become reality. This day, in addition to constant remembrance, must also be the day dedicated to the culture of transport safety, and in particular that of civil aviation.

Each school, each institution, will therefore freely celebrate this day now part of history.

Preserve the memory, do not forget the painful experiences, what each of us has gone through... so that nobody will have to live another 8th October again.

With the help and support of our dear friends of the Technical Task Force, together we try to pass on our painful experiences to the new generations, so that they can treasure them and no longer repeat the mistakes of the past.

I will never get tired of saying that everything we have done and continue to do, it is for our loved ones' memory, but especially to allow our young people - the new generations - to be part of a better world, where they can live with hope in their hearts and make their best dreams come true.

I know I am repetitive at times when I talk about young people, but they are so so close to my heart.

To them we must hand over a future, as well as a better present. It is up to them to work and follow the positive models that we testify to them, to them not to repeat past mistakes and always aim for the light, towards the sun, towards trust and hope.

And may it be a better world!

We are working on this right now. If so far we have considerably improved aviation safety, now we must transmit positive values to those who will sooner or later replace us. With the hope that they shall do so with conscience and professionalism, without forgetting the human side.



"The past is your lesson

The present is your gift

the future is your motivation "

Thank you for patiently listening to me, and now let's enjoy the melodies that these formidable musicians will offer us.

Hugs to all of you.