

Vincenzo Balzani graduated with first class honours from “Verdi” conservatory of music in Milan studying under Alberto Mozzati. At the age of 16 he was awarded the “Liszt” prize at “Maria Canals” competition in Barcelona. In 1971 he was top prize winner in many famous competitions as: “Pozzoli” in Seregno, “Città di Treviso”, “F.P. Neglia” in Enna and “G. B. Viotti” in Vercelli. In 1975 he successfully represented RAI at “Ravel Competition” in Paris. He has performed 1200 concerts as recitalist, soloist with orchestra, member of chamber ensemble all over the world including the most prestigious Italian theatres and festivals (Scala, San Carlo, Regio-Turin, Olimpico-Rome, Festival Michelangeli, Festival dei Due Mondi, Settembre Musica). He has recorded extensively on Radio and TV and has released several albums containing works by Scarlatti, Mozart, Hummel, Beethoven, Chopin, Rossini-Liszt, Schubert-Liszt, Debussy. He has been piano professor in conservatories of music for more than 40 years: first in Piacenza later in Milan. He often serves on the juries of many international competitions and also holds courses, masterclasses and lectures in Italy and abroad. In addition to his activities as pianist and teacher he is currently artistic director of the following competitions: “Valsesia Musica”, “Città di Cantù”, Monterosa Kawai”, “Pianotalents”, “Pozzolino”, “Tadini International” and “Champion’s Keyboard”. He has been artistic consultant of “Pozzoli” competition in Seregno from 2010 to 2021 as well as of “Pozzolino” from 2012 to 2020. Artistic director of “Associazione Culturale Valsesia Musica” in Varallo since its foundation, he also founded “Pianofriends” association in Milan in 2009. Since January 2018 he has been regularly invited to hold concerts, seminars and masterclasses in a few of the most important halls of the People's Republic of China as testimonial of the “Yangtze River Grand Piano” meanwhile he has been collaborating with Parsons International Hong Kong Limited on an important music education project for children. Since 2021 he has also been professor at “Accademia del Ridotto” in Stradella.