



ROME - VATICAN CITY

PONTIFICAL MUSIC CHAPEL "SISTINA"
PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF MUSIC

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- Two are the institutions in Vatican City devoted to music:
 1. **PONTIFICAL MUSIC CHAPEL "SISTINA"**
 2. **PONTIFICAL INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC (PIMS)**
- The **Sistine Chapel Choir** is a professional chorus devoted mainly to sacred music with special emphasis in liturgic polyphonic repertoire of Roman School, from the golden age (XVI century) to contemporary music. Sistine Chapel Choir is composed by male voices and by Pueri Cantores (8-13 years), who study music and the normal school curriculum subjects. The current director of the Sistine Chapel Choir, **M° Massimo Palombella**, appointed in 2010, intends to host in the Sistine Chapel choir students not only for training but also for research.
- The **Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music (PIMS)**, which in 2011 celebrated 100 years of existence, is a well-known institution of higher studies in sacred music. From 2012 it was appointed the new Director: **M° Vincenzo De Gregorio**. The courses at present are:
 - **Gregorian Chant**
 - **Composition**
 - **Choral Conducting**
 - **Musicology**
 - **Organ**
 - **Piano**
- PIMS also issues a **doctoral degree** in Sacred Music in:
 - **Gregorian Chant**
 - **Historical and Systematic Musicology**
 - **Applied Musicology**
- Currently Sistine Chapel Choir and PIMS, on the behest of their new Directors, are developing new research projects (with professors Federico Luisi and

Walter Marzilli) designed to combine the needs of philology with the performance characteristic of Roman School.

- PIMS is also launching, in collaboration with the Ateneo di Sant'Anselmo, the procedure for the establishment of a University articulated in the departments of Theology, Philosophy, Liturgy, Monastic Studies and Music.
- At EPARM 2013, the first information we also addressed the extensive cultural academics studies and PhD programs, in order to obtain a more complete collaboration with conservatories and universities in the disciplines mentioned above.

➤ LINKS

▪ **Pontifical Musical Chapel "Sistina":**

<http://www.cappellamusicalepontificia.va/en.html>

- M^oMassimo Palombella:

<http://www.cappellamusicalepontificia.va/choirmaster.html>

- Pueri Cantores:

http://www.cappellamusicalepontificia.va/pueri_cantores_en.html

- Celebrations, Concerts and Photogallery:

http://www.cappellamusicalepontificia.va/celebrations_concerts.html

▪ **PIMS:** <http://www.musicasacra.va/content/musicasacra/it.html>

- History: <http://www.musicasacra.va/content/musicasacra/it/note-storiche.html>

- Main Courses:

<http://www.musicasacra.va/content/musicasacra/it/didattica/corsi-accademici.html>

- PhD:

<http://www.musicasacra.va/content/musicasacra/it/didattica/regolamento-dottorati-.html>

- Concerts and Lectures:

<http://www.musicasacra.va/content/musicasacra/it/concerti-e-conferenze.html>