


The Scala Opera House Milan

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At the end of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. you reach the Scala square. In the center of the square, there is the monument of the genius Leonardo da Vinci.

The Scala Opera Theatre doesn't seem an extravagant building. Built in the year 1778, today it is one of the most famous opera houses in the world. The façade and the splendid theatre-room are constructed in a new-classical style by the architect Giuseppe Piermarini. The Scala theater took its name from the church of Santa Maria della Scala on that's ruins has been built.

Some of the greatest musicians have made their debuts in the famous Scala opera house, such as Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini, Gioachino Rossini, Gaetano Donizetti, Vincenzo Bellini, Arturo Toscanini a.o.m.

The balconies were bought by the major Milan families, the central balcony "Palco Reale" host by the royal family of Milan.





Trilogia: Cambio di scena "Scala Scalissima"

is the only documentary which shows the reconstruction of the Milan's Scala Opera House in complete operational sequence from 2002 to 2004.

The Berlin film producer Reiner Penzholz observed together with its Milan cameraman and co-director Oscar Nani for 2 years the modernization of the probably most well-known opera house of the world and produced a film, which defines already today the model for many radical restructuring of historical opera houses: Historical faithful restoration of the hall and radical destruction and new construction of the stage building. A film, in that have a word the ex great first dancer of La Scala ballerina Carla Fracci, the star conductor Riccardo Muti, the architect Mario Botta, the architect for the hall construction Elisabetta Fabbri and the acoustic engineer Huigi Arau.

As the first film of a Trilogy with the title "Scene Change - Italian opera houses in the change to the time" - the film SCALA SCALISSIMA appeared on DVD in English, German and Italian language.

You can buy the DVD directly from the author EUOKICK Reiner Penzholz at the reduced price of 22,50 €



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Restoration of La Scala Theater



From 2002 until 2004, the Scala theater has been completely reconstructed. The rear building for stage technology and choral and orchestra halls were demolished and new modern buildings by the Swiss architect Mario Botta were built. The new engineering building in the background of the theater houses 11 floors upstairs and 8 downstairs.

After 30 month of reconstructions, the Milan's Scala opera house has been reopened on 2004 December 7th it's doors. For Inauguration was presented "Europa Riconosciuta" of Antonio Salieri, directed by Riccardo Muti. It was the same opera of the originally opening in 1778. The theatre-room offers seats for 2012 spectators in 4 box-ranks and 2 galleries.

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For those who couldn't get any of the desired tickets, the [La Scala Theatre Museum](#) offers an alternative to visit the red velvet dressed theatre-room.