

The best in Rome

New Year's Eve



Dance until Dawn of 2014

Several options are being offered for New Year's celebration in Rome! The city of Rome will ring in the New Year with a free concert series at Circus Maximus. The long-awaited New Year's Eve concert in the Eternal City will host five big names from the Italian music scene: Malika Ayane, Niccolò Fabi, Radici Nel Cemento,

Daniela Silvestri, and Nina Zilli. Radici Nel Cemento opens the musical marathon at 9.30pm and performances by the other artists will follow. A few minutes before midnight, the show includes a countdown and a toast to the New Year with the Mayor of Rome Ignazio Marino. Via dei Fori Imperiali participates by hosting entertainment activities, street theatre, music, various live performances, and a midnight fireworks display from 9.30pm on the 31st until 1am January 1st. On the other side of town Paul Kalkbrenner (in the photo), due to embark on his debut North American tour at the start of next month, will headline the bash at Palazzo dei Congressi on New Year's Eve in what will be his only Rome show of 2013. Kalkbrenner is considered the best European DJ for neo-trance and German techno and is well-loved in Italy. Seth Troader and Maceo Plex are also booked to perform. The party will run from 10pm through 5am (tickets: € 45. Info: tel. 0654220870; www.the-base.it).

Dance



"Swan Lake" at Teatro dell'Opera

In the spirit of the holiday season, Teatro Costanzi is offering Swan Lake which will run from Saturday December 21st to January 16th, 2014 (check websites for varying performance times). The famous Tchaikovsky ballet in two acts, directed by Andriy Yurkevych and choreographed by Patrice Bart will be performed by the Orchestra and Dance company of Teatro dell'Opera. Swan Lake tells the haunting love story of a princess, Odette, who has been transformed into a swan by the sorcerer Rothbart and the virgin prince, Sigfried. Odette and her other companions must swim in a lake of tears during the day as swans and every night, for a few hours, they transform back into humans. It is Sigfried's job to break the spell and save Odette. The Russian composer wrote many of the holiday classic ballets including "The Nutcracker" and "The Sleeping Beauty." "Swan Lake" is sure to be a highlight of this season.

● **TEATRO COSTANZI**, Piazza Beniamino Gigli 7. Opening night is Saturday, December 21st at 8pm. For other dates, performance times and ticket information: www.operaroma.it.

Concert for Pope Francis

An eclectic Christmas concert program has been scheduled for Pope Francis with an international cast, bringing together various genres of music. The warm and informal setting echoes Pope Francis's own teachings.

In honour of his birthday, Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri will host a concert-event with music and speeches to celebrate the Pope and the holiday season. The event seeks to highlight faith in human and Christian values, such as temperance, hospitality and solidarity, qualities repeatedly emphasized by His Holiness. Many well-known Italians and foreigners will take the stage including Frate Alessandro, Macarena Valenzuela, Lu Ye (in the photo), Juan Parades Jimenez and Andrea Ceccomof. Reservations required.

● **BASILICA DI SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI E DEI MARTIRI** Piazza della Repubblica, December 20th at 8.30pm. For reservations, tel. 0669318073 or concertoperpapafrancesco@gmail.com

Music

