



Permanent Mission of Italy  
UN - New York

## **UN Day Concert 2020**

### **Reimagine, Rebalance, Restart: recovering together for our shared humanity**

*22 October 2020, 12.00 pm EST, General Assembly Hall, United Nations, New York*

Presented by the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations. Sponsored by Intesa Sanpaolo.

#### **Background**

This year's UN Day marks the 75th anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter. This anniversary represents a crucial moment for strengthening international cooperation in the interest of both nations and peoples. The UN Day 2020 will be an occasion to renew the aspirations that lie at the heart of the Charter, restate our commitment to a reinvigorated multilateralism and remind ourselves of our shared humanity. As a Country with a uniquely rich artistic tradition and a long history as global cultural center, Italy is keen to offer its contribution to this endeavor also through the arts and culture.

#### **Theme**

2020 has been a year like no other. It will be remembered as a clear moment of demarcation in the history of humanity: there will always be a pre-Covid world and a post-Covid world. Yet, the last few months have clearly showed that only by working together can we effectively tackle the multidimensional consequences of the pandemic. As the challenges humanity faces are increasingly integrated, our response cannot be fragmented.

Art has helped us understand and process these extraordinary circumstances. By connecting us and creating common understanding, art and culture create the fertile ground from genuine solidarity can emerge. Highlighting the significance of the 75th anniversary of the UN and reflecting on the experience of the pandemic, the 2020 UN Day performance will leverage the power of music and dance to capture our collective commitment to cooperation, multilateralism and global solidarity. Taking place in the most iconic cultural institution of one of the western cities most severely hit by the virus – Teatro alla Scala in Milan - the performance will powerfully convey our commitment to work together to overcome adversity and build back a more equal, resilient and sustainable world.

## **The event**

The **Performance** itself will see **Roberto Bolle**, accompanied by other world class ballet dancers as well as the **Orchestra of Teatro alla Scala**, perform a number of classical, modern and reimagined dances curated specifically for the UN Day performance.

The screening event will take place on Thursday, 22 October 2020, at 12.00p.m., in the General Assembly Hall. It will be moderated by the Under Secretary General for Global Communications and opened by remarks from the Secretary General, the President of the General Assembly, the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations.

After the opening remarks, there will be two pre-recorded messages from Roberto Bolle and the artistic director Dominique Meyer who will introduce the performance, which will be displayed on a high-resolution LED screen to a limited in-person audience - following COVID 19 social distancing protocols and safety procedures. The event will last about 75 minutes.