



The Festival of Spring in Budapest, for 24 years the greatest cultural exposition in Hungary, will occur this year in the last two weeks of May. It will feature some 200 spectacles at more than 50 venues in the Hungarian capital: concerts of classical and pop music, theatre performances, film screenings and a variety of other attractions. As always, the quality classical music concerts are expected to draw large audiences.

The Italian presence at the Festival has become increasingly visible in recent years, and this one will be no exception. Lovers of Italian culture can indulge themselves in several extraordinary events, including a performance by the Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester, directed by its founder Claudio Abbado. Likewise, the Filarmonica Arturo Toscanini is prepared to surprise its Hungarian audience with a unique multimedia performance of Verdi's Requiem, directed by Pierluigi Pier Alli.