

Helmut Duo

Helmut Duo was born in La Spezia in September 2012.

It is formed within the LabMusCont, the contemporary music laboratory set up by Andrea Nicoli, professor of Composition at the La Spezia Conservatory.

Starting from its first appearance, on the occasion of the *Musica Futura Festival* of L'Aquila, Italy, in 2012, the Duo has oriented its repertoire mainly towards twentieth-century and contemporary music, but ancient music is also a common interest of both members.

In Italy, Helmut Duo participated into various festivals: *La Forza del Sorriso Festival* in Fosdinovo, and in the *Music and Sounds Festival* of Sarzana, with the *Vox Ridens* program; the *Sunday in Music* in Sarzana with the *Der Wanderer (Il viandante)* program; at *Donatori di Musica* at the Ospedale delle Apuane, at the Session900 review in Pietrasanta with a program including Italian authors from the early 1900s and at the *Contrasti Festival* in Trento with music from the 1900s and contemporary.

Felicita Brusoni (1986) began studying opera singing at the age of 15. After graduating at the DAMS in Bologna, she obtained the 1st level Academic Diploma in Singing and the 2nd Level Academic Diploma in Chamber Vocal Music with full marks and honors at the La Spezia Conservatory; she attended masterclasses of

contemporary and ancient music both in Italy and abroad, and participated in national and international festivals. In 2018 she won the Best Singing Interpreter Award at the New Music Project in San Marino and in the same year she was selected to sing two single acts at the Venice Biennale. She is currently doing a PhD on contemporary voice at the University of Lund (Sweden).

Matteo Bogazzi (1992) graduated in Piano with full marks, honors and special mention and obtained the II Level Didactic Diploma at the La Spezia Conservatory, where he also studied Composition; after having taken part in numerous masterclasses with some of the greatest pianists, in recent years he

has undertaken the study of the fortepiano at the Imola Academy, where he graduated in 2018. Currently he works as a piano teacher at the "Alberti-Dante" musical high school in Florence.

