

Riccardo Crocilla

Born in Palermo, Riccardo Crocilla moved with his family to Genoa, where he commenced his clarinet studies at the Paganini Conservatory under G. Laruccia. After graduating cum laude at an early age, he worked with Giuseppe Garbarino and Thomas Friedli. He won first clarinet positions in the symphony and opera orchestras of Cagliari, Genoa, Trieste, Lausanne and, since 1996, is Principal clarinet of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino Orchestra of Florence, under the direction of Zubin Mehta. He has also performed with the Orchestra of Italian Radio and Television (RAI), the Chamber Orchestra of Padua and Veneto, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Parma Opera Ensemble, the Filarmonica della Scala, and the Orchestra of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia, under the direction of the world's leading conductors.

In collaboration with well-known international chamber ensembles, such as Trio di Parma, Cappella Andrea Barca of Andras Schiff, the Contempoartensemble, Cristiano Rossi, Massimiliano Damerini, Klezmerata Fiorentina, he has performed on tour in Canada, USA, Russia, Japan, Europe, South America in prestigious concert seasons: Accademia Chigiana di Siena, the Società del Quartetto of Milan, Oleg Kagan Festival Moscow, Accademia Filarmonica of Bologna, Verbier Festival, Elba Festival, Accademia Filarmonica Romana, Amici della Musica di Vicenza, Lucerne Festival, Kunstfest Weimar, Mozart Woche Salzburg, S. Petersburg Philharmonia, Musikverein Wien, Arena di Verona, Teatro la Fenice of Venice, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino and GOG of Genoa.

One of the highlights of his career as a clarinet soloist was his performance of the Mozart clarinet concerto under the direction of Zubin Mehta at Palazzo Vecchio in Florence, as well as the premiere of Sofia Gubaidulina piece "Warum" for Flute, Clarinet and Orchestra at the Emilia Romagna Festival, Mittelfest and Ljubljana Festival. Mr. Crocilla is a holder of the prestigious Premio Galileo 2000 award as the outstanding young Italian performer.

He has recorded for the labels ARTS, Bongiovanni, Discantica, Columna Musica, Idyllium.

He is an artist Yamaha, D'addario Reeds and Zac ligature.