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Scent+Sound: Student Artist Collaborates with Orchestra in Rome for Multimedia Performance

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Quick Facts

*Frederick Robin, an undergraduate Music Composition major at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, USA, is collaborating with Roma Tre Orchestra; Valerio Vicari, Artistic Director, on a multimedia piece titled "Rondo in A Major" fusing olfactory art and orchestral music, premiering on **25 Nov. 2022 at 20:30 CET** at Teatro Palladium in Rome, Italy.*

The idea behind the project is to explore just how far you can bend the audience's sense of familiarity and surprise inside these interwoven musical and olfactory structures.

Frederick Robin

More Information

During the performance, attendees simultaneously smell and listen to the work. Scented strips of paper, known as *mouillettes*, are distributed before the musical piece begins. The music utilises contrasting harmonic and textural palettes, suggesting specific moments of familiarity and surprise. An abstract blend of natural and synthetic materials in the olfactory component emphasises how combined fragrance ingredients can create synergistic relationships. The piece is part of a larger program, including other musical works by Dmitri Shostakovich and Fausto Sebastiani. It is Robin's first collaboration with Roma Tre Orchestra and the orchestra's first performance incorporating olfactory art. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available at [2tickets.it](https://www.2tickets.it)

About

Frederick Robin's creative style is focused on concepts that combine olfactory and musical art forms in a framework that sparks multifaceted dialogue about contemporary art and philosophy. He started studying perfumery independently after founding the olfactory lifestyle brand [Studio FSR](https://www.studiofsr.com) in 2016. Robin has received numerous accolades for his musical compositions, including National Finalist, 2018, [Music Teachers' National Association](#); National Finalist, 2018, [Catholic Daughters of the Americas](#); Midwest Regional Winner, 2020, Music Teachers' National Association; and Midwest Regional Winner, 2019, Catholic Daughters of the Americas. He currently studies Philosophy and Music Composition at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, USA, under the mentorship of Doug Harbin.

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