## Joseph Lia

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**Arts Council Malta** 

The Malta International
Organ Festival

**University of Malta** 

**University of Chester** 

Master Degree in Voice
Performance



Joseph Lia is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Malta International Organ Festival, an adviser for Europa Cantat, works for Arts Council Malta, and is a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta within the Centre for Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the School of Performing Arts - Music Department. Joseph has just recently been appointed as member of the founding committee of the newly established KorMalta - Malta's National Choir.

Joseph graduated in Music from the University of Malta and Management from the University of Chester. Supported by the Janatha Stubbs Foundation, he furthered his vocal training at the St Petersburg State Conservatoire where he obtained a Master's Degree in Voice Performance. With the support of the MGSS Scholarship, he read for a Doctorate Degree in Voice Performance and Pedagogy. Joseph is an active performer and takes part in various operas and solo concerts each year. He took part in various international festivals including the Tallinn BachFest, Universe of Music in Moscow, Italian Opera Taormina, Ragusa Ibla Organ Festival, Alion Baltic International Music Festival, Tallinn Organ Festival, Peter de Grote Chamber Music Festival in Holland, Gaulitana Festival, Victoria International Arts Festival and Spring Orchestra Festival in Malta, and is part of the Monteverdi Project of the Manoel Theatre under the direction of Marco Mencoboni.

Joseph Lia also served as a judge in various music competitions, coached several singers and choirs, and invited to give presentations at the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatoire and Johann Strauss School of Music. Joseph is regularly invited to give masterclasses in voice. He has given classes at the Vytautas Magnus University Music Academy in Kaunas, Lithuania, at the TISIA Istituto Universitario di Studi Musicale, Cefalù in Sicily, at the Piceno Classica Festival in San Benedetto del Tronto in Italy and St. Petersburg Conservatoire amongst others.