

*Dobro veče i dobro došli u kuću Ambasadora Italije i u kuću Italije.*

Welcome to you all.

Tonight you will meet some of the best young excellences from Serbia. You will admire the extraordinary work by restorators of Central Institute for Conservation (CIK) in Terazije. You will see for yourself what they accomplished on three beautiful masterpieces of Serbian painter, Petar Lubarda, recently restored and exposed tonight here in the Embassy.

I am so proud Italy has been supporting CIK in preserving Serbian artistic and cultural heritage: Italian Cooperation for Development, Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro in Rome, Italian Cultural Institute in Belgrade helped CIK in training and equipment.

To honor these young professionals, I invited another young excellence of Serbia. Nemanja Stanković is a brilliant cellist who took advanced studies in Italy. Nemanja is currently the principal cellist of Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra. Tonight's program includes Bach, Piatti, Hindemith and Kodaly.

Let's welcome Nemanja and enjoy the concert.