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## REGGIA DI COLORNO - PARMA 20 MAGGIO 2012



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## PROGRAM

### REGGIA DI COLORNO SUNDAY 20TH MAY

**4.30 PM** Sala delle Capriate *Piazza Garibaldi* 

Presentation conference of the book: *I SERASSI - Celeberrimi costruttori di organi* by Giosuè Berbenni

Speakers: Giosuè Berbenni Author Patrizio Barbieri Professor, Expert in ancient tuning systems. Roma Marco Brandazza Director - Organ building documentation center Luzern (Swiss)

Giuseppe Spataro Techinacl Organi Commission of the Ufficio Beni Culturali e Arte Sacra - Diocesis of Brescia

Francesco Ruffatti President – Association of Italian Organ manufacturers Federico Lorenzani President - Associazione culturale Giuseppe Serassi

Moderator: Simona Boni

**6.00 PM** Cappella Ducale di San Liborio *Via Roma* 

Concert by M° Stefano Innocenti at the Andrea e Giuseppe Serassi (1792-96) organ

> To follow, a buffet offered to all participants

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