## President of the Jury GIOVANNI CULTRERA

Pianist, professor, artistic director, entrepeneur, superintendent of the Regional Lyric Agency Teatro Massimo Bellini of Catania (Italy). He graduates with honours in Musical Disciplines and the master degree of High Piano Perfection with Boris Petrushansky. He also gets a Law Degree with honours in 2017.

He performs as soloist pianist from North and South America to Asia, from North Africa to Oceania and in the capital cities of Washington, Ottawa, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Bogotà, Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore, Jakarta, Paris, Wien, Moscow, Kiev, Sofia, Budapest, Bucarest, Montenegro, Prague, Athens, Warsaw, Reykjavik, Tunis, Rome.

He won more than thirty national and international competitions and also has been member or president of the jury in more than a hundred national and international competitions; he headed masterclasses and lectures all over the world and won a long list of awards.

In 2022, by a Republic President's decree, he was granted the title of Knight of the Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana for high artistic merits. He headed the management and the artistic direction of many concerts and events on behalf of theatres, foundations, non-profit organizations and festivals. or

