



ESTER PAGLIA

Cultural Producer · Artistic Director · Artist Manager

Born in Milan, where she carried out most of her professional career.
Resident in Modena, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Cultural professional with over forty years of experience in **music and theatre production, artistic direction, artist management**, and **cultural project development** for public institutions and private organizations.

She has collaborated with some of the most important Italian and international artists, producing tours, festivals, special events, and large-scale public performances.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1980s

- Head of the Entertainment Department – **ARCI Milan and Lombardy**
 - Founder of **CIPESSE Nazionale**, which produced, among others:
 - *Banana Republic* tour by Lucio Dalla & Francesco De Gregori
 - Italian tours of The Rolling Stones
 - Patti Smith tour
 - **June 12, 1980** – Producer of **Lou Reed** concert
 - Arena Civica, Milan
 - 27,000 attendees – *sold out*
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1986 – 1996

- Management and Artistic Director – **Teatro Orfeo, Milan**
 - Largest cinema/theatre venue in Milan (2,200 seats)
 - Ten consecutive years of activity
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1987 – 2001

- Founder and Producer – **Jazzman Festival**
 - Free international jazz and world music festival
 - Location: Arco della Pace, Milan

- 14 editions
 - Supported and sponsored by the Municipality of Milan
 - Featuring leading Italian and international artists
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1990 – 1993

- Sole Director – **Cose di Musica S.r.l.**
 - Artist management and representation company
 - Artists represented included:
Fabrizio De André, Ivano Fossati, Fiorella Mannoia, Mia Martini, Pooh, Raf, Zucchero, among others
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1991

- Tour Manager – *Le Nuvole* tour by **Fabrizio De André**
 - Winter tour in sports arenas and summer tour in open-air venues
 - Organizational director for the recording of the double live album *Concerti Live* (released in 1993)
 - Album received numerous awards
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1992 – 1995

- Founder and Manager – **Sonora Musica**, Milan
 - Live music club hosting concerts, cultural events, and dinner shows
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1996

- Founder and Sole Director – **Sonora S.r.l.**
 - Artist production, promotion, and management (Italian and international)
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1997

- Founder and Sole Director – **Fratel Conigletto S.a.s.** (publishing company)
 - Personal Assistant to **Fabrizio De André**
 - *Anime Salve* arena tour
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2002

- Collaboration in the organization of live performances for the **17th World Youth Day**
 - Molson Amphitheatre, Toronto, Canada
 - Over 50,000 international attendees
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2003

- Founder and President –
Civic Schools of Music, Theatre and Dance “Fabrizio De André”
 - Municipality of Bresso (MI)
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2007 – 2010

- Collaboration with **Barley Arts – Milan**
 - Head of special projects and public institution relations
 - Producer of **Natalie Cole** with Symphony Orchestra, Piazza Duomo (Milan)
 - Coordination of New Year’s Eve concerts 2008–2009 for the Municipality of Milan
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1992 – 2003 / 2009 – 2011

- Exclusive Artist Management – **Roberto Vecchioni**
 - Executive production of albums and books
 - Project concluded with the victory at the **Sanremo Music Festival 2011** (*Chiamami ancora amore*)
 - Full management of promotional activities: television, radio, press, events, concerts
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2011 – 2013

- Organizer and curator – **Trentino d’Autore Festival**
 - Venues: Trento, Riva del Garda, Mezzocorona
 - Cultural meetings with artists and third-sector organizations
 - **2012 – 2013** – Musical and staff director, **Teatro Celebrazioni**, Bologna
 - **2012** – Producer of **Gigi Proietti** and Symphony Orchestra tour – *Peter and the Wolf*
 - Sold out at the Greek Theatre of Taormina
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From 2016

- Collaboration with the Municipality of Maranello (MO)
 - *Mille Papaveri Rossi* cultural series in memory of Fabrizio De André
 - Patronage of the De André Foundation
 - Three thematic editions
 - Volunteer activity with **Caritas Modena**
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2018 – Present

- International promotion of the official exhibition **AmoPavarotti**
 - Originally produced in 2013 for the 100th anniversary of the Verona Arena
 - Over 60,000 visitors
 - Produced by F&P (Milan) and Ballandi Multimedia
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2020 – 2022

- Producer of the show *80VogliadiMina*
 - Celebration of Mina's 80th birthday
 - Premiere: Teatro Ponchielli, Cremona – December 9, 2021
 - **September 8, 2022** – Producer of **Riccardo Cocciante** in concert
 - With Orchestra Sinfonica della Magna Grecia
 - Conductor: Maestro Leonardo De Amicis
 - MediTa Festival, Taranto
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SELECTED ARTISTIC COLLABORATIONS

Italian and international artists including:

Edoardo Bennato, Roberto Benigni, Carmelo Bene, Loredana Bertè, Pino Daniele, Francesco De Gregori, Leonard Cohen, Miles Davis, Joni Mitchell, Nina Simone, Tina Turner, Van Morrison, Pat Metheny, Metallica, and many others.

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