The Livorno Music Festival, sponsored by “Amici della Musica di Livorno” provides courses of musical interpretation and instrumental master classes with the purpose of bringing together young musicians from all over the world allowing them close contact with some of the most important names of the international musical scene: a real workshop for music where a treasure trove of secrets may be discovered – highlights the artistic director Vittorio Ceccanti, – students and professors meet each other at classes, at concerts and, thanks to an agreement with the Festival, they can also share lunches and dinners facilitating ideas, friendships, projects and cultural exchanges. From the 24th of August to the 8th September 2015 Villa della Gherardesca will house 12 Master Classes held by internationally renowned performers and professors from the most prestigious Universities, such as the Royal Academy of Music of London, the Hochschule für Musik in Basel and in Cologne, the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Paris; and the Academies of Music in Fribourg and Berne. «Thanks to connections made during the Festivals, some students from previous years are now studying in these eminent institutions». Many concerts, performed by outstanding students of the Festival and their Professors, will take place in the most suitable city locations. During the classes, instrumentalists and composers will have the chance to be selected for performances at these concerts and at future Festivals. Moreover, the first performance of new compositions will take place and scholarships awarded.