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October Presentation

By Anna Farrugia

Book “The Story of a Maltese Musician” – Antonio Micallef 1867-1940

Dear Members and Friends of the MHA,

We are delighted to announce our upcoming presentation for the month of October. We really hope you can join us via Zoom Tuesday 19th October 7.30pm. The Zoom link will be provided on the email.

The author, Anna Farrugia was born on the Islands of Malta in 1955. As a young adult, she travelled abroad and lived in several parts of the Middle East and Europe, returning to Malta for a few years and finally settling in London on the border of the leafy county of Surrey in the UK. While in Malta, Anna was inspired to delve into her family heritage and research her great-grandfather’s life and musical career which is brought to you in this biography of Antonio Micallef a musician, composer, and tutor.

The book itself takes you on a historical journey to reveal the struggle, the sorrow, and the joy in the life of this musician whose ideology influenced and dictated the course of his career. In the presentation, Anna will talk about her initial search for the Maestro’s music and how the research, writing and publication of this biography came about. Due to his controversial political beliefs and music style, very little information about this musician was available to the public during his era. It is, therefore, amazing that so much of his works and detail of his life story have been uncovered.

During her family research Anna found relatives in Australia who have all these years held more of the Maestro’s compositions, which are presently on the way to her in the UK. Anna hopes to deposit these with the Maltese National Archives together with Antonio Micallef’s biography, medals, and awards.

