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2013 is finally upon us, and here at the American Institute for Verdi Studies we are planning a variety of exciting events and initiatives to mark the 200th anniversary of Giuseppe Verdi's birth:

- Two exhibits are in the making, in collaboration with New York University's Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.
- An event devoted to Verdi performance and scholarship, featuring soprano Barbara Frittoli and AIVS co-director Francesco Izzo in conversation with Fred Plotkin, will take place at NYU on February 26, 2013.
- The international conference “Verdi's Third Century: Italian Opera Today” has been announced for October 9–13, 2013, and a call for papers has been issued.
- Materials from the AIVS's John Mazarella Collection of rare librettos and scores will be processed and made available to the public at Bobst Library.
- A display of the AIVS's most valuable holdings is being planned in the prestigious Mamdouha S. Bobst Gallery on Washington Square.

Details on these and other initiatives will be on our website at www.nyu.edu/projects/verdi. If you wish to be kept informed by e-mail, do not forget to join our electronic mailing list by sending a message to verdi.institute@nyu.edu.

One more happy development has the potential to energize Verdi studies in 2013 and beyond: an anonymous donor has generously offered to fund a new AIVS initiative to recognize and promote excellence in Verdi scholarship. The Martin Chusid Award for Verdi Studies will honor an outstanding book, article, book chapter, or music edition produced by a scholar in the early stages of his or her career. Named for the AIVS's esteemed founding director, the award advances two causes that have long distinguished Dr. Chusid's career: fostering a deeper understanding of Verdi and his music and encouraging the work of young scholars. The first Martin Chusid Award will be presented at the “Verdi's Third Century” Conference in October 2013. For more information, or to submit a nomination for the award, please visit www.nyu.edu/projects/verdi or contact us by e-mail at verdi.institute@nyu.edu.

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