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## The Carabinieri Band

The Band was founded in 1820 when the Royal Carabinieri Corps assembled a group of buglers for the first time. This was then transformed in 1862 into a fanfare and by 1920 had further developed into a full band contingent of the Carabinieri Force.

Under the direction of Maestro Luigi Cajoli, the Band became famous for its quality of style and in 1916 it travelled abroad for the first time for a series of concerts for injured allied soldiers. It performed in Paris and was a great success and was highly acclaimed by the press. There later followed many other prestigious tours abroad in Europe, North and South America, the Middle East and Japan.

The Carabinieri Band, with 103 musicians, each one expert in a particular instrument, interpret the most famous compositions with a rich repertoire from traditional military marches to modern and classical music.

A famous Italian journalist described it as: "... a Band composed of musicians who perform with the passion and devotion which is associated with the Carabinieri Force".