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Interpreti Veneziani dazzles twice in two days (12 photos)

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On Friday night, November 30, Algoma Conservatory Concerts presented "An Evening in Venice - the Mayo Gala for the Arts" to a sold-out crowd at Algoma's Water Tower Inn.

A performance by the nine-piece Interpreti Veneziani - a renowned string orchestra from Venice - highlighted the event.

Things began with welcomes from Mayor Debbie Amaroso and Algoma Conservatory's director Guy Traficante.

Then came a six-course gourmet dinner, a Venetian marketplace with fabulous items from Italy and a live auction.

The next day, the orchestra performed to a packed house at Central United Church.

The orchestra was greeted with a standing ovation by a cheering crowd and dazzled the audience with two amazing encores.

One concert-goer summed up the experience of Interpreti Veneziani's performance: "The music reached a level of such such pureness that I felt they had become one entity, that they had become the music, and tha had merged with the concentration of the audience. I was transfixed. Everyone in the auditorium was joined a profound way that I have never before experienced."

Both events were sponsored by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the gala was a fundraiser f
Algoma Conservatory Concerts and the Sault Ste. Marie Cultural Endowment Trust fund.

The evening was captured with these excellent photos by Terry Wurdemann.

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