



THANKS TO BRACCO FOUNDATION, THE MESSAGE OF GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI TO THE WORKERS OF MILAN LIVES AGAIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY

On the occasion of the Celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy, Bracco Foundation decided to reveal two unpublished letters written by Giuseppe Garibaldi on March 3, 1861 to the Milanese workers. The historic document was read in the Chamber of Labour in the presence of CGIL Secretary Onorio Rosati, and will be on display in the exhibition "The Young Rebels of '48" that will be opened on March 20 at the Royal Palace by the President of the Republic, Giorgio Napolitano.

During the meeting a message from Diana Bracco was read. "The Bracco Foundation is pleased to offer its contribution during the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy, by presenting this vibrant, unpublished message written to the workers of Milan by Giuseppe Garibaldi," said Diana Bracco. "The Historical Archives of the Milan Chamber of Labour, which our Foundation has already had the occasion to work with, seemed the most suitable partner. I think it was very emotional for everyone to hear, exactly 150 years later, the words written by Garibaldi on a day in March full of dreams and hopes."

"The Historical Bracco Archives keep exceptional documents related to the nearly century-old history of our family business," added Diana Bracco, "a story that began with my grandfather Elio Bracco, an ardent patriot and an admirer of Giuseppe Garibaldi. Elio was town clerk of Neresine and Ossero, located on the island of Cherso in Istria; and along with his brother-in-law Francesco Salata, my grandmother's older brother, was one of the most dedicated irredentists who fought for the Independence of Istria, Fiume and Dalmatia, that were under the domination of Austria at that time. Europe was collapsing in the tragedy of World War I when, one night, Elio Bracco was arrested for high treason and sent to the jail of Graz. With that dramatic arrest also started the vicissitudes that have brought my family from Neresine to Milan. "

"For many generations of patriots, Garibaldi was a constant point of reference, even after the Unification," concluded the President of the Bracco Foundation. "This is why we granted the original autograph of this precious document to the curators of the exhibition The Young Rebels of '48 which will be inaugurated on Sunday, March 20 at the Royal Palace by the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano."

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