



On June 26, the new “E. De Amicis” pre-school and elementary school in Muccia will be inaugurated, built in just 150 days thanks to the funds and supervision of the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

This is another concrete and supportive response, which restores hope to a territory that is still suffering heavily from the damage caused by the earthquake. The famous tenor and philanthropist will be present at the inauguration ceremony.

Muccia: the new school commissioned by the Andrea Bocelli Foundation is about to hit the finish line

Right where the educational complex compromised by the earthquake stood, a new, functional, safe and eco-sustainable school, around which the entire community can finally start again, is today about to see the light thanks to the Andrea Bocelli Foundation (ABF).

Everything is set for the inauguration on **Wednesday, June 26**, of the new **“E. De Amicis”** pre-school and elementary school in **Muccia**, one of the towns in the Marche region most affected by the 2016 earthquake. The ceremony will start at 3.30 pm. The entire town of Muccia, and the children especially, will celebrate the event **together with the founder and famous tenor, Andrea Bocelli, and many other guests, artists who are friends of the foundation.**

Once again on this occasion, just as in nearby Sarnano, where last year ABF was the protagonist of a twin philanthropic project, the schedule announced at the beginning of the works was respected: **just 150 days to build the school complex that will welcome the students of the pre-school and elementary school.**

Almost all the families in Muccia live in modular housing units (95% of homes are not fit to live in) and their children are finishing up the school year attending their classes in containers. However, there is a strong community spirit and willingness and determination to remain in their hometown that overcomes the issues and challenges tied to having to reorganize one's daily life.

This is the reason why ABF, in line with its mission of “Empowering people and communities”, has decided to return a key reference point to this town: the school, to give the students and their families a safe and functional facility offering both educational and gathering spaces, as well as spaces for art and group activities, with the creation of innovative educational curricula, also based around music and longer school hours, to attract children from nearby municipalities also.

The total surface area spans almost **1000 square meters and the facility will feature large spaces, designed to become shared areas, to be used for informal lessons, reading or simply socializing.** With the help of a team of experts, ABF has focused on the creation of a **place that is integrated with the community**, with traditional local characteristics, that can fulfill even the wishes of young students. From the area for cultivating aromatic herbs to the aquarium, to a canteen in the center of an ideal “agora” where there is also a piano, symbolizing the distinctly musical-centered curricula of the school.

The new “De Amicis” school complex is built with “Platform Frame” technology using wooden frames which guarantees the highest grade of **resistance to earthquake shocks** and certifies the building as a Class IV facility, i.e. the rating applied to important public or strategic buildings with regard to civil protection management during natural disasters”.

The construction - with pre-fabricated wooden elements and strong insulated walls, together with underfloor heating, a photovoltaic system and air treatment units with heat recovery systems and air-to-air heat pumps - guarantees the highest **comfort and energy saving standards**, allowing the facility to be classified as a Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB).

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