

International Circus Festival of Italy, 24th edition

Latina, October 12 – 16, 2023

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Production note n° 17 – October 5th 2023

Countdown: - 7 days to the Festival

The full cast of a not-to-be missed edition!

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Italy, Mexico, Czech Republic, Spain, United States of America, Ukraine, Uzbekistan: 18 nations will be represented in 21 big numbers competing in the Festival.

Opening night: Thursday, October 12th, at 9pm in via Rossetti, Latina
Tickets are already on sale through our official website:

www.festivalcircoitalia.com

Calendar of shows as follows:

Thursday, October 12th at 9pm (show A);

Friday, October 13th at 9pm (show B);

Saturday, October 14th at 4.30pm (show B) and at 9pm (show A)

Sunday, October 15th at 3.30pm (show A) and at 7pm (show B)

Monday, October 16th at 8.30pm, Gala Show and Awards Ceremony

CAST OF THE 24TH EDITION

SPECIAL GUESTS

PASTELITO DE CHILE & PASTELITO JUNIOR CHILE – CLOWNS

COMPETING PERFORMERS

(in random order)

1. **DUO ACERO** COLOMBIA, BRAZIL – CHINESE POLE
2. **FLYING TABARES** USA - FLYING TRAPEZE
3. **KRASIMIR VASOV** BULGARIA – HAND BALANCE
4. **ALAN SILVA** BRAZIL, USA – AERIAL STRAPS AND SILKS
5. **DARIÁN COBAS** CUBA, SPAIN – AERIAL STRAPS
6. **DIMA MALAKHOV** UKRAINE – HAND BALANCE
7. **DUO SWEET DARKNESS** FRANCE – AERIAL HOOP
8. **MADAGASCAR** ITALY – EXOTIC ANIMALS
9. **ELMAR KRETZ** GERMANY – LIBERTY HORSES
10. **ANTONY CÉSAR** BELGIO – AERIAL STRAPS
11. **ART OF ROBOTS** KYRGYZSTAN – DANCE SHOW
12. **BRUNO MACAGGI** SPAIN – JUGGLING
13. **HERMANOS REYES** CHILE – JUGGLING
14. **JIMMY SAYLON** ITALY – ILLUSIONISM
15. **WOLF BROTHERS** CZECH REPUBLIC – ACRO COMEDY
16. **DUO SHOCK** GERMANY, ITALY – WHEEL OF DEATH
17. **ARGENDANCE** ARGENTINA – BOLAS
18. **TRIPLE BREATH** UZBEKISTAN – HIGH WIRE
19. **RUBEL MEDINI** ITALY – ROLA ROLA
20. **BRANDON POPOVA** MEXICO – JUGGLING
21. **WINGET TROUPE** ETHIOPIA – BANCHINE

PRESENTATION OF PERFORMERS 16, 17, 18 and 21 ADDED TODAY TO THE FINAL LIST OF COMPETING ARTISTS

(Please note that performers 16, 17 and 18 are replacing the following performers

16. **LOS PALMA** ECUADOR – ICARIAN GAMES, 17. **SALOME VALENTINA PALMA DIAZ** ECUADOR – TRAPEZE
and 18. **RAMADHANI BROTHERS** TANZANIA – HAND TO HAND

who are unable to take part in the upcoming edition of the Festival due unforeseen circumstances).

16. DUO SHOCK

GERMANY, ITALY – WHEEL OF DEATH



BACKWARDS SOMERSAULT OUTSIDE THE WHEEL OF DEATH

Sonny Gartner, Germany; Mario Mietitore, Italy; they perform as DUO SHOCK: two daring acrobats who are presenting one of the most dangerous acts of the Circus, the *wheel of death*, a large rotating apparatus that sees the artists perform acrobatics on the inside and outside. Sonny is the son of famous elephant trainer Joseph Gartner, and was the first performer in the world to execute a backwards somersault outside the moving wheel of death. Duo Shock has already won numerous awards at important international events. In 2018 they worked in the Moira Orfei Circus, and in 2023 they worked in Cirque du Soleil's Mad Apple in Las Vegas.

17. ARGENDANCE

ARGENTINA – BOLAS



ARTISTIC FUSION IN THE CIRCUS: MUSIC, DANCE, FOLKLORE, BOLAS FROM ARGENTINA

The Argendance Company, directed by Diego Franca and Aldana Balbuena, was founded in 2014 in Miami with the aim to promote Argentinian culture around the world through Tango and Malambo. Argendance, along with numerous appearances on TV shows, in theatres and circuses, is part of the cast of the largest Circus in the world, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, who are about to embark on their latest US tour. This performance from the Argendance company is an anthology of arts: Music, Dance, Folklore and Circus mixed up to create a truly spectacular and captivating number. Within this display there is also a *bolas* performance: bolas originated as a hunting tool, used as a kind of weighted lasso. In this number by Argendance they become a part of a refined and expert performance as they are spun at great speed and very up close to people.

18. TRIPLE BREATH

UZBEKISTAN – HIGH WIRE



ORIGINAL REINTERPRETATION OF A CLASSIC HIGHWIRE NUMBER

Balancing acts on wires or ropes have varying manifestations: *low wire*, *slack wire*, *high wire*... the Triple Breath troupe, from Uzbekistan, is performing a reinterpretation of the classic *high wire* number with new tricks for this particular discipline, which is being presented with a particularly evocative and atmospheric soundtrack.

This troupe was founded by Kristina Vorobeva, who is a former winner of the highest award at the International Circus Festival of Monte-Carlo. Photos: "Sky Angels Presents" tightrope walkers "Triple Breath"

21. WINGET TROUPE

ETHIOPIA – BANCHINE



ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY IN A BANCHINE NUMBER FROM THIS ETHIOPIAN TROUPE

Banchine is one of the classic Circus disciplines: it is an acrobatic discipline in which the flyers are thrown in the air by the arms of the base performers, performing bold aerial feats and somersaults. The Winget Troupe, founded in Ethiopia in 2015, is made up of eight acrobats, who perform this banchine number with the sounds, colours, enthusiasm and energy typical of Ethiopian artists: a performance full of talent that shows how rapidly Circus arts are developing in Ethiopia.

The Poster of the Festival is attached

<p>SHOW CALENDAR Thursday, October 12th at 9pm (show A); Friday, October 13th at 9pm (show B); Saturday, October 14th at 4.30pm (show B) and at 9pm (show A) Sunday, October 15th at 3.30pm (show A) and at 7pm (show B) Monday, October 16th at 8.30pm, Gala Show and Awards Ceremony</p> <p>SHOWS A AND B Shows A and B, whilst containing different acts, are of the same high professional and artistic level, and simply reflect a necessary division of numerous competing numbers into two separate shows.</p> <p>ADVANCE TICKET SALES The ticket office for all shows of the <i>International Circus Festival of Italy</i> is officially open. Tickets can be bought directly online from our website www.festivalcircoitalia.com or by writing to us at prenotazione@festivalcircoitalia.com Tickets can also be bought directly from the box office near the big top.</p>	<p>Ticket Office: prenotazioni@festivalcircoitalia.com</p> <p>Production Office: info@festivalcircoitalia.com</p> <p>Website: www.festivalcircoitalia.com</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/festivalcircoitalia/</p> <p>Instagram: @festivalcircoitalia</p> <p>Press: press@festivalcircolatina.com</p> <p>Telephone Production Office: + 39 0773 474000</p> <p>Infoline: +39 351.0090081</p>
<p>CAST</p> <p>SPECIAL GUESTS PASTELITO DE CHILE & PASTELITO JUNIOR CHILE – CLOWN</p> <p>COMPETING ACTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DUO ACERO COLOMBIA, BRAZIL – CHINESE POLE 2. FLYING TABARES UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – FLYING TRAPEZE 3. KRASIMIR VASOV BULGARIA – HAND BALANCE 4. ALAN SILVA BRAZIL, USA – AERIAL STRAPS AND SILKS 5. DARIÁN COBAS CUBA, SPAIN – AERIAL STRAPS 6. DIMA MALAKHOV UCRAINA – HAND BALANCE 7. DUO SWEET DARKNESS FRANCE – AERIAL HOOP 8. MADAGASCAR ITALY – EXOTIC ANIMALS 9. ELMAR KRETZ GERMANY – LIBERTY HORSES 10. ANTONY CÉSAR BELGIUM – AERIAL STRAPS 11. ART OF ROBOTS KYRGYZSTAN – DANCE SHOW 12. BRUNO MACAGGI SPAIN – JUGGLING 13. HERMANOS REYES CHILE – JUGGLING 14. JIMMY SAYLON ITALY – ILLUSION 15. WOLF BROTHERS CZECH REPUBLIC – ACRO COMEDY 16. DUO SHOCK GERMANY, ITALY – WHEEL OF DEATH 17. ARGENDANCE ARGENTINA – BOLAS 18. TRIPLE BREATH UZBEKISTAN – HIGH WIRE 19. RUBEL MEDINI ITALY – ROLA ROLA 20. BRANDON POPOVA MEXICO – JUGGLING 21. WINGET TROUPE ETHIOPIA – BANCHINE 	<p>Artistic Direction: Fabio Montico</p> <p>Ringmaster: Tommy Cardarelli</p> <p>Assistants to the Ringmaster: Fabrizio Montico Ruby Merzari Rony Vassallo</p> <p>Presenters: Andrea Giachi Alessia Dell'Acqua</p> <p>Direzione d'Orchestra: Maestro Fabiano Giovannelli</p>