

# ***International Circus Festival of Italy, 25<sup>th</sup> edition***

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## **Andrea Giachi and Alessia Dell'Acqua: the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the *International Circus Festival of Italy* will be presented by two circus veterans.**

Andrea Giachi has been the official voice of the Festival since 2005: a fifth-generation artist of his family, Andrea grew up surrounded by Circus arts, and soon developed skills in acrobatics as a wheel of death and trapeze performer. Later on, he became interested in horses, and as an equestrian member of the Casartelli family, performed as a haut-école rider in the most important international Circus rings.

Alessia Dell'Acqua, a sixth-generation artist of her family, has the Circus in her DNA: she is the tireless and enthusiastic presenter of the Rony Roller Circus. A versatile performer who started young, Alessia began her career as a hula-hoop performer, going on to perform as a hand balance artist and in exotic animal acts. Her smile and vitality have been lighting up the Festival at Latina since 2021.

**Andrea Giachi**, a fifth-generation Circus performer of his family, has been the presenter of the International Circus Festival of Italy since 2005: *"it all began twenty years ago, in a difficult year for me, as my father had just died. One day, at the end-of-year show of the Verona Circus Academy, a tall man with a kind face said these words to me: you're going to be the presenter of my Festival. This gentle giant was Giulio Montico".* These were the first words from Andrea when interviewed by the production team of the Festival. *"Since then, twenty years have gone by",* continued Andrea, *"twenty years as part of the team of the International Circus Festival of Italy, more than a team of professionals, a real family; a family to which I am connected by real affection, because they reached out to me and embraced me at such a challenging time in my life. That year, the great Tommy Cardarelli, a brother to me and the unrivalled ringmaster of the Festival, also entered the team".* This year, Andrea will once again have Alessia Dell'Acqua at his side, a much appreciated presence as co-presenter. *"In the build-up to this important 25<sup>th</sup> edition, I feel a certain pride in the responsibility that my role as presenter brings: it's going to be an edition full of surprises and brilliance, but I know I can depend on the presence of Alessia Dell'Acqua with whom I will be sharing this new adventure. Together, we'll do our best to help reaffirm the International Circus Festival of Italy as one of the top events of its nature in the world!"*

**Alessia Dell'Acqua** first presented the International Circus Festival of Italy in 2021, the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the event. She very quickly won over the audiences at Latina with her untiring vitality, and has been Andrea Giachi's co-presenter of the Festival since then. Interviewed by the production office, she said, *"the Festival? A huge opportunity for growth! I feel as if I have belonged to the big family of the Festival for four years, and it has definitely enriched me personally, both on a cultural and a professional level. The whole world talks about the International Circus Festival of Italy; a little anecdote: someone I know in Chile asked me for some Festival sweatshirts, just for the pleasure of wearing them!"* Alessia Dell'Acqua, a sixth-generation performer from her family, lives Circus daily: *"for someone like me, who does Circus for 365 days a year, working alongside Andrea Giachi, with great professionals like Tommy Cardarelli, and with the Montico family and their incomparable team has given me a new view on the Circus; a vision that has allowed me to look further, especially towards the experience of performances from overseas. An example? South American Circus... such incredible energy and enthusiasm! They'll warm our hearts at Latina in October!"*

<p><b>SHOW CALENDAR</b>  Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9pm (show A);  Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 9pm (show B);  Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 4.30pm (show B) and 9pm (show A);  Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 3.30pm (show A) and 7pm (show B);  Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 8.30pm – Gala Show and Awards Ceremony</p> <p><b>SHOWS A and B</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><b>ADVANCE TICKET SALES</b>  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 <a href="http://www.festivalcircoitalia.com">www.festivalcircoitalia.com</a> For any information about tickets you can write to <a href="mailto:prenotazioni@festivalcircoitalia.com">prenotazioni@festivalcircoitalia.com</a> Tickets can also be bought directly from the box office near the big top from the start of October.</p>	<p><b>Ticket Office:</b>  <a href="http://www.festivalcircoitalia.com">www.festivalcircoitalia.com</a></p> <p><b>Info tickets:</b>  <a href="mailto:prenotazioni@festivalcircoitalia.com">prenotazioni@festivalcircoitalia.com</a></p> <p><b>Production Office:</b>  <a href="mailto:info@festivalcircoitalia.com">info@festivalcircoitalia.com</a></p> <p><b>Website:</b>  <a href="http://www.festivalcircoitalia.com">www.festivalcircoitalia.com</a></p> <p><b>Facebook:</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/festivalcircoitalia/">www.facebook.com/festivalcircoitalia/</a></p> <p><b>Instagram:</b>  @festivalcircoitalia</p> <p><b>Press:</b>  <a href="mailto:press@festivalcircolatina.com">press@festivalcircolatina.com</a></p> <p><b>Production Office Telephone:</b>  + 39 0773 328857</p>
<p><b>CURRENT CAST AND NUMBERS AS OF TODAY.  MORE NUMBERS WILL BE ADDED AT A LATER STAGE.</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL GUESTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>WILLER NICOLODI</b> Italy – Ventriloquist</li> <li>2. <b>DAVIS VASSALLO</b> Italy – Clown</li> <li>3. <b>BRUNO TOGNI</b> Italy – Tigers</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>COMPETING PERFORMERS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>STRAKHOV FAMILY</b> Ukraine – Hand to hand</li> <li>2. <b>LAN SHI XIONG</b> People's Republic of China – Slack wire</li> <li>3. <b>TROUPE AZIZOV</b> Kazakhstan – Russian bar</li> <li>4. <b>TROUPE ORTIZ</b> Colombia, Peru, Czech Republic – High wire</li> <li>5. <b>STANISLAV VYSOTSKYI</b> Ukraine – Juggling</li> <li>6. <b>SHEILA NICOLODI</b> Italy – Pole</li> <li>7. <b>DUO TURKEEV</b> Ukraine – Aerial straps</li> <li>8. <b>DUO REFLECTION</b> Uzbekistan – Rings</li> <li>9. <b>L/S BROTHERS</b> France, Switzerland – Diabolo</li> <li>10. <b>CHRIS STARK</b> Germany – Magic</li> <li>11. <b>VR UNIVERSAL DRIVERS</b> Colombia, Brazil, Paraguay – Globe of Death</li> <li>12. <b>ALEX &amp; LIZA</b> Ukraine – Hand to hand</li> <li>13. <b>UNICIRCLE FLOW</b> Japan – Unicycle</li> <li>14. <b>SKATING DONNERT'S</b> United Kingdom, Hungary – Roller Skating</li> <li>15. <b>DUO ZHEJIANG</b> People's Republic of China – Acrobatics with Parasols</li> <li>16. <b>FLYING FUENTES GASCA</b> Mexico – Flying trapeze</li> </ol>	<p><b>Artistic Director:</b>  Fabio Montico</p> <p><b>Ringmaster:</b>  Tommy Cardarelli</p> <p><b>Assistants to the Ringmaster:</b>  Fabrizio Montico  Ruby Merzari  Rony Vassallo</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  Andrea Giachi  Alessia Dell'Acqua</p>