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**ARTEVENTO CERVIA**

**International Kite Festival**

**PRESENTS THE PROGRAMME OF THE 45TH EDITION**

Kites from all over the world and a calendar full of free events on the beach in Cervia (Italy) during 3 unmissable spring breaks  
From Easter to 4 May



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**Preview 19-21 April 2025 - Kadek Armika's ‘Balance and Harmony’ exhibition and workshops**

Magazzino del Sale Torre, Cervia

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**Kite flying 24 April - 4 May 2025**

Pinarella Beach, Cervia

Everything is ready for the **45th edition of ARTEVENTO CERVIA**

The **International Kite Festival** is about to return to colour the splendid setting at the southern gateway to the Delta of the Po with an extensive calendar of events. **Fourteen days** of **novelties** and **dinamic appointments** that will kick off as early as **Easter weekend** with the exhibition anticipating the arrival of over **200 guests** from **50** countries and **5** continents. Wind artists, world-famous professionals and excellent interpreters of the various kite practices will offer the public the most comprehensive exhibition of **art, ethnic, historical, ‘giant’ and sport kites**, flying along a mile of beach between salines, pine forest and sea.

Rich in events such as **exhibitions, workshops for young and old, day flights and 2 night flights, live music, contemporary circus shows, dance theatre, parades, activities for the whole family**, and in the presence of **illustrious Italian and international guests**, the 45th edition of the event will start with **a preview** at the **Magazzino del Sale** where, from 19 to 21 April, the exhibition ‘**Balance and Harmony**’ by the greatest contemporary kite artist from the Orient, the Indonesian **Kadek Armika**, will be held.   
The exhibition will be flanked by **the ‘Kintaro Clubs’**, a proposal of **workshops for adults and children**, inspired by the legendary golden child of Japanese tradition Kintaro, the subject of this edition's manifesto signed by the festival's Art Director, **Caterina Capelli**. **On Easter Monday, Dr. Marco Del Bene**, Professor of Japanese History at La Sapienza University of Rome, will illustrate this fascinating traditional figure at the Magazzino del Sale.

Also on **Easter Monday** there will be the **1st Postal cancellation dedicated to Japan** as a tribute to the twinning between ARTEVENTO, the Kite Museum, the Japan Kite Association and the Tokyo Tako No Hakubutsukan Museum, realised by the Poste Italiane temporary philately postal service.

The popular performance of the **Chinese Dragon Dance** closes the Easter Bridge.

**FESTIVAL PROGRAMME**

From **Thursday 24 April, ARTEVENTO**, in the sign of the **80th anniversary of the Liberation** and in the name of **human rights**, **peace** and **acceptance**, joins **R1PUD1A**, the campaign promoted by **Emergency** with the official banner on the stage in the middle of an expanse of **poppy flowers**, the symbol of the partisans and of commemoration, chosen by the Festival to become the emblem of this edition, also inspiring the creative workshops.



Starting at 10 a.m., the event officially kicks off with the **magical and eagerly awaited kiteflights**, scheduled to last until around 6 p.m. The opening day will end with the show **‘L'Uomo Calamita’** (The Magnet Man) by one of the most internationally renowned contemporary circus companies **Circo El Grito**, in collaboration with **Wu Ming 2**. Thanks to the collaboration with **ATER Fondazione**, the show will be visible to the public until 27 April at the **Walter Chiari Municipal Theatre in Cervia**. Acclaimed by critics and audiences alike, the show is considered a masterpiece of **illusionism, music and literature** that brings the nouveau cirque to the theatre, dealing with the theme of **resistance** and recounting the absurdity of war.

**25 April**, a day of **collective memory**, will open with the **Flag Ceremony**, marked by the parade of guest delegations and the opening of the Mosaic Flag, composed of the flags of the **128 communities** living in the area, with musical accompaniment by the Musical **Mente Orchestra**.

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*Cerimonia delle Bandiere, Artevento 2023 - © Gerhard Zitzman*

On the same day, in memory of the great British artist and kiteflyer Nick James, a friend and participant in the Festival since its beginnings and to whom this 45th edition is dedicated, a collective flight called **Nickelangelo's party** will be held.

In the area dedicated to the **‘Wind Gardens’** - suggestive wind installations on the seashore and a long-standing distinguishable element of the festival - the absolute new entry of this edition will be set up: **Trigon,** the wind installation by **Anke Sauer, Tamara and Heinrich Hohmann** (Germany), winner of the **Europa Scheck** competition as a representation of the international cohesion necessary for Europe as a project of **unity, peace and well-being**.

**25 April** will also feature **Team Maori**, one of ARTEVENTO's best-loved delegations, who will bring the disruptive power of the haka and their meaningful waiata chants to Cervia, celebrating **Anzac Day** and paying homage to the memory of all the soldiers who enlisted from distant lands during World War II and fell for our freedom.

This year, with **Indonesia** as the **Guest of Honour**, special attention will be given to the oriental world with the **East meets West event**, also scheduled for 25 April, the collective display presenting the work of the eastern delegations such as **Bali, Cambodia, China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Thailand**.

**Saturday 26 April** will have some very **important guests**, first and foremost **Arnoldo Mosca Mondadori**, President of the Fondazione Casa dello Spirito e delle Arti, who will bring his **‘Orchestra del Mare’** to Cervia. The ‘fleet’ of stringed musical instruments, made by inmates of the Milan Isola prison through the **recovery of wood from the** **wrecked boats of migrants**, will be played on the beach of Pinarella by the musicians of the **ForlìMusica** **Orchestra**. Mondadori will be joined by fisherman **Vito Fiorino**, who is credited with **rescuing 47 migrants** during the tragedy that cost the lives of 368 people in the waters off Lampedusa on 3 October 2013. For the occasion, **a historic boat from the Museo della Marineria in Cesenatico** will be docked in front of the performance area, becoming the symbol of the day, recalling the launch of the **ResQ People Saving People** crowdfunding organised by ARTEVENTO on a fishing boat in Cervia during the 2020 festival.

**Alessandro Metz**, activist and founder of **Mediterranea**, and director **Alessandro Rocca**, author together with **Davide Demichelis** of the docu-film **‘A Nord di Lampedusa’** dedicated to Fiorino's experience through the story of the fate of some of the rescued shipwrecked people, which will be screened on the beach at sunset, will also take part in this eagerly awaited event. At the end of this significant event ARTEVENTO will present **Mondadori and Fiorino with the Special Award for Flying Merits**.

Barca Museo della Marineria di Cesenatico

This rich day will end with the first night flight **Knock on the Sky and Listen to the Sound**, which will enchant adults and children alike by transforming the night sky above Cervia into a stage of lights, sounds, and colours.

For the sports sector, in addition to the **Sport Kite Show** - the review of acrobatic flight performances to the rhythm of music in solo, duo and team scheduled every day on the beach at Pinarella - there will be the **Cervia's Cup Italian Acrobatic Flight Championship**, organised by **STACK Italia Federazione Volo Acrobatico**, ARTEVENTO's sports partner, and the enfant prodige **Nils Guhl** arriving from Germany, winner of the 1st World Sport Flying Championship in Weifing, China.

Also an absolute must for families are the **circomotricity courses and shows** on the beach organised by the Sottosopra Association of Arezzo.

Kite flying is an **inclusive** **sport accessible to all**. For this reason, ARTEVENTO will give great visibility to the famous American champion **Connor Doran**, who suffers from epilepsy and was a finalist in the 5th edition of **America's Got Talent** as an indoor 4-wire sport kite flyer. Doran will be the guest speaker on Sunday **27 April** together with the Municipality of Cervia's accessibility delegate **Samanta Farabegoli**.

Numerous unmissable events are planned for the day of **30 April**, including **ARTEVENTO KITE PARADE**, the overwhelming musical incursion into the historic centre of Cervia, a spectacular parade of guest delegations accompanied by the **traditional Chinese dragon** and the **mechanical bull** **of the artist Doghead from Mutonia**. Artevento supports the artistic and cultural importance of the vision developed in the village renamed **‘Mutonia’** by the **Mutoid Waste Company**, the international community of artists born in London in the 1980s and landed in Santarcangelo di Romagna at the invitation of the Festival dei Teatri in the summer of 1990, now caught up in an eviction order. The work of the Mutoid becomes the protagonist of the cultural resistance promoted by Artevento to safeguard an artistic park that has no equal in the world.

Exceptional patroness of the evening, **Marianne Mirage**, who sings peace with the scratchy warmth of her unmistakable soulful timbre that has earned her the opportunity to open the stages of rock queen Patty Smith.

Remaining in the musical sphere, historicizing ARTEVENTO 2025 will be the celebration of the **40th anniversary of the song *Cervia's Kite*** (‘Gli aquiloni di Cervia’) by **Lucio Dalla**, which the Bolognese singer-songwriter dedicated in 1985 to the Festival.

The second and eagerly-awaited night flight on the Pinarella beach will take place on the evening of **Saturday 3 May** and is the iconic **Night of Miracles**, the unmissable multidisciplinary show accompanied by the enthralling rhythm of the **Ganasa Guggen Band** from Lugano.

Last but not least, ARTEVENTO, which has always paid special attention to the local area and - in order to support the people of Romagna, frequent victims of natural disasters - wanted to create space for a **seafood restaurant by the sea**, to promote and enhance the local fisheries of the upper Adriatic Sea with the typical flavours of Romagna tradition.

**The complete programme of ARTEVENTO CERVIA can be found at** [**https://artevento.com/**](https://artevento.com/)**.**

The schedule is subject to change due to wind conditions.  


**USEFUL INFORMATION**

EVENT**: 45TH ARTEVENTO CERVIA INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL**

WHERE**: Cervia - Magazzino del Sale Tower & Pinarella Beach**

CALENDAR**:**

**From 19 to 21 April**

Balance and Harmony exhibition by Kadek Armika

Magazzino del Sale Torre

**20 to 21 April**

Creative Easter - ‘Club Kintaro

Magazzino del Sale Torre -

Workshops with the Artist - for adults and children

**21 April**

1st Postal cancellation of the 45th International Festival dedicated to Japan in honour of the twinning between ARTEVENTO and the Kite Museum and the Japan Kite Association and the Tokyo Museum Tako No Hakubutsukan

**From 24 April to 4 May**

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Pinarella Beach - Cervia

Balance and Harmony exhibition by Kadek Armika

Salt Warehouse Tower

**From 24 to 27 April**

L'Uomo Calamita - contemporary circus show by Circo El Grito and Wu Ming 2

Walter Chiari Municipal Theatre of Cervia

**25 April**

2nd Postal cancellation dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Liberation

Flag Ceremony

Pinarella Beach

**26 April**

Special Award for flying merits

Knock on the Sky and Listen to the Sound - Flight at Night  
Pinarella Beach **30 April**

ARTEVENTO KITE PARADE

Cervia - Salt Warehouse

**1st May**

3rd Postal cancellation dedicated to the legendary figure of Kintaro the Japanese children's hero, symbol of Artevento 2025

**2nd to 4th May**

Cervia's Cup Italian Acrobatic Flying Championship STACK Italy

**3rd May**

The Night of Miracles - Multidisciplinary show

Pinarella Beach

To register for the workshops you must physically present yourself at the Artevento Desk at the North Fairground where you can plan your registration and opening times of the North and South workshop tents.

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