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**ARTEVENTO CERVIA 2025**

**SPECIAL YEAR**

**ARTEVENTO CELEBRATES ITS 45TH EDITION**

**WITH AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME FROM EASTER TO 4 MAY**

**19 April - 4 May 2025**

*The world's longest-running International Kite Festival returns to Cervia (Italy) to celebrate 80 years since the Liberation, 40 years since Lucio Dalla's song Cervia's Kite, 10 years since the death of Moira Orfei and the 800th anniversary of St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures*

*with the participation of the Maori from New Zealand, Indonesia Guest of Honour with the great exhibition by Balinese Maestro Kadek Armika, Arnoldo Mosca Mondadori with his ‘Orchestra del Mare’ to whom the Special Award for Merits of Flight 2025 goes, fisherman Vito Fiorino, international super guest Connor Doran from America's Got Talent, the exhibition of the international masters of Kite Aerial Photography, the participation of Mutoid Waste Company,* performances and contemporary circus courses*, the Italian STACK Acrobatic Flying Championship Cervia's Cup, night flights and workshops for children and adults*



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**Preview 19-21 April 2025 – Exhibition ‘Balance and Harmony’ by Kadek Armika with workshops**

Magazzino del Sale Torre, Cervia (Italy)

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

Pinarella Beach, Cervia (Italy)

For the first time in the Festival's history, ARTEVENTO will celebrate the glamour of kite traditions from around the world starting at the **Magazzino del Sale** from **19 to 21 April** - **Easter weekend** -with the opening of the **major exhibition** **‘Balance and Harmony’** bytheIndonesian master **Kadek Armika** with special workshops. This extraordinary exhibition anticipates the spectacular flight of kites starting on 24 April on the beach at Pinarella, extending the duration of the event, multiplying the appointments of its iconic programme and confirming its propulsive role in the construction and promotion of an environmentalist thought and language of peace.

On the occasion of this important edition, the **world's longest-running International Kite Festival** is dedicates its programme to the **80th anniversary** **of the Liberation**, and celebrates numerous anniversaries and welcome high-level international guests, constructing an **original itinerary of artistic interventions and testimonies** over **16 days** of activities and performances for a **vast and heterogeneous public**.



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Thanks to **an extraordinary mix of arts and languages**, this year ARTEVENTO is the spokesperson for a single, incisive message: the appeal of the international festival community to **remain human**, **fraternal and solidary**, engaging in cultural resistance to safeguard all acquired rights, starting with the **right to live in peace and democracy** according to the dictates of our Constitution.

Under the artistic direction of Caterina Capelli, this special year will see the participation of **over 200 guests** representing **50 countries and 5 continents**, excellent interpreters of the various kite practices ready to tint the Cervia sky with all the rainbow colours and to entertain the public with the most complete exhibition of art, **ethnic, historical, ‘giant’ and sport kites**, flying along a kilometre of beach embellished by the impressive wind-powered installations by the sea called ‘**Wind Gardens**’.

This year, the accent of the festival is on delegations from the East with a focus on **Indonesia, Guest of Honour** of the 45th edition. For this precious anniversary, the **highest number of delegations representing the eastern countries**, in which the ancient tradition of kite flying has reached its greatest expressive richness since the beginning of its history, is expected. Cambodia, China, Korea, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam will give life to the spectacular collective flight that renews, intact and healthy, a **message of peace**, inclusion, interculture, together with a choral call for the **protection of the environment and biodiversity.**

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*ARTEVENTO - Rainbow in the sky - © Franca Perletti*

New in this edition are the **seafood restaurant** **by the sea**, to promote and valorise the local fisheries of the upper Adriatic Sea with the typical flavours of the Romagna tradition, and the events dedicated to **young people engaged in the study and practice of the arts**, confirming ARTEVENTO's intention to give **space, voice and confidence** to young people by promoting **multidisciplinarity**, from ensemble **music to theatre** and **contemporary circus** courses open to the public. **Dancers, acrobats, circus artists and musicians** will offer varied and engaging performances each day, showcasing their talents and confirming **multidisciplinarity** as one of the added values of ARTEVENTO 2025.

**EASTER WEEKEND:**

**KADEK ARMIKA'S MAJOR EXHIBITION ‘BALANCE AND HARMONY’ AND CLUB KINTARO WORKSHOPS AT THE MAGAZZINO DEL SALE**

The jewel in the crown of the 45th edition is the long-awaited return of the ‘Artists between Heaven and Earth’ exhibition dedicated to the great performers of the world wind scene at the **Magazzino del Sale Torre**. From **19 to 21 April**, ARTEVENTO CERVIA 2025 dedicates its Easter **weekend preview** to the presentation of the complete work of the greatest contemporary wind artist from the Far East: the Indonesian **Kadek Armika**.

A visionary sculptor of **multidimensional structures inspired by the plant world**, Kadek Armika will present the exbibition **‘Balance and Harmony’** **for the first time in Europe.**

Armika will exhibit the most extensive and complete synthesis of his work: from the display of the leaf series, to the abstract series, sculptures, video documents and a series inspired by the theme of plastic recycling, along with more exotic works inspired by Indonesian folklore themes.

During this Easter weekend, there will be the opportunity for adults and children alike to participate in workshops known as ‘**Club Kintaro’** with the artist, with the Japanese **Makoto Ohye** and with the festival director Caterina Capelli,. Through creative activities the little ones will learn the rudiments of the art of wind, while Poland's **Alicja Szalska** will teach adults how to build a professional kite using a domestic sewing machine.

**80 YEARS SINCE THE LIBERATION**

**AND 800 YEARS SINCE THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES BY ST. FRANCIS**

The festival, which has always paid great attention to the **values of social justice**, **brotherhood among peoples**, **solidarity, inclusion and protection of the environment and biodiversity**, promotes the **80th anniversary of the Liberation** and the **800th anniversary of St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures** as a hymn to world peace through a large number of in-depth lectures and world-famous personalities.

In particular, the idea of celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Canticle of the Creatures stems from Artevento's collaboration with the **PerugiAssisi Foundation**. The festival, in fact, was included in the ‘**Immagina’** programme in preparation for the **March for Peace**, which will be held in **Perugia on 12 October 2025** and which will ideally conclude the 45th edition.

One of the most eagerly-awaited guests in Cervia is the publisher, essayist, poet and editor of many works **Arnoldo Mosca Mondadori**, chosen to receive the **Special Award for Merits of Flight 2025** for his **‘Orchestra del Mare’**, presented at ARTEVENTO on **Saturday 26 April** and composed of string instruments made by inmates of some Italian prisons through the recovery of wood from the shipwrecked boats of migrants, who, thanks to Mondadori's idea, will learn the luthier's trade. On the beach at Pinarella, music played by the **instruments of the sea** will accompany the testimony of another eagerly awaited guest of this edition, fisherman **Vito Fiorino**, rescuer of as many as 47 Eritrean refugees in need during the sea tragedy that cost 368 people their lives on Lampedusa on 3 October 2013.

For the occasion, the docu-film **‘North of Lampedusa’** by **Davide Demichelis** and **Alessandro Rocca**, dedicated to Fiorino's gesture and the fate of some of the rescued refugees, will be screened, and space will be reserved for in-depth studies by the NGOs ResQ People Saving People and Mediterranea.

Migration and navigation to new lands will also be discussed by one of the most popular delegations in the history of the festival, the **Maori**, to whom Cervia opens the doors of the city to pay homage to **the memory of all the soldiers enlisted from distant lands during the Second World War and who fell for our freedom**. With the disruptive force of the **haka** and the emotional meaning of the **waiata songs**, the same Maoris will be honoured during **25 April / Anzac Day** as testimonials for raising awareness **against discrimination of migrants and against racial segregation.**

The **theme of liberation** will also be highlighted by the **poppy flower**, the iconic **symbol of the partisans** which will inspire kites, Wind Gardens and be the focus of the children's workshops, always the most valuable part of the event's annual programme.



ARTEVENTO 2024 - Foto Repertorio

Together with the 80th anniversary of the Liberation and the **800th anniversary of the Canticle** **of the Creatures**, ARTEVENTO pays homage to one of the most popular disciplines in its programme, celebrating the **10th anniversary of Moira Orfei's death** and hosting one of the **most internationally renowned contemporary circus companies**. In order to celebrate the art of circus and to highlight the theme of this edition, ARTEVENTO has the honour of including in its programme a critically and publicly acclaimed show that combines **contemporary circus, illusionism, music and literature**, dealing with the theme of resistance. As this is a major event, details will be revealed in a dedicated communication.

The festival proposes **inclusion and accessibility** as the very keys to the concept of freedom through the **adaptation of its spaces and programmes to all types of abilities and motor skills**. In tune with this line of thought is this year's **guest of honour**, the American **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. To date, Doran is the most splendid **ambassador of the kite as an emblem of psychophysical well-being, integration and freedom**.



*ARTEVENTO - La Notte dei Miracoli*

Among the many surprises of this extraordinary edition is an in-depth look at the **Mutoid Waste Company**, the international artist collective who arrived in Santarcangelo di Romagna in the summer of 1990 by invitation of the Festival dei Teatri (Theatre Festival). Since then it has been the protagonist of an extraordinary experience of rethinking the landscape in the historic ‘art village’ built in an old disused quarry on the Marecchia river. ARTEVENTO supports the artistic and cultural importance of the vision developed in the village renamed ‘Mutonia’, hosting works and artists such as the Canadian **Doghead**, author of post-industrial machines that reflect the dialectic between stability and mutation, consumerism and the practice of reuse.

To historicise this edition, the celebration of the **40th anniversary of Lucio Dalla's** song ***Cervia's Kite* (‘Gli aquiloni di Cervia’)**, which the Bolognese singer-songwriter dedicated to the ARTEVENTO festival, transforming its magical atmosphere into music: that of a free flight over the borders between countries, peoples and cultures, to immerse oneself in a “**place of the soul”**.

The festival of marvels will be made even more unforgettable by no less than **3 Postal Cancels** made by **Filatelia Poste Italiane**. Furthermore there will be the **Italian Championship of Acrobatic Flying Cervia's Cup** - organised by **STACK Italia Federazione Volo Acrobatico**, ARTEVENTO's sports partner - the multidisciplinary show offered by **‘La Notte dei Miracoli’**, the night flight **‘Knock on the Sky and Listen to the Sound’**, the **flight of giants**, **acrobatic kite flying to the rhythm of music**, the **environmental installations**, the **‘Wind Gardens’**, the **‘Flag Ceremony’** and attractions for the whole family offered by the beach fairgrounds.

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The complete programme of ARTEVENTO CERVIA can be found on the event website: <https://artevento.com/>

**USEFUL INFORMATION**

**TIMELINE**:

**19-21 April**

‘Artists Between Heaven and Earth’ with the exhibition “Balance and Harmony” by Kadek Armika

Magazzino del Sale Torre

Creative Easter - ‘Club Kintaro

Magazzino del Sale Torre -

Workshops with the Artist - for adults and children

**21 April**

1st Postmark - dedicated to 45 years of ARTEVENTO to protect kite cultures

**24 April to 4 May**

International Kite Festival

Pinarella Beach

‘Artists Between Heaven and Earth’ Kadek Armika Balance and Harmony

Magazzino del Sale Torre - Exhibition

**25 April**

2nd Postmark dedicated to 80 years since the Liberation

**26 April**

*Special Award for Flying Merits*

*Knock on the Sky and Listen to the Sound - Night Flight*

*Pinarella Beach*

**1 May**

3rd Postmark dedicated to 40 years of Cervia's Kite by Lucio Dalla

Pinarella Beach

**From 2 to 4 May**

Cervia's Cup Italian STACK Acrobatic Flying Championships

**3 May**

*The Night of Miracles - Multidisciplinary Show*

*Pinarella Beach*

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