

VareseNews

Gocce 2017, high quality theatre is coming back. Performers include Ascanio Celestini

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Quality is the main characteristic of Gocce, the programme which is returning to Varese for the fifth year, with an innovative selection of Italian theatre. There are nine dates, from December to May, bringing to town a programme that is in no way inferior to the Milan scene.

This morning (Wednesday, 7 December), Mayor Davide Galimberti, the artistic director Adriano Gallina and the President of Filmstudio'90 Giulio Rossini, presented the fifth season. The performances **will be at the Cinema Teatro Nuovo**, which has always welcomed the town's cultural innovations.

"Gocce is a programme that we appreciate very much, it's an important initiative," Mayor Galimberti explained. "Varese has proven to be very active culturally, and our administration is working to provide more and more funds for the activities."

The programme, which is part of Convergenze, contains performances that are different from the town's theatrical offer, in order to involve an increasing number of people, especially young people. "We want to keep going, even though what we're offering is not so commercial or easy to 'sell'," Adriano Gallina explained. "We started five years ago with small audiences, and **today, we have a good number of subscribers**. We've slowly succeeded in getting even those people who would go to Milan to see shows like these."

Gallina continued, **"This programme provides moments to think and to reflect**, and has its own

public function. So, we hope it will soon be included in a cultural policy that seeks to create systems for the town. I believe that, thanks also to the involvement of this administration, **we can create a theatre system for Varese**. What I'm thinking about, for example, is the possibility of creating general subscriptions, but also much more."

"It's a programme in which every show is chosen, one by one," Rossini explained. "We're proud of what we're offering and we hope to reach a young audience."

The programme starts on **Thursday 22 December, at 9 p.m., with the Brugnano – Maselli – Zatta Company and the show "Parole, Parole, Parole"**, and continues with Arianna Scommegna, Mario Perrotta, Fausto Russo Alesi, Fabio Banfo, La Carrozzeria Orfeo, Il Teatro Reagenti, the Carullo-Minasi Company, and Ascanio Celestini.

THE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 December 2016, at 9 p.m.

THE BRUGNANO – MASELLI – ZATTA COMPANY

Parole Parole Parole (Words Words Words)

Thursday, 5 January 2017, at 9 p.m.

ATIR / ARIANNA SCOMMEGNA

La Molli. Divertimento alle spalle di Joyce (Playing Joyce)

Thursday, 26 January 2017, at 9 p.m.

MARIO PERROTTA

Odissea (Odyssey)

Thursday, 9 March 2017, at 9 p.m.

ATIR / FAUSTO RUSSO ALESI

Ivan

Thursday, 23 March 2017, at 9 p.m.

FABIO BANFO

Alfredo. L'Italia in fondo a un pozzo (Italy at the bottom of a well)

Thursday, 6 April 2017, at 9 p.m.

CARROZZERIA ORFEO

Animali da Bar (Bar Animals)

Thursday, 20 April 2017, at 9 p.m.

TEATRI REAGENTI

Cemento e l'eroica vendetta del letame (Cement and the heroic revenge of compost)

Thursday, 4 May 2017, at 9 p.m.

COMPAGNIA CARRELLO – MINASI

De Revolutionibus. Sulla miseria del genere umano (De Revolutionibus. On the misery of mankind)

Thursday, 18 May 2017, at 9 p.m.

ASCANIO CELESTINI

Laika

Information, tickets and season tickets

Online pre-sales and box office, with seat choice. The opening of the season ticket campaign was on 26 September 2016.

It is possible to buy tickets for all of the shows, and season tickets, and choose your seats on a theatre map, on the website www.vivaticket.it. Tickets can also be bought from the vivaticket outlets, and, in particular, in all Coop supermarkets. It is also possible to buy tickets and season tickets (also with seat choice) from the ARCI offices, in Via Monte Golico 14, Varese, on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 5 – 7.30 p.m.

Telephone and email bookings

Bookings may also be made by telephone, by calling 334-2692612, and by email, at arciragtime@gmail.com. Bookings must be confirmed by purchasing the ticket at least 24 hours the show.

Reductions

The usual reductions are given: ARCI, COOP and Filmstudio90 members and Family Card holders, and any other associations that have an arrangement. These reductions are valid on individual tickets and on season tickets. An additional reduction is given on tickets for school and university students.

Season tickets

The types of season ticket available this year are as follows:

Ticket for 9 shows

This ticket includes an assigned seat at the Teatro Nuovo, for all of the shows. Full, €130, Reduced, €110, and Students, €90.

Ticket for 5 shows of your choice

This ticket allows you to choose 5 shows freely from the programme. Your choice can include the show Laika by Ascanio Celestini. The ticket guarantees an assigned seat for all of the selected shows.

Depending up whether the choice of shows includes Laika, the ticket prices are as follows:

including Laika: Full, €77, Reduced, €63, Students, €54.

not including Laika: Full, €68, Reduced, €54, Students, €45.

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