



FRANCESCA 2021

A TRIBUTE TO DANTE AND TO THE MYTH OF FRANCESCA DA RIMINI IN THE 7TH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF THE POET

PRESS RELEASE

FRANCESCA DA RIMINI LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF DANTE WITH A WORLDWIDE EXPLOSION

SPRING - AUTUMN 2021 | RIMINI, GRADARA AND THE MALATESTA CASTLES BETWEEN ROMAGNA AND MARCHE WILL CELEBRATE DANTE ALIGHIERI AND **FRANCESCA DA RIMINI**

THE MOST WELL-KNOWN AND BELOVED CHARACTER OF THE DIVINE COMEDY IN THE WORLD

WITH THIRTY CULTURAL EVENTS

FIRST OF ALL A WORLDWIDE FLASH MOB ON MARCH 8 WILL CONNECT VIA LIVE STREAM TWENTY-ONE UNIVERSITIES FROM THE FIVE CONTINENTS IN THE SIGN OF THE KISS OF FRANCESCA

FRANCESCA DA RIMINI WORLDWIDE

On next March 8, the 2021 celebrations for Dante will officially start in the Malatesta castles between Romagna and Marche, promoted by the **Municipalities of Rimini and Gradara** and by the Regions Emilia-Romagna and Marche.

It's about thirty events under the sign of **Francesca da Rimini**, the most famous and beloved character of the *Comedy*, that will see the extraordinary heroine of the passion of love invading towns and castles of the valleys of Rimini with **exhibitions, theatrical, musical and film shows, conventions and conference days. Francesca will be protagonist** not only as a **poetical expression**, as an **icon of kiss and fidelity**, but even as a **symbol of freedom and affirmation of rights**. That's how more than two thousand Romanticists from every country in Europe and America felt, lived and described her between XIX and XX century.

Thirty events with **historical, literary, artistic re-enactments** and with, not less important, **moments of reflection on the topicality of the values still today represented by the myth of Francesca da Rimini**.

The celebrations will start on March 8, just on the International Women's Day, with a **really global event: *BACI DAL MONDO | WORLDWIDE KISSES***, *ecumenical Flash mob in tribute*

to *Dante and Francesca da Rimini*: in twenty-one universities of the five continents, students and teachers will recite, animate and remark, in the language of their country, the verses of Francesca in the V canto, one by one streamed live on the internet and the social media, with staging and entertainment from the Galli Theater in Rimini.

The detailed project can be found in the attachment

Many of the several **FRANCESCA2021**'s events are already at an advanced stage.

In Rimini, the city of Francesca, there will be exhibitions, shows, educational activities and interactive workshops for tourists, students and citizens.

In Gradara, the castle of the myth, among the top events there will be **Rodin a Gradara**, exhibition of "The kiss", (French: "Le Baiser"), masterpiece of the great French sculptor Auguste Rodin, in an original cast bronze sculpture owned by of the prestigious Gianadda Foundation in Martigny (CH).

Thirty events, relying on the fascination of Francesca, addressed to the general public with attention and spaces available even for social and civil educational activities.

Among the educational and study initiatives: an international symposium and several *Lecturae Dantis* with sittings in the castles of the Marecchia Valley, that will see the participation of the most authoritative academic authorities in the world (Società Dantesca Italiana, Dante Society of America); training activities for teachers and students, fun activities, guided itineraries to Dante's places and historical re-enactments.

In Rimini the Municipal Museum, the "Sagra Malatestiana", the Gambalunga Library, the "Cineteca Comunale", the "Istituto Superiore di Studi Musicali Lettimi", the "Liceo Classico G. CESARE – M. VALGIMIGLI" will be protagonists.

In Gradara and in Pesaro: "Gradara Innova", the "Biblioteca e Musei Olivieriani", the "Conservatorio G. Rossini", the "ROF - Rossini Opera Festival".

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The schedule and the list of the official events **FRANCESCA2021 and the schedule **BACI dal MONDO | WORLDWIDE KISSES | ecumenical Flash mob in tribute to Dante and Francesca da Rimini****

will be communicated within **February 28, 2021.**

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Two press releases attached: project Francesca2021 and Baci dal Mondo/Worldwide Kisses (March 8, 2021)

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