

The marriage of art, nature and photography in Tuscany: at Pontremoli Foto Festival
10 days of photographic exhibitions and meetings, tours and workshops in this historic centre

Pontremoli Foto Festival has a new name and returns from **20th to 30th July 2017** to the suggestive historic centre of Pontremoli with **11 main exhibitions** by our guest photographers, exhibited in some of Pontremoli's historical sites, churches and buildings alongside the main exhibitions there will be another 100 photographs, which are part of the **Circuito Off**, these will be shown in restaurants, cafés, shops and artisan shops in the historic centre of this Tuscan town, that will become “City of Photography” for ten days. Like last year, there will be **workshops and meetings** during the two weekends, that is four days dedicated to the art of photography.

The event, which is organised by the cultural association **Lunicafoto** in collaboration with the Comune of Pontremoli and Sigeric – Services for Tourism - propose to unite 'the free movement of the photographic thought' with the discovery of this beautiful territory. The idea is to focus the festival in the historic centre, to live and discover this beautiful Tuscan town with tours arranged by Sigeric that are offered during this period and the **two workshops that are arranged for Sunday 23rd and Saturday 29th July** – the first workshop is on reportage and editing with a true master of photography, **Graziano Perotti**; the second “flashante” street photography, is a Summer Carnival Photowalk with **Salvatore Matarazzo**, known in the photographic world for his unique style.

The choice for each 'expo' space has been carefully selected, such as the beautifully frescoed **Palazzo Dosi-Maganvacca** which will be used as a location for talks given by the guest photographers. Here in this splendid baroque building the **13 guest photographers** of this year's edition will appear and discuss their work in this order: **Andrea Boccalini, Benedetta Falugi, Graziano Perotti, Ottavio Maedusi, Giorgio Galimberti, Angelo Cucchetto, Simone Conti, Salvatore Matarazzo, Ciro Cortellessa con Paola Ascani, Davide Cerati e Silvio Canini.**

Pontremoli Foto Festival has decided to bet on a culturally rich area such as Lunigiana for an ambitious, but always authentic, marriage of art, nature and photography. The inauguration is on Thursday 20th July and closure will be 10 days later.

Information on exhibitions and complete programme of events, or other information can be found on the website www.pontremolifotofestival.it and on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/pontremolifotofestival.

The **exhibitions** from 20th to 30th July are:

- *Corviale* by **Andrea Boccalini** in Cantina di San Nicoò
- *Cosa cherchi, il mare?* by **Silvio Canini** in La Vecchia Osteria
- *Nitido. Completely Out of Focus* by **Davide Certi** in Palazzo Galli Bonaventuri
- *Trasparenze* by **Simone Conti** in Foyer of Teatro della Rosa
- *La Terra Altrove* by **Ciro Cortellessa**, words by Paola Ascani, in Sala dei Sindaci
- *Lost in Elements* by **Benedetta Falugi** in Vetrina della Città
- *MITOraj* by **Giorgio Galimberti** at Teatro della Rosa
- *Amici miei* by **Ottavio Maledusi** in Chiesa di San Geminino
- *Darwin is 'Street'* by **Salvatore Matarazzo** in Vetrina della Città
- *P/P/P Place Planner Project* by **Sara Munari** in Palazzo Galli Bonaventuri
- *40 anni dopo* by **Fortman Studios Florence** in Palazzo Galli Bonaventuri

Graziano Perotti's exhibition *Ora et Labora* is already open for viewing until the 30th of July, situated in the ex Convento dei Padri Cappuccini , as part of the event “Obiettivo sulla Via

Francigena”.

PROGRAMME

On **Thursday 20th July**, the inauguration of Pontremoli Foto Festival 2017 will be held in the elegant Teatro della Rosa at 18.30: this includes a visit to the exhibitions held here, a presentation of the events and a welcome from the organisers. At 19 all the exhibition locations will be opened while the inauguration proceeds with an aperitif at the Caffè Letterario in Piazza della Repubblica. The talks below, will all be held in the beautiful rooms of Palazzo Dosi Magnavacca and it will be possible for the public to meet the photographers and to learn more about their work, projects, career, ideas and photographic identity.

SATURDAY 22nd JULY

- 11: meeting with Andrea Boccalini
- 17.30: meeting with Benedetta Falugi
- 19: meeting with Graziano Perotti

SUNDAY 23rd JULY

- 11: meeting with Ottavio Maledusi
- 17, 30: meeting with Giorgio Galimberti
- 19: Angelo Cucchetto (CEO ISP) and Graziano Perotti (photo-editor Cities) present Cities Magazine, the new Fanzine of Italian Street Photography, born from the ISP Experience project. Adriano Cascio, Ciro Cortellessa and Giorgio Galimberti will be present
- to follow: the award giving of the “Premio Caffè Letterario 2017

SATURDAY 29th JULY

- 11: meeting with Simone Conti
- 16: meeting with Salvatore Matarazzo
- ore 17.30: Flavia Mauri will present Fiorita – La vita di Castelluccio: The proceeds of the collection will be entirely donated to the association ONLUS “Per la vita di Castelluccio di Norcia”
- 19: meeting with Ciro Cortellessa e Paola Ascani

SUNDAY 30th JULY

- 11: meeting with Davide Cerati
- 16: meeting with Silvio Canini (with book-selling)
- 18: PFF meeting with 'Obiettivo sulla Via Francigena at the ex Convento dei Padri Cappuccini, with the prize giving ceremony of the photographic contest: “Con gli occhi di un pellegrino” and a visit to Graziano Perotti's exhibition Ora et Labora.
- 19: an aperitif and closing ceremony of the Festival at the Caffè Letterario in piazza della Repubblica.