

127th edition of the event at Veronafiere 6-9 November

FIERACAVALLI: WHERE YOUNG AND OLD RIDE THE SAME PASSION

Verona: 6-9 November 2025. The 127th Fieracavalli - at Veronafiere 6-9 November - once again clearly states its position as a family-friendly event designed to ensure that adults and children alike can experience the fascination of the equestrian world through shows, workshops, and entertainment. Here, every step ensures a chance for play, discovery and learning: from Saddle Christenings to educational activities and the launch of the new **Young Rider's Passport** - a full scale "map" inviting children to explore the show halls, get to know all the various horse breeds and collect stamps in order to receive - at the end of the day - the **Young Rider's Certificate**.

FUTURE RIDERS - SHOW HALL 1

Show Hall 1 at Fieracavalli is home to a world where children's natural curiosity turns into an adventure, learning through play and discovering the fascination of the equestrian world with every step: we are talking about **Future Riders**, the Children's Show. Every corner of this show is an invitation to **get involved**, to **listen** and **experience the relationship with horses at first hand**, along a pathway made up of **discovery and joy**.

The journey sets off with the soft ears of the donkeys in the **Donkey Village**, a 300 sq.m. area where the Sicilian Regional Department of Rural and Territorial Development offers visitors the chance to discover – through workshops and shows – the role of the "other half" of the equestrian world as ambassadors of the local area, as well as to learn about the features and unusual characteristics of the three Sicilian breeds: Pantesco, Grigio and Ragusano.

Then grab some energy at **Ranch Country** by Banco BPM: an area inspired by the Old West where kids can become young cowboys in between hobby horse competitions and country dances. And nor should we forget the **giant goose game** by Gedis, the amazingly famous Trudy plush toys and the long-awaited **saddle christenings and horseback acrobatics** guided by La Fenice Association.

There is also a journey of discovery delving into Italy's biodiversity thanks to **Coldiretti** with **SemInsegni** - a workshop highlighting the seasonal nature of agricultural and zero-km produce - while the **Carabinieri** and the Ferrara di Monte Baldo Town Council guide youngsters through an imaginary forest to learn about woodland essences and biodiversity.

There is also plenty of space for the world of **Mini Pony Summano**, always delighted to meet children and demonstrate, together with the Niguarda Hospital in Milan, how they are involved in pet therapy programs. Next door we find **Miniature Horses** where kids can take part in interactive workshops to discover how to look after ponies, while **Santa Giuliana Hospital** will take school groups on a horse grooming journey where brushes, shiny manes and caresses turn into tools of knowledge and respect.

Yet **Future Riders** is much more than just a game: it is also a venue for inclusion and hospitality. Thanks to **Fieracavalli's Autism Friendly** initiative in collaboration with Acque Veronesi, this Show area also implements visual communication tools (CCA) complete with a sensory decompression area designed to ensure that everyone enjoys a peaceful and accessible experience.

SHOWS AND ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY LONG - OUTDOOR AREA A

Right outside the Future Riders Show, the large covered ring in AREA A becomes the place to be for shows and demos scheduled all day long, sharing - with adults and children alike - traditions, breeds and disciplines from around the world, evidencing how horses can be work companions, partners in artistic performances and even provide emotional support in situations of physical and psychological illness.

From 9.00 to 21.00 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 9.00 to 19.00 on Sunday, visitors will have the chance to admire the majestic Shire horses of the Colomba Solitaria Ranch, as well as Friesian, Tolfetan and Maremma horses. Nor should we forget Criolli, docile Alto Adige Haflingers and elegant Quarabs (a cross between Arabian and American Quarter horses) brought to the Show by AICQA (Italian Quarab Horse Association).

One of this year's most eagerly-awaited new features is the addition of para-dressage performances featuring youngsters Beatrice Tambini and Ivan Mattei, as well as ethological training master classes held by Franco Giani. There is also specific space for gentle training demonstrations curated by the Horse Friendly Arena guided by Chiara Angelini and Fausto Sturaro.

The impressive program in this area culminates with the "Art and Performance" competition organized by FITETREC-ANTE. It rewards the technique, costumes, music, and performances of competitors in three heats coming to a conclusion on Saturday 8 November with the election of this year's winner.

HEALTH CARE & LEISURE AREA - SHOW HALL 4

The new **Health Care & Leisure** area in Show Hall 4 seeks to inform adults and children alike the role of horses as a bridge between emotions and relationships. everyone can get involved in workshops and activities bringing **play, learning and social inclusion** together: from Massimo Montanari and his donkeys and Aria Aperta- where nature and curiosity inspire discovery -to the HOltre educational projects, which promote merit, trust, and creativity among students, families, and communities. Horses and donkeys can also become tools for growth and well-being through programs such as the Fieracavalli-USA Man-Horse Academy, Horse Valley, and Il Colle per la Famiglia workshops, which combine animal-assisted activities with psycho-pedagogical support. There will be plenty of opportunities for play and creativity, including the papier-mâché horses of the Viareggio Carnival and the energy of Laughter Yoga, where laughing and working together become a shared experience.

HORSE FRIENDLY ARENA - SHOW HALL 10

The Horse Friendly Arena comes to life again this year in the ring in Show Hall 10: the venue for training activities and interpretation of the natural language of horses, with the astonishing guidance once again of Horse Whisperer **Umberto Scotti**. Here, the finest schools - from the Italian Equestrian Academy to the Italian Ecole de Légèreté Group, as well as Chiara Angelini and Fausto Sturaro, Massimo Basili, and Classical Equitation in Lightness - will show audiences how communication and understanding the behaviour of horses are the keys to building an authentic and harmonious relationship with them. With ASI, on the other hand, we give space to integrated equestrian disciplines that simultaneously involve people with and without disabilities to encourage social integration and skill development through horse riding activities.

FOOD AREA CURATED BY FILIPPO POLIDORI - OUTDOOR AREAS C & D

Just as horses are natural ambassadors of their local areas, so food also tells stories about tradition, passion, and culture. This is why Fieracavalli has decided - for its 127th edition - to **completely review the food area** and thereby help visitors discover the excellence of Italian food and wine, from local produce through to haute cuisine. Thanks to curator **Filippo Polidori** - a food guru and horse lover - visitors will be able to move back and forth "between stables and tables" by way of top chefs to producers, from typical "osterie" to gourmet menus, on a brief journey through taste and history creating a natural bridge between rural culture and contemporary pleasure.

AND IN THE EVENING? CRAZY HORSE NIGHT!

Lovers of electronic music will find their ideal stage at **Crazy Horse Night** - the official off-show event of the Verona Horse Fair staged in the **Gallerie Mercatali** - with two unmissable dates: Friday 7 November with the DJ set by **SKIN**, singer and frontwoman of Skunk Anansie, returning to her roots as a DJ; Saturday 8 November with a 12-hour non-stop event (16:00-04:00) by **After Caposile** with house, minimal and techno sounds interpreted by top names on the international scene such as **Luciano, Enzo Siragusa, Archie Hamilton, Traumer, Priku and Guven**.

Appointment with Fieracavalli at Veronafiere 6-9 November.

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