

THE GARDA FESTIVAL

Five evenings of music on a discovery of tomorrow's star singers

The Garda Festival has now officially come of age. In fact this summer, the highly popular travelling festival of the lake has reached its 18th edition.

After the first act of the singing programme, staged on 9th June in Garda, when maestro Vince Tempera, musical director of the Festival and coordinator of the circuit Grandi Festival Italiani, selected the best singers taking part in the programme, the event now goes live and in August opens the doors to an entertaining and spectacular tour of evening events, on both the shores of Lake Garda, but above all on the Verona Riviera: the 3rd in Garda, 10th in Lazise, 17th in Torri del Benaco, 22nd in Gargnano (the only Brescia venue) and the 31st in Bardolino for the grand finale. All shows start at 8.30 pm, entry is free.

The Garda Festival is an authentic singing competition, to award the two coveted places enabling the winners to participate directly in the national final of the Grandi Festival, to be held in Sardinia, and more precisely in Santa Teresa di Gallura, from 29th to 31st December.

The public too can express their opinion, voting for their favourite by texting in a vote. During the festival more than thirty hopeful singers from all over Italy will compete in the two categories «Interpreti» (covers) and «Nuove proposte» (new songs) with the chance to show off their voice in the evenings dedicated to pop music and rich in fringe performances and events.

On each stage, the festival has organised the beauty contest «Miss e Mister del Garda», performances by the dance group «The Gamblers» and the classic comic shows of acclaimed cabaret artists. 360 degree entertainment, ideal for families and tourists.

The Garda Festival is sponsored by the individual municipal authorities hosting the various evenings, including the Provinces of Verona and Brescia, the Chamber of Commerce of Verona, the Veneto and Lombardy Regions, with a notable contribution of three consortia for the promotion of Lake Garda tourism. Info: ilfestivaldelgarda.it.



Visite Con la guida tra le mura possenti di Peschiera

■ Sabato 10 agosto è in programma un'interessante visita guidata alla Peschiera veneziana, con giro delle mura in barca (occorre prenotare telefonando al numero 366.5257241). Si tratta di un modo sicuramente suggestivo per scoprire il fascino di questa città murata, con i possenti bastioni a guardia delle acque. Il ritrovo è fissato alle 9 davanti a Porta Brescia, lato esterno; rientro previsto per le 12.30. Biglietti 5 euro.

Visits With a guide among the imposing walls of Peschiera

■ On Saturday 10th August an interesting event is planned, with a guided visit to the Venetian town of Peschiera and a tour of the city walls by boat (booking required: call +39.366.5257241). This is a highly original way to discover the fascinating story of this walled city, with impressive ramparts guarding the water. The appointment is set for 9 pm in front of Porta Brescia, outside; return planned for 12.30 am. Tickets 5 euro.



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