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Everything ready for the Legendary 1000 Miglia race 2018

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From Wednesday 16 to Saturday 19 May 2018, cars from 73 manufacturers will drive through 7 regions, over 200 places of art and culture, from Brescia to Rome and back as per tradition.

Passion runs on four wheels and the fascinating myth of the Freccia Rossa (Red Arrow) is about to start.

The countdown starts for the symbolic race of Italian excellence in the world, now in its thirty-sixth reenactment of the speed race held between 1927 and 1957, which will be on stage for four days to give the public an unforgettable show.

Brescia will once again become the stage for beauty and lifestyle for Italian and international guests, who will be the great protagonists of the new edition of the "most beautiful race in the world".

It was Enzo Ferrari, while seated at the gates of the Scaglietti Bodyworks in Modena watching the passage of his last 1000 Miglia in 1988, who defined the cars that stopped to pay homage to him as "a travelling Museum unique in the world".

This year, the cars in the race will be 450 vintage cars from to 73 different manufacturers. 10 cars belonging to the Military category driven by representatives of the Armed Forces will also be taking part. Between private cars and those from car manufacturers, the spectators lining the 1600 km of Italian roads will be able to admire a complete review of the motor racing sports cars produced from the 1920s to the 1950s.

To be noted is the participation this year of 101 cars that will be returning to Brescia, after having already taken part in one of the editions between 1927 and 1957.

Among the many specimens that deserve a mention, we limit ourselves to note:

- 11 specimens of OM 665 Superba, the car built in Brescia and which won the first edition of the 1000 Miglia, in 1927.
- Alfa Romeo 8C B 2900 "P3" which won the Monaco Grand Prix in 1934, the 1000 Miglia with Pintacuda-Della Stufa in 1935 and was fourth at the Mille Miglia with Clemente Biondetti at the wheel in 1936.
- Alfa Romeo 8C A 2900 "Botticella" bodywork, classified third at the 1000 Miglia in 1936

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- Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Monza from 1933, victorious in Brooklands
- Aston Martin Ulster which took part in the 1935 MM.
- Ferrari 340 America Spider Vignale that, at the 1952 MM, driven by Piero Taruffi, was forced to retire while leading the race

- Mercedes-Benz 710 SSK, from the Stuttgart Museum, identical to the car that arrived sixth at the 1930 Mille Miglia.
- Porsche 550 Spyder, from the House Museum, which participated in the 1956 MM

These magnificent "jewels" from museums and collections will parade on an exclusive stage, true one-of-a-kind works of art.

1000 MIGLIA is Increasingly International

The 725 crews entered in the race come from 44 countries over 5 continents. The requests for participation came from 44 countries of origin and the crews accepted come from 34 different countries, from all continents. Italians represent around 30% of those accepted.

Given that many crews are made up of people of different nationalities, the numbers refer to individuals. The most represented country continues to be Italy with 285 acceptances, 28% of the total.

The Netherlands is confirmed in second place, with 149 acceptances, followed by Germany, with 98 acceptances, and the United Kingdom, with 73 acceptances.

The participation of Belgium (64 acceptances), the United States of America (58 acceptances) and Japan (26 acceptances) continues to grow.

The 450 cars accepted at the 1000 Miglia come from 73 different brands, two other brands could not be accepted: Borgward and Volkswagen.

101 specimens took part in one of the editions of the 1000 Miglia from 1927 to 1957. There are 121 crews on the waiting list, ready to replace any cancellations. The replacement of a car will take place with a model which is as similar as possible.

The most represented automaker is Fiat with 49 cars, followed by Alfa Romeo with 48, Jaguar with 35 and Mercedes-Benz with 33 cars.

NOVELTIES

The cars in the race will start from Brescia a day before the traditional start date, to give the city a white night at the same time as the arrival of the race. The race will start on Wednesday instead of Thursday from

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Viale Venezia where it will return on Saturday afternoon 19 May. After seventy years, furthermore, the 1000 Miglia will return to Milan. On Saturday 19 Ma, during the last Parma-Brescia stage, there will be a Stamp Control, for the first time, in Piazza Duomo.

For the participant's list and the complete route stages www.1000miglia.it offers to public a complete overview of the race.

Enjoy!
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