

## FIERACAVALLI 2021: EXCELLENT FIRST WEEKEND - LET THE SECOND WEEKEND ROLL!

*The first weekend dedicated to equestrian passion closes today. Yet Fieracavalli returns 12-14 November at Veronafiere with a focus on western disciplines, Arabian horses and the Iberian and Friesian horse show.*

Verona, 7 November 2021- The final of the **Show Jumping World Cup** and the traditional **parade of historic carriages** in the centre of Verona will today close the first weekend of this year's **Fieracavalli**. Nevertheless, equestrian passion will come to the fore again **Friday 12 to Sunday 14 November** with the second weekend of the Show and its new format this year effectively doubling show days.

**Tradition and competition** were the key words for the first four days in Verona (Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 November), which also hosted more than **200 appointments**, including sports competitions, breeder shows, theatrical performances and round tables.

From the rediscovery of **native Italian breeds** with carousels and morphological competitions, to **equestrian theatre** performances and the most important indoor **show jumping** competitions: Fieracavalli warmly welcomed enthusiasts, athletes and sector operators.

The spotlights also focused on **equestrian tourism**, with interviews and the stories of riders following trails around rural Italy, as well as the **social inclusion projects** promoted by the event, including the promotion of horse-assisted therapy in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder in children and the social reintegration of inmates through farrier and stable technician courses.

And there was no lack of debut events: first of all, the debut for **Top Team**, an event conceived and promoted by **Scuderia 1918** as a competition exclusively for teams comprising some of the world's top riders of various nationalities. The 2021 edition was won by the **Jumping Verona** team. **Verona Auction** was another absolute debut - the international hybrid auction for **Italian saddle horses** where one example was sold for 44,000 euros.

The first stage of the Horse Show closed with the most eagerly awaited competitive event of the indoor sports season: the only Italian leg of the **Longines FEI Show Jumping World Cup™**. The twentieth edition saw victory go to **Simon Delestre**, already previously on the Roll of Honour of **Jumping Verona**.

Next week's appointments share Western, Arabian and Spanish rhythms, with even more events for families. The programme for the second weekend includes American riding disciplines the **Italian championships** of western competitions where the skill of top Italian horse-rider pairs comes to the fore through working cattle in the **Team Penning** and **Ranch Sorting** events. American breeds are also the protagonists of **morphology** competitions with **Quarter, Appaloosa, Paint** and **Quarab** horses. **Friesian and Iberian horses**, on the other hand, will take part in demonstrations of **Dressage, Haute École** and **Doma Vaquera**. The **Arabian horse breed** shows off all its elegance, agility and versatility in the **European Championship**, where the finest specimens compete to win the coveted title. National show jumping is back thanks to **FISE** with the Mariuccia Grandinetti Trophy, the National Pony Show and the Top Ten Ambassador. Activities in the Family Area continue and even expand their spaces. The programme for kids includes the Saddle Christening and the artistic-educational workshops dedicated to getting to know donkeys and horses. Even the equestrian art exhibition - **Art&Cavallo** - remains open to the public with 80 works including sculptures, photographs and paintings.

Fieracavalli looks forward to seeing you again 12-14 November in Verona.