

**Saturday the 18th of August**

**6:00 p.m.**

Starting from Piazza Garibaldi

Stilt parade through the streets of the city:

### **THE ENCHANTED FLOWERS**

*With a spell, a builder turns with his magical watering can into a gardener; accompanied by gigantic flowers, worn by people on stilts, and magical characters, he carries music and scents with himself, through which the audience is moved into a fantastic world of poetry, perfumes and love.*

**Company Baracca dei Buffoni**

**9:00 p.m.**

Piazza Garibaldi

### **CAROUSEL OF THE LUMINOUS HORSES**

*Horses shaped in great inflatable materials and moved by brave puppeteer trainers in legendary costumes who carry the audience inside a real marvel. A fundamental partner is the music tailored on the performance that re-enacts cultural memories typical of the mythological literature. This a short poetic journey during which the human and animal worlds are observed, creating a resonant show.*

**Quidams Company**

**ALL SHOWS ARE FREE**

**In case of rain the shows will take place on stage of Piazza Garibaldi**

**PRODUCED BY: CIRCO E DINTORNI**



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Taking care of the artistic direction of "With your head up" is "Circo e dintorni", a cultural association that has its roots in classical circus performance and aims at being a point of contact between tradition and innovation: the Art Director Alessandro Serena, Professor of History of Circus and Street Performance, comes from a traditional circus family (he is a nephew of Moira Orfei's) and was among the first in Italy to propose the New Circus style collaborating since 2000 with the Biennale in Venice in a process of contamination between the arts.

"Circo e dintorni" has been producing for years theatre-circus shows performed hundreds of times all around the world. They work in the most prestigious Italian and international theatres and organize events for municipalities and private institutions, from street art festivals to big open-air shows for celebrations in the most beautiful city squares.

Since 2015 "Circo e dintorni" has started the project "Open Circus", supported by Mibact, to spread the circus culture through operations for generational turnover and audience education: theatres hosting important debuts, excellent training centres and international events.



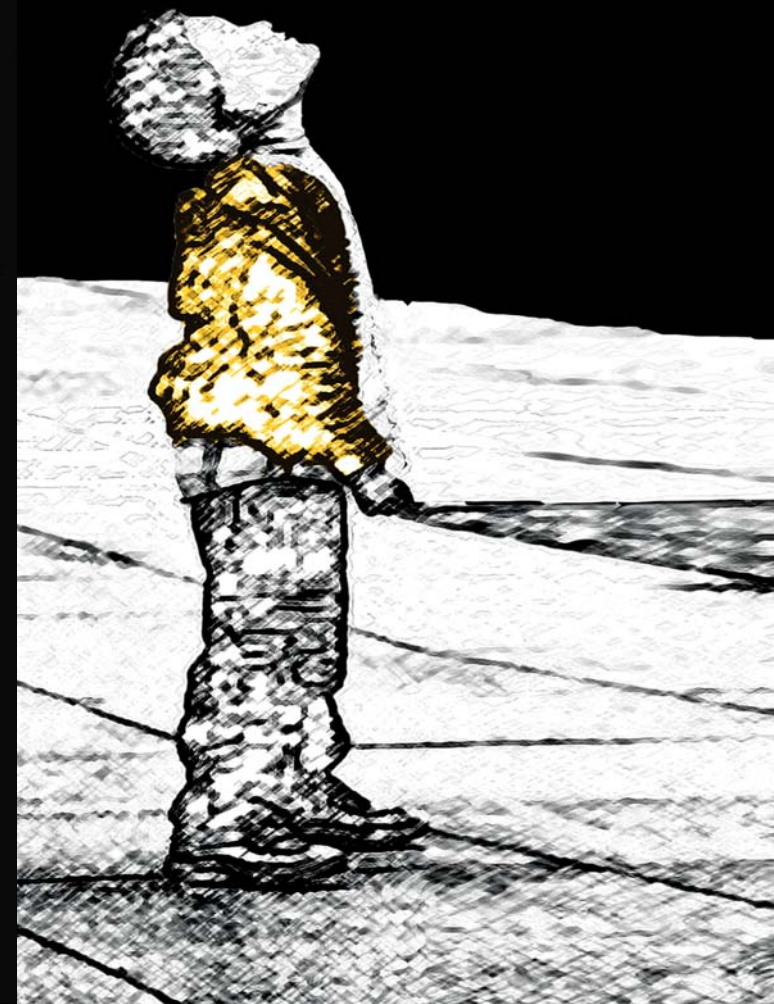
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# **"With your head up"**

**Festival of high altitude wonder**

**Lecco - first edition**

**16th- 17th- 18th of August 2018**



“With your head up” is a festival whose goal is to amaze the city of Lecco, transforming it into an enormous open air stage. For three days Italian and foreign artists will alternate in a continuous series of shows and performances. It is a high altitude festival because it has the best companies when it comes to disciplines that play with heights, like vertical dance, stilts and figure theatre, including six 3.5m (11 ft) tall luminous horses moved by extraordinary puppeteers.



*Looking up is a strongly symbolic act: it means lifting yourself for a moment from your daily troubles and trying to find new, unconventional ways to live your life, separating yourself from the usual point of view and observing everything with different eyes. The high altitude show is even more meaningful if done on the mountains, a landscape like the one around the city of Lecco, which made altitude its own reason to live. These performances make room for imagination, keeping balance between the sky and earth, between fantasy and reality. From the youngest to the oldest, everybody can live an unforgettable experience. Just look up and keep your head up.*

## Thursday, the 16th of August

**6:00 p.m.**

Starting from Piazza Garibaldi

Stilt parade through the streets of the city:

### WHITE PARADE

*A wandering show that suddenly shows up through the city streets, a group of angels in white tail-coats and stilts followed by a musical stage machine will entertain grown-ups and children. At the end of the wandering show 3m (10 ft) long balloons will be handed out to the audience to be inflated and they will create an engaging party in the square that will help colouring the whole area white to the rhythm of the music and the calls of the theatre company to let the balloons go.*

**Piccolo Nuovo Teatro Company**

**9:00 p.m.**

Starting from Piazza Garibaldi

Luminous stilt parade through the city streets:

### MOON INVASIONS

*A performance which is able to evoke a universe of surreal images using body, costumes, equipment, lights and shadow play. All due to dancing, optical illusions of lighting and video images. It's an invitation to running away from the real world and a leap into the magic of mystery thanks to visual seductions, where fascinating cosmic objects, all make-believe, spring and float in the metaphysical lunar sea.*

**Parabolica Company**

## Friday the 17th of August

**6:00 p.m.**

Starting from Piazza Garibaldi

Two stilt parades through the streets of the city

### AMONG THE CLOUDS

*A really suggestive wandering performance, unique and surreal characters carry the viewers into an enchanted world, amaze them with original choreographies and invite them to enter the fantastic world of dreams. Five clouds, represented by umbrellas and veils worn by just as many clowns coloured in white have a walk through the streets accompanied by carillon music.*

**Baracca dei Buffoni Company**

### CAROUSEL

*An original parade inspired by the old carousels from back in the days, it has a magical atmosphere that carries the audience into a world of fairy tales...*

**Teatro per Caso Company**

**9:00 p.m.**

Palazzo delle Paure Tower- Piazza XX Settembre

### BAREFOOT ON THE WALL

**A vertical dance show on the Tower of the Palazzo delle Paure.**

*Dancers hanging from and attached to the walls with ropes create, with a video projection, a show that literally carves where it takes place. The vertical surfaces become the “plane” where to dance, thus modifying the parameters of the normal bodily arrangement and creating different ways of moving.*