

International Circus Festival of Italy, 22nd edition

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Countdown: - 38 days to the Festival

The Festival ring has another jewel in its crown: we welcome Alessia Dell'Acqua, who joins our excellent artistic team.

This circus performer, a member of one of Italy's historical Circus families, will be alongside Andrea Giachi, our host and presenter of the Festival, to guarantee a lively and interesting presentation of the upcoming 22nd edition of the International Circus Festival of Italy. Our artistic and technical team, under the expert direction of Tommy Cardarelli, with the support of Ruby Merzari, Rony Vassallo and Fabrizio Montico, is therefore composed of six all-Italian talents: proof that professional Circus shows of the highest possible level can be produced by a highly expert team entirely 'Made in Italy'.

Alessia Dell'Acqua is a sixth-generation Circus artist, and her connection to the circus is not just professional: she grew up living and breathing the circus in one of Italy's most illustrious circus families. She has the circus in her genes: Her maternal grandmother, **Delia Felicioli Canestrelli**, worked for three consecutive years in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Company with a number called 'Fly Woman'. Third of five siblings Alessia, 43, has followed in the family footsteps: her father **Marcello** was a clown, acrobat, and animal trainer, while her mother, **Rosalba Bianchini**, was a trapeze artist. Alessia started young in the circus, performing with hula hoops, and went on to work in hand balance and with exotic animals. Her marriage with **Rony Vassallo** was the joining of two famous circus dynasties, and Alessia continued her professional career in the famous and successful Italian **Circus Rony Roller** of **Edoardo Vassallo** and **Annamaria Perris**. Alessia also became the proud mother of Megan, Edoardo, and Marcello, while continuing to be the official voice of their circus and, like many other women of the circus, is also the moving force behind it.

The **International Circus Festival of Italy**, in the persons of Artistic Director **Fabio Montico**, Ringmaster **Tommy Cardarelli**, Presenter **Andrea Giachi**, and **Ruby Merzari**, **Rony Vassallo** and **Fabrizio Montico**, assistants to the Ringmaster, hopes that this co-presenting of the Festival will provide an opportunity for both personal and professional enrichment and fulfilment.

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