

# BARACA FESTIVAL 2015

RASSEGNA INTERNAZIONALE  
DI BURATTINI

## BARACAFESTIVAL - INTERNAIONAL PUPPETS SHOWS

According to tradition three important characters of Italian folk culture of Italy come to life in Bergamo: Arlecchino in the Brembana Valley, Brighella on the hill of Bergamo Alta and **Gioppino** in Zanica. In particular, the figure of Gioppino, whose character traits are consistent with many of the features of the population of Bergamo, will be highlighted by the puppeteers and the general public for several days. The first edition of the International Rassegna of Puppets “**BARACAFESTIVAL**” is going to take place, with puppet shows that will inhabit the village squares of Azzano San Paolo, Grassobbio, Orio al Serio, Stezzano and Zanica, which make up the **Trade District of Morus Alba**.

The initiative will promote a territory rich in culture, history and tradition through a variety regional languages and various events:

- in the months of June and July, in Zanica, there will be an **EXIBITION** that will enable people to discover the fantastic world of Gioppino and the masks of Bergamo and of the rest of Lombardy through the exhibition of collections of objects, puppets, scripts, scenarios, documents and many typical curiosities;
- coinciding with the celebration of the World Day against Child Labor organized by the UN, an important **CONGRESS** will take place June 13<sup>th</sup>, with the participation of important Italian and foreign speakers, including ILO (International Labor Organization / UN) representatives. This congress will provide participants the opportunity to get to know **Gioppino** and the masks of Bergamo and at the same time realize the bond between the theater of animated characters together with the issue of combating **child exploitation**. The congress is part of a broader agenda of initiatives to commemorate this important day, organized in collaboration with the Brembana Valley under the initiative of the Peace Table of the Brembana Valley, the Cities of San Pellegrino and of San Giovanni Bianco, that will celebrate this important date with other events on June 14<sup>th</sup>;
- the town's squares of the Morus Alba District will be converted into a beautiful, large stage that will host a **SERIES OF SHOWS** for children and adults, including the participation of famous puppeteers from Bergamo, Lombardy and a surprise visit of a virtuoso Argentine artist;
- to complete the festival and liven our squares, everyone will be able to enjoy the **MENU OF Gioppino's traditional dishes** related to Gioppino, Margì and their entire family of puppets. The meals will be served with Gioppino's favourite wine “TRIGOS”.



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### Dates and venues:

- 26th May - h. 11.00: press conference and puppet show at Domus Bergamo  
5th June - ore 18.00 e 21.00: puppet shows in Azzano San Paolo, (IV Novembre square)  
6th June - ore 18.00 e 21.00: puppet shows in Stezzano, (Libertà Square)  
7th June - ore 16.00 e 21.00: puppet shows Grassobbio (Roma street)  
13th June - ore 14.30/18.30: congress in Stezzano (Cascinetto Mascagni street)  
- ore 21.00: puppet show in Stezzano (Cascinetto Mascagni street)  
20th June - ore 18.00 e 21.00: puppet shows in Orio al Serio (public park in Collodi street)  
21st June - ore 18.00 e 21.00: puppet shows in Zanica (Municipality building, Roma street)

### Topics

Entertainment, Culture, Folklore, Food and Wine, Folk traditions, Human Rights.

### Audience involved

Matinee for families with children; evening shows for everyone.

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