



SEGNI D'INFANZIA 4th edition

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND THEATRE FOR CHILDREN

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Segni d'infanzia, the international festival of arts and theatre for children is about to start its fourth edition that will take place in Mantua from 8th to 15th November 2009. This great event is dedicated to arts and theatre for children and gathers in the wonderful and charming city of Mantua some of the most innovative and original proposals of the international artistic panorama.

In the first three editions, Segni d'infanzia registered an increasing success, confirming its importance as international happening not to be missed: in 2008, **25.000 attendants**, 26 international companies and more than 207 events transformed Mantua during eight days in the city of children, full of magic colours, sounds and atmosphere, in a feast mood that involved the most beautiful and charming places of the city.

The symbol-animal of the new edition will be the **turtle**. In common imagination, this animal recalls the slowness of its gait, therefore it has been chosen above all to bring the observer's attention on the importance of recuperating natural rhythms and a soft and light approach towards life. The turtle is also a symbol of strength and stubbornness, with its solid shell it carries along, which is both protection and home. In many populations' cultures, the turtle has also been considered as a symbol of fertility, prosperity and also immortality due to its well-known longevity.

It is a multi-shaded animal that offers multiple interpretation possibilities, also from graphic design point of view, allowing several applications. This animal will not miss to reserve interesting surprises that will be revealed little by little during 2009, while accompanying the great number of attendants of Segni d'infanzia to the coming edition.

The cooperation with important names of the international artistic scene, as well as productions specially conceived for Segni d'infanzia will be present also this year. Companies will arrive from France, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Ireland and they will peacefully invade the streets and squares of Mantua, giving life to a real **festival of arts for children**, a festival in which all the arts confront, mix, overlap finding in childhood a universe of enriching meanings. There is no intention of imposing ready-made proposals for children, but the ambition of letting artistically refined and high quality proposals communicate with children's look.

Promoted by the Municipality of Mantua, Segni d'infanzia festival is supported by a representation of the European Commission, Lombardy Region, Mantua Province. The artistic direction of the festival, as well as its organisation are committed to Teatro all'Improvviso, a professional company of theatre for children, active since 1980.

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