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VENICE AND THE MASK

11th performance of the project *Venice Revealed* side event of the *Carnival of Venice*, named *Venice and the Mask*

Auditorium Santa Margherita, Venice - Free admission, February 5th 2015

From 8.00 pm videos of previous performances; from 9.00 pm art and reading performance

Venice and the Mask was 11th event of the project ***Venice Revealed*** and the second of the year 2015. The event, held at the Auditorium Santa Margherita, are among the side events at the Venice Carnival.

The doors of the Auditorium opened at 20.00 with a screening of the video of the previous stages of the project; and from 21.00 the artistic performance and the reading of our artists began.

Alberto Toso Fei, Venetian writer and narrator of each appointment, has captured the audience with stories and anecdotes about the Carnival of Venice, one of the best known and most popular carnivals in the world. The ancient traditions of this historic occasion returned to live in the evening, from the first appearance of the word *carnival* in a document of Doge Vitale Falier of 1094, up to the eighteenth century, when the streets of the city of Venice was populated with masks and costumes for months, with anecdotes and exciting episodes; then were recounted memories of the character Giacomo Casanova, one of the most famous protagonists of that century.

The artist **Elena Tagliapietra** stunned the audience by using a prototype which she designed and developed with the support of Fablab Milan, which has created an augmented reality putting it in communication with a computer creating virtual images unique, combining the most ancient art of body , *body painting*, with the most innovative technology, to reinterpret the carnival in an abstract way. At the end of the performance the painted dancer **Chiara Vittadello** danced on silence interpreting the inner duality that we face every day wearing a mask. Music by **Mattia Corso**, official musician of the project, accompanied the words and actions of Toso Fei and Tagliapietra.

The **Association of Maschereri**, which brings together the historical craft shops of Venice, exposed some traditional masks; also the collector of anthropomorphic masks Giorgio Conti exhibited the mask of Fellini's Casanova, increasing even more the value of the event.

Venice Revealed, with this 11th performance ***Venice and the Mask***, enriched Carnival with art, culture and tradition. ***Venice and the Mask*** was the second to last event that accompanied citizenry during the last two years in occasion of the main traditional festivity: from Redentore (Pescheria di Rialto, Venice and the Plague), to the Historical Regatta (Squero of San Trovaso, Venice and Gondola), Festa di San Martino (Forte Marghera, Venice and Horses), the famous Carnevale of 2014 (Telecom Future Centre, Venice and Carnival); from Natali di Venezia (Gran Teatro La Fenice, The Birth of Venice), Festa del Bocolo (Piazza San Marco, A Rose for Venice), to Festa della Senza (Venice Arsenale, Venice and the Sea); during the 71st Exhibition of Cinema (Blue Moon, Venice and the Cinema), the Burano Regatta (Burano, Venice and its islands) and the last event in occasion of the Befane Regatta (Ateneo Veneto, Venezia e i Turchi).

The project Venice Revealed, produced in collaboration with Vela spa, with the organizational support of 2erre Organizzazioni, and with the patronage of the Culture Department of the City of Venice, will present in **September, 20th 2015** the last artistic and literary performance "***Io sono Venezia***" (***I am Venice***), that involved Venetians. The event will come back in Piazza San Marco, creating another image that will remain impressed in our memory.

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