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FOR A CULT RALLYLEGEND.**

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**RALLYLEGEND 2020 SCHEDULE: LEGEND SHOW TO BE FOLLOWED BY THREE DAYS OF RALLYING**

Republic of San Marino. Where there's a will there's a way. And the Rallylegend organisers are definitely not short on will, managing to arrange what promises to be a fantastic event despite the many difficulties and limitations owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. The four-day non-stop rallying event, set to play out from 1 to 4 October, will feature a plethora of champions, prestigious cars and initiatives, as is Rallylegend tradition. "It's been tough, but we've done it – comment the organisers – thanks to the concrete support of the San Marino authorities and the Republic of San Marino in general, as well as that of our passionate partners and sponsors. Ford Italia, Michelin, Sparco and Eberhard&Co, as well as 958 Santero, Lauretana, Peletto, Gazebo Flash, Giochemica, LaSplendor, Dado and Titanstuc all deserve a mention and our thanks."

And so Rallylegend is going ahead.

"We now need the spectators to help us – the heartfelt request of the organisers – while adhering to all anti Covid-19 measures, so face masks, distancing, hand washing and a lot of good sense, to ensure that Rallylegend is, once more, a celebration of all that is rallying."

**STARS TO INCLUDE VATANEN, WITH FABRIZIA PONS, DELECOUR, BIASION AND CUNICO**

**Ari Vatanen**, 1981 world rally champion and four-time Dakar winner, will be one of the big names at Rallylegend 2020, driving the Ford Escort RS Cosworth with which he finished fifth in the 1994 Acropolis rally. As was the case 26 years ago, he will be accompanied by **Fabrizia Pons** on the notes. Pons has had an extraordinary rallying career, which continues today, and was also a motocross rider as a youngster. The pinnacle of her career saw her and Michele Mouton finish as runners-up in the 1982 world rally championship with the Audi Quattro.

**Miki Biasion**, a big fan of Rallylegend, will attend once again, the two-time world rally champion featuring in the Legend Stars line-up with a Lancia Stratos, a car he never drove throughout his career.

**Francois Delecour** also makes a return to Rallylegend. The French champion, a former official Ford and Peugeot driver and runner-up in the 1993 world rally championship, will be at the wheel of the new Alpine A110 R-GT, a modern version of the Renault Apine, a rallying star of the 70s.

Also returning to Rallylegend is **Franco Cunico**, a multi-titled Italian champion, having won in Group N, the Trofeo Terra and other national series. With trusty **Gigi Pirollo** at his side, the outright winner of the 1993 Sanremo world rally aboard a private Ford Escort Cosworth will be driving a Ford Sierra CW 4X4.

**M-SPORT TO ATTEND WITH THE FIESTA WRC AND ADRIEN FORMAUX AT THE WHEEL**

Despite the Turkey and Sardinia world rally rounds taking place in close proximity, Rallylegend confirms the prestigious presence of team **M-Sport WRT**, which counts Michelin and Sparco among its technical partners. The squad will bring the latest evolution of the Fiesta WRC to the Republic of San Marino. Taking the wheel of the beautiful "Plus" is **Adrien Formaux** who makes his debut alongside trusty navigator Renaud Jamoul.



Born in 1995, the Frenchman has entered the orbit of the official WRC2 M-Sport team after just four years of racing and some excellent results.

### STUNTS WITH KEN BLOCK, SHOWMAN AND FUNDRAISER

Won over by Rallylegend, American driver **Ken Block** is back, adding Rallylegend to his "Ken Block's Cossie World Tour 2020". He will return with his Ford Escort Cosworth, in the Hoonigan Racing Division colours, with **Alex Gelsomino** on the notes, to the joy of his many international fans. But the American driver, in collaboration with Rallylegend, also wants to highlight a charity initiative. To support the **San Marino Special Olympics**, which provides sports training to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and sees them take part in competitions across various Olympic disciplines, an auction in the Rally Village on Thursday 1 October will provide one lucky visitor with the chance to get in the car with Ken Block during the Legend Show! For more information, follow [www.rallylegend.com](http://www.rallylegend.com)

### DODI BATTAGLIA, FROM MUSICAL NOTES TO RALLY NOTES...

Hear the name **Dodi Battaglia** and Italians will immediately think of Pooh, the legendary band. Historic Pooh performer and guitarist Battaglia has more than twenty years of experience in car racing, particularly on track, with wins in the Renault 5 Cup and the Campionato Turismo. Dodi Battaglia will line up with the Legend Stars behind the wheel of a fine Renault 5 Alpine, of noble pedigree and sporting Autosprint magazine decals, the publication having awarded Battaglia with the Casco d'Oro prize for sporting achievements three years ago.

### BIG NAMES TO INCLUDE TRAVAGLIA, LONGHI, CAMPEDELLI AND SAN MARINO DRIVER BALDACCI

Another jewel in the crown of Italian rallying set to attend Rallylegend, in addition to Biasion and Cunico, is **Renato Travaglia**, one of the most decorated Italian drivers. He achieved two European titles in 2002 and 2005 and an overall Italian title in 2002 and will drive a Ford Sierra CW 4X4 at Rallylegend. Son Aronne, who has experience of Japanese rally and cross country, will also take to the start line. And then there is **Piero Longhi**, two-time Italian rally champion in 2000 and 2005, as well as Slovenian champion in 2011, racing with a Ford Fiesta WRC, and **Simone Campedelli**, a champion of the new generations and already a Rallylegend winner, taking part this time with the Ford Fiesta R5. San Marino driver **Loris Baldacci**, who comes from a rallying dynasty and a past in Junior World Rally, like brother Mirco, in the early 2000s, will drive a Porsche 911 Carrera Rs at Rallylegend, with legendary **Enzo Zafferani** as navigator.

### RALLYLEGEND HERITAGE, HISTORY IN MOTION

A catwalk of precious and unique rally cars with "pedigree", but also a Sport Regularity race. Fifteen **Rallylegend Heritage** beauties are expected to take part, a shop window of rare gems ranging from the Lancia Stratos and Fulvia Hf, to the Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV and GT Junior, the Porsche 911, the Opel Kadett Gte, the Talbot Samba and the Renault 5 Turbo. Even the Fiat 131 Abarth of Sandro Giacomelli, winner of last year's first edition.

### SPECTACULAR SHOWS WITH MANFRED POMMER, FRANK KELLY AND PAOLO DIANA

The Audi Quattro of 90s rallycross star **Manfred Pommer** promises high-octane entertainment, as do the antics of **Paolo Diana**, with his modified Fiat 131, and Englishman **Frank Kelly**, with his Ford Escort MkII.





### FORD ITALIA TO UNVEIL A NEW PRODUCT IN THE FORD PERFORMANCE RANGE

At a Rallylegend with clear Ford connotations, Ford Italia gets into the spirit and will exclusively present a new product in the Ford Performance range, on display at its stand inside Rallylegend Village and open to the public.

### FORD RALLY HISTORY ON SHOW AT RALLYLEGEND

At a Rallylegend 2020 characterised by the prestigious presence of Ford, with team WRC M-Sport and Ford Italia, a tribute to the blue oval brand's important rallying history is de rigueur. In a dedicated space inside Rallylegend Village, ten Fords from all eras will be on display, including five rare Ford Escorts from the 70s/80s that are part of a private collection.

### "LEGEND LADIES": WOMEN RALLY DRIVERS RETURN TO RALLYLEGEND

"Legend Ladies" will present many of the women drivers who have made their mark throughout the history of rallying, the event taking place on Friday 2 October at 3.00pm in the "America Cesaro Group" hospitality inside Rally Village. Some of the women will race at Rallylegend, the likes of **Fabrizia Pons**, **Chantal Galli**, **Lucia Zambiasi** and **Maria Grazia Vittadello** for example, while **Umberta Gibellini** will return to San Marino thirty-two years after her resounding overall win aboard the Audi Coupè Quattro, navigating Paola De Martini.

### ANTIGUA LEGEND CUP, A DREAM HOLIDAY UP FOR GRABS

The **Antigua Legend Cup** has become a tradition at Rallylegend. A trophy complete with dream prizes that, in using the rules and coefficients of sailing regattas, allows slower vehicles to compete on equal terms against faster ones. The fastest driver at Rallylegend will receive an exciting prize, regardless of the car they are driving. The contest is therefore open to all teams. With the slogan "Drive like the wind and win a dream holiday", the prize is in fact a ten-day vacation for two in the Caribbean. Promoting the initiative is Rallylegend enthusiast and driver **Carlo Falcone**, "rally consul", set to attend San Marino once again this year.

### RALLYLEGEND 2020 SCHEDULE

Despite the limitations and obligations imposed by measures to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rallylegend 2020 event is still set to be exciting and action packed.

The event kicks off on the evening of Thursday 1 October with "**Legend Show**", an updated version of last year's successful, high-octane event.

On Friday 2 October, following a morning shakedown, the first day of rallying will get underway at 7.00pm. Starting from Rally Village two night-time stages will run on the "I Laghi" and the "Faetano", crossed by the Riordino in the historic centre of San Marino.

On Saturday at 1.30pm, again from Rally Village, day 2 will commence, the two stages on "La Casa" and "The Legend" expected to conclude at 6.20pm.

The spectacular final day, on Sunday 4 October, will see a 9.30am start, two stages on "Le Tane" and "The Legend" and a final prizegiving at 1.00pm.

Rallylegend Village will, as ever, serve as the beating heart of the event with its many initiatives, meetings, show and rally shopping, as well as hosting all the race starts and finishes and driver introductions.

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