



ROBERT EKLUND

Executive Director, World Association of Marching Show Bands

The World Championship of Marching Show Bands is a prestigious event that is organised each year in a different nation. Monza was one of the most ideal candidates to host the 2003 edition and it was chosen unanimously by all the bands representatives worldwide.

All young band members everywhere have shown enthusiasm to be able to visit this historical city.

It will widen their own knowledge and provide friendship with the people they will meet during the course of the event.

As the Executive Director of Wamsb, I'd like to wish all you the very best for an outstanding success of the Monza 2003 World Championship.

FELICE CATTANEO

Executive Director - Organising Committee of World Championship for Marching Show Bands

Italy is universally recognised the cradle of music and it has always been the pride of a wide band tradition; many bands are set on territory and they support this ultra - centenary culture with concerts and parades. The World Championships for Marching Show Bands has as target to promote interest for the band music on national and international territory and improve the cultural and musical exchange among youngsters from all walks of life, traditions and religions that are here together. Here in Monza about 2000 players, coming from the five Continents, will play together the Hymn for peace and solidarity to demonstrate that the language of the music is able to overcome every difference in such a fragile moment of political balance.





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MICHELE FAGLIA

Major of the City of Monza

The 2003 World Championship of Marching Show Bands is an important occasion for Italy, the city of Monza and Brianza to show their warm welcome and their will to meet with people coming from all around the world. A great concert of music, show and colours that gathers people of different generations, representing different cultures and traditions but all with a great, unique feeling of friendship and the hope for a peaceful world. An event that is a great opportunity for the youth to exchange their experiences and cultures, that will become a lively memory of friendship between people from different countries, where nobody can be considered as a “foreigner”.

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VINCENZO ASCRIZZI

Counsellor for Public Relations and Events For Monza Town Council

First of all I would like to welcome all the boys and girls taking part in the 7th edition of the World Championship of Marching Show Bands in Monza. This event could not be possible without your contribution of passion and love for music.

I wish you an happy stay in our city, being sure that all the citizens will welcome you in the best possible way.

Secondly I would like to thank the institutional authorities that have supported this festival, contributing in a positive way to its success.

I greet all the mayors and councillors that have given hospitality to the bands showing in a concrete way that our cities are friendly and peaceful.

Last but not least, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Organising Committee and to all the people that with their daily efforts have contributed to the success of this of world-famous event.



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CARLO AZELIO CIAMPI

President of the Italian Republic

This event, attended by representatives of many countries, is an important opportunity for people to meet and converse through the universal language of music, to strengthen the values of peace and brotherhood. The President send you his warmest wishes for the successful outcome of the event and to this I add my own personal wishes for the best ever championship.

(Gaetano Gifuni – The General Secretary of the Italian Republic President)

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GIULIANO URBANI

Minister of Cultural Heritage and Arts

First of all I would like to thank the promoters of a cultural activity that represents a full-right competence of the Ministry. Marching bands are the most authentic and notable means of diffusion of that high form of cultural expression that is music. Nowadays music needs the best possible support from the institutions that care about its production, execution and promotion. Young people should be invited to practise an art of true value in terms of growth of the collective sensitivity towards culture. I would like to send my best wishes to all participants and promoters, hoping for an increase in value of a noble art that is highly esteemed by the Ministry and that will always be supported by its special structures.



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ROBERTO FORMIGONI

President of Lombardia Region

Greater public musical awareness and the increase in opportunities to play an active role in the musical life of our region are amongst the important objectives still to be achieved by those already actively and seriously involved in this sector. It is with great pleasure that I extend my personal and the Regione Lombardia's welcome to all the organisers and participants of the World Marching Show Bands Championships. I am convinced that this competition, part sport and part musical, represents a vital communicative tool to express positive behaviour and encourage social interactivity between the numerous young people from the many nations represented. Above all I am delighted that for the first time a Lombardy city has been selected to host such a spectacular international event: the championships put us in the shop window and are an ideal opportunity to showcase all that is so beautiful about our region. I would like to add my personal encouragement to all the bands in the competition, thank all the organisers once again and extend my warmest welcome and sincerest wishes to all those taking part.

Authority

ETTORE A. ALBERTONI

Counsellor for Cultural Identities and Local Identities of Lombardia Region

The 7th edition of the World Championship of Marching Show Bands in Monza, featuring more than 2300 youths coming from 19 nations, represents an event of the utmost importance. In fact, it is the first time that this kind of international event takes place in our country, more precisely in the lively Lombard context of Monza and Brianza. The importance of this event shows that it is not only a music festival but also a precious opportunity for young people coming from different countries and representing different idioms, histories, traditions and cultures, to meet and exchange their experiences. In a period in which globalisation seems to lead people to a dangerous homologation of identities, this meeting conveys a message that cannot be ignored: the strategic importance of rediscovering and enhancing through music and performances, the traditions and cultures that are the roots of all regional, national, European and world communities. To save them for the new generations means to live the present in full awareness, avoiding risks of future confusion. I send my best wishes to the organisers and to the participants in this event that, after the Japanese edition, sees our region directly involved.



Authority



OMBRETTA COLLI

The Presidente of the Province of Milan

Band music is popular music, made and played for the people. We are presently witnessing a return to old traditions and the popular culture of the band is undergoing a revival. And it is, to mark this revival, that for the first time Italy is proud to host the World Championship of Marching Bands which has reached its seventh edition, with around 2.300 young people taking part and coming from 19 different nations, to play their music, to make friends and discover one another's culture.

These musical ensembles that march through the streets and squares of the city contribute to create moments of reunion and lively encounters, a way of conveying a message of universal identity to the whole community that will be able to go back to its historical roots by listening to the universal language of music.

I hope the young coming from all countries will take advantage of this marvellous chance to strengthen their cultural exchange with Italy and that this occasion will become the starting point of new experiences such as building up everlasting friendships, friendships which will know no confines.

Lastly I'd like to offer my warmest wishes to all the participants for the success of the events.

Authority

PAOLA IANNACE

Councillor for Culture and Cultural Heritage of Province of Milan

The Province of Milan is proud to participate in the organisation of the 7th edition of the World Championship of Marching Show Bands that, this year for the first time, takes place in Monza.

This important city of our territory, already famous in the world for historical, artistic and sports reasons, has shown to have all the necessary qualifications to give prestige, visibility and international importance to this event.

The World Championship of Marching Show Bands is an important festival not only within the field of music, but it is also an initiative that, besides allowing the exchange of knowledge and experience among the bands, promote the meeting of people coming from the five continents in an atmosphere of feast, serenity and artistic confrontation.

This synergy is possible thanks to the project called “ Adotta una Banda”, that is supported by the Province of Milan and that involves several local administrations, engaged to provide accommodation to a band for all the period of the championship.

This musical events is particularly meaningful from the point of view of culture and tourism, as it will bring several foreign visitors to our territory contributing to consolidate the international prestige of Milan.

