



## GRAN PREMIO NUVOLARI 29<sup>th</sup> EDITION

***More than 300 crews from all over the world to honour the unforgettable myth of Nivola***

***95 the pre-war cars at the start***

**19-20-21-22 September 2019**

*Mantova, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2019* – Everything is ready for the start of the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Gran Premio Nuvolari**, the most technical race in Italy. From the **20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September**, the international world of classic cars will converge in Mantua - the town in which the Gran Premio starts and arrives. Cars of timeless charm will arrive to celebrate the myth of Tazio Nuvolari: the sportsman who more than anyone else has marked the history of the twentieth century.

This year a record number of presences is expected: **more than 300 crews** are getting to Mantova, from Europe, Asia and Australia. **17 countries** will be competing: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Poland, Czech Republic, Republic of San Marino, Russia, Spain and Switzerland. **45 car manufacturers** are represented: from the Italian Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Fiat, Lancia, OM and Ferrari to the British Triumph, Jaguar, Aston Martin and Bentley; from the American Chrysler and Chevrolet, to the German Mercedes, BMW and Porsche, finishing with the French “purebred” Bugatti. **95 pre-war cars** will take part in the event.

The Gran Premio is a unique opportunity to get a close-up view of these legendary vintage cars that have made the history of motor racing worldwide. These masterpieces will meet, as every year, in Piazza Sordello for one of the most fascinating races in the world. The myth of the great “Nivola” is always strong and present: it relives every year, thanks to the many enthusiasts who share the emotion of an extraordinary journey aboard real historic masterpieces of mechanics and design.

“Tazio Nuvolari is a world-renowned idol and an icon of our city, a myth that we should be able to exploit more and more”, adds **Mattia Palazzi, Mayor of Mantova**.

Organized by **Mantova Corse**, the regularity event is reserved for historic cars built between 1919 and 1972, according to the **F.I.A., F.I.V.A., ACI Storico and ACI Sport** regulations.

As usual, the Gran Premio Nuvolari is supported by prestigious sponsors: **Red Bull**, “Special Partner”; **Eberhard & Co.**, “Official Partner & Timekeeper” for the 30th consecutive year; **Finservice Group**, “Technical Partner” and leader in the field of financial consulting; **Argo Racing**, “Technical Partner”, supplier of car GPS systems, **Siglacom**, “internet provider”; **Fico Eatly World**, the agrifood park that symbolizes the Italian culinary tradition in the world, Gruppo Bossoni Automobili, “Technical Partner”.

### **The details of the 29<sup>th</sup> edition:**

**Presences:** with over 300 crews from all over the world, of which 6 are female, the foreign presence stands at 65%, confirming the success of the Gran Premio Nuvolari format, organized for 29 years by Mantova Corse with experience and professionalism.

**Admission period for the cars:** from 1919 to 1972.

**Route:** this 29th edition proposes a largely renovated **1025 km-long route**.

- **First stage: Palazzo Ducale** (in Piazza Sordello in the heart of **Mantova**), will be the fascinating background of the start of the race, scheduled for **Friday 20th September at 11.00 am**. On the first

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day of the event, the competitors will follow the Garda route, to arrive to the **Golf Club Ca' degli Ulivi of Marciaga** for the lunch break. After the stamp time control in **Torri del Benaco**, they will pass through the Baldo mountains and the Po Valley, **Castel d'Ario**, birthplace of Tazio Nuvolari, finally arriving in **Bologna** at **Fico Eatly World**, prestigious location that will host the inaugural gourmet dinner.

**-Second stage:** the most intense day of the GPN. On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, after the departure from Bologna, the competitors will drive through the unique sceneries of central Italy, transiting from the famous **Appenine passes of the Raticosa and the Futa**. Then, they will pass through fascinating locations such as **Piazza del Campo in Siena and Piazza Grande in Arezzo**. After the suggestive break in **Borgo Scopeto**, in the afternoon, the crews will cross the **Viamaggio Pass**, reaching the finish line in Piazza Tre Martiri in Rimini. In the evening, the Gala dinner will be held in the unique setting of the **Grand Hotel of Rimini**, among its ancient salons in "belle époque" style.

**-Third stage: on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, the crews will head back to Mantua. Starting from Rimini, the competitors will experience the chrono trials of **Meldola** and the passage from **Faenza**, as guests of the **Scuderia Toro Rosso**. Then they will face the chrono trials of the **Autodromo of Imola Enzo and Dino Ferrari**: a **unique experience** rich in adrenaline, in a place rich of history. Later, the cars will pass through **Ferrara**, facing the new trials of Piazza Trento e Trieste. Lastly, the cars will arrive on the stage of **Piazza Sordello**, and they will take part in the closing lunch at **Palazzo Ducale**.

## Special crews:

**Tazio's car – the legend:** Nuvolari's car will symbolically open the event, with the **number 1** aboard the **Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Gran Sport**, the mythical car with which the flying Mantuan won the Mille Miglia in 1930, after a head to head with Achille Varzi.

Also this year **Miki Biasion** – the legendary rally driver, twice world champion, Brand Ambassador of Eberhard & Co. – will return to the GPN with the number 197, driving an Alfa Romeo 1900 C Super Sprint of 1956 next to **Mario Peserico**, CEO of Eberhard Italia.

With **Red Bull to the Scuderia Toro Rosso of Faenza:** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the historic cars of the Gran Premio Nuvolari will stop for a stamp control in Piazza del Popolo, Faenza. On this occasion, they will parade alongside the super modern F1 cars that have worn the colors of the Scuderia Toro Rosso for over 10 years.

The event in honor of Tazio Nuvolari constitutes the second stage of "EpocaChampionship", the Italian "Grandi Eventi" Championship of Aci Sport, which also includes the Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti (18th-21st July 2019), the Targa Florio (10th-13th October 2019) and the Coppa delle Alpi by 1000 Miglia (03rd-08th December 2019).

The Gran Premio Nuvolari is organized in partnership with the **Municipality of Mantova**, the **Automobile Club Italia** and **ACI Storico** and is part of the calendar of **Mantova Città Europea dello Sport**.

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