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## Targa Florio Classica 2020

### *The show of historic cars in Sicily and the Madonie from 15 to 18 October*

Rome, 7 October 2020 - The **Targa Florio Classica show returns in 2020** to celebrate the cultural heritage of historic motoring and its link with Trinacria. It was in fact **Vincenzo Florio**, owner and industrialist, who wanted to create a race on the Madonie circuit in 1906. This legacy is now carried on by the **Automobile Club Palermo and ACI**, with the support of **ACI Sport and ACI Storico**, which, alongside the rally, have been bringing the competition back to life in the form of a classic regularity race valid for the **Campionato Italiano Grandi Eventi ACI Sport**. The organization is sustained by the fundamental support of the sponsors, **Mafra, ACI Global Servizi and Sara Assicurazioni**; of the technical partners **Chinotto Neri, Fiuggi and Duca di Salaparuta**; of the institutional partners **Università degli studi di Palermo, Sistema Museale Ateneo, Museo Storico dei Motori e dei Meccanismi, Dipartimento di ingegneria Unipa** and the essential work of the official timekeeper **Tag Heuer**.

On **Thursday 15 October** the numerous crews of participants will begin to converge in **Palermo**, the key location of the event that will host all the arrival and departure ceremonies on competition days. Here the technical and sporting checks will be held before the actual race starts the following day.

At the official start of the "Cursa" on **Friday 16 October**, the historic cars will leave for **Marsala and Campobello di Mazara on the Saline road**, and then return to **Palermo** retracing not only the history of motoring, but the history of Italy following part of the itinerary that was Garibaldi's route. The places touched on the first day will be, among others, **Monreale, Altofonte, Partinico, Castellamare del Golfo, Valderice, Trapani, Marsala, Mazara del Vallo, Castelvetrano, Partanna and Calatafimi**.

On **Saturday 17 October**, the revival of the **Madonie Circuit**, on the **Sicilian Apennines** that dominate the magnificent Sicilian Sea. Here lays the opportunity to fully relive the original spirit of the Targa Florio by crossing the stands of **Floriopoli**, along the roads between **Caltavuturo, Polizzi Gerosa, Collesano and Campofelice**



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**di Roccella**; a vivid memory of when the competition, at its dawn, took place presented as a pure speed race.

**Sunday 18 October** will be the day that will end the event with the final award ceremony. Before this, however, one last competitive event to crown the revival of high historical value. Competitors who want it will be able to face each other on the **Circuito della Favorita**, specially set up with pressure switches for a final race out of the ranking.

The general classification of the **Targa Florio Classica** is reserved for cars produced up to 1977, however participation is expanded thanks to the various separate classifications, such as **Targa Florio Legend**, for cars produced from 1978 to 1990 and **Targa Florio Gran Turismo**, for GT cars produced since 1991 to 2019. Finally, there will also be the **Ferrari Tribute to Targa Florio**, an homage from the Ferrari brand to the history of the Targa Florio Classica, which will welcome all owners of Ferrari cars produced since 1991.

**There are 100 crews currently enrolled** to compete in the various rankings, with the oldest car dating back to 1929, the **Lancia Lambda VIII Series by Olindo Deserti and Maurizio Demarco**. There will be **Mario Passanante**, already winner of the last edition of the Targa Florio Classica, with the **1937 Fiat 508C**. The same model, but produced in 1939, was also registered by **Giovanni Mocerì and Valeria Dicembre**. The duo, galvanized by the great results obtained in the Ampezzo Dolomites with the trophy victory in the **Coppa d'Oro delle Dolomiti**, certainly promises a fierce battle at the top. Among the top drivers in the **Targa Florio Classica** also **Antonino Margiotta and Vincenzo Bertieri** with the **1947 Volvo PV444**; **Angelo Accardo and Filippo Becchina**, with the **1938 Fiat 508 C** and **Himara Bottini and Carlo Di Giusto** with the **1966 Porsche 911T**. Another car of particular value is the **1966 Alfa Romeo TZ2**, driven by the British **Simon Kidston** sailed by **Guido Scassellati**.

Also noteworthy is the vast international presence in the 2020 edition of the Targa Florio Classica with flag bearers of **10 different nationality from 3 different continents** only among the Ferrari Tribute members. A show guaranteed in this ranking too, with Ferrari models that will be able to charm and captivate all tastes through two decades, from 1999 to 2019: from the **Ferrari 360 Modena to the Ferrari**



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**812 GTS**, a journey into the recent history of the prancing horse. The **Ferraris GTS Turbo and 308 GTS, from 1988 and 1980 respectively**, will race in the **Legend** category. Among the car manufacturers represented, there are also many **Porsches, with 911 models and 933 variants** that will race in the **Gran Turismo** rankings, then Jaguar, Mercedes, Austin Haley, Morris Garages, Riley, Maserati, Bentley and many others.

A show not to be missed therefore, both from a competitive point of view, with the victory of the coveted Sicilian trophy at stake and the points for the final victory of the very fierce **Campionato Italiano Grandi Eventi ACI Sport**, and from the point of view of the show offered to lovers of cars, including vintage cars, youngtimers and contemporary cars of the highest quality.

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