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For one day, the 34th Torino Film Festival will be Roberto Bolle's stage. The Italian étoile will present in Turin the world premiere of the film *Roberto Bolle. L'arte della Danza* (the trailer is available at <https://youtu.be/bQcOck0yGgU>).

The film, written and directed by Francesca Pedroni, is a journey into the world of dance, touching three venues which are emblematic of Italy's cultural heritage: **the Verona Arena, the Teatro Grande in Pompeii, the Baths of Caracalla in Roma**. An amazing tour to discover Roberto Bolle's great performances, with **exclusive images**, both onstage and **behind the scenes**.

As a TFF preview, Roberto Bolle has personally written about what this film means to him.

"I am happy for this opportunity to bring such an important part of my life to the silver screen: 'Bolle&Friends' is my artistic creation. The show, which follows the formula of the ballet gala, was born over fifteen years ago and I have nurtured it, increasingly molding it to reflect my tastes and finesse. This film was made during a summer tour which was very important to me, each of its venues acquired a special meaning: the Baths of Caracalla in Rome, whose magnificence makes them a symbol of glorified beauty; the Verona Arena, where the dance performance transformed itself into a true pop concert; and Pompeii, where the tour began, an emblematic place of the beauty and, at the same time, the fragility of our immense historical and artistic heritage. It is a true journey into beauty, winding its way among magical and timeless places, in search of a sublime union between the ephemeral art of ballet and the eternal art of millenary monuments, ideal settings for unique events.

This film recounts the life of on-the-road ballet, everything that happens between one tour stop and the next, the preparations, choosing the program, lessons before the show, the trip, laughter on the bus, rehearsals, autographs. A genuine cross-section of my life, made of sweat and sacrifice, but above all, of an enormous passion which is my strength, the true driving force which spurs me on, every day, to give my utmost and overcome every limit.

I am particularly happy to present this film at the TFF, in light of my Piedmontese origins and the deep ties I have always had with the city of Turin." Roberto Bolle

The director Francesca Pedroni adds:

"I have known and followed Roberto Bolle since his first successes at the Scala. He has a natural, princely elegance and is a perfect danseur noble with textbook beauty. We saw him grow, becoming an étoile at the Scala but also an extraordinary pop star able to introduce novice audiences to the maestros of the choreographies of the past and the present.

Accompanying Roberto Bolle on this tour has been a magnificent adventure. We closely followed the étoile and his travel companions, entering their world as silent observers, participating in the rhythm of the tour, beating time hour by hour deep into the night, with a quick-paced schedule of commitments and the universal, nonverbal language of dance. This highly-charged challenge allowed us to study the personality of a unique artist in a new way. Roberto Bolle rehearses every ballet, solo and pas-de-deux over and over again, even if he has known and danced the piece for years. The workout is continuous, the search for perfection is constant, the dedication is absolute. A celebrity to others, to himself he is a man who bows to what dance demands; a king with an eternal air of the nice guy, approachable for us, for his company, for his fans. We are sure this mixture of love for his art and devotion to discipline will not abandon him in his future endeavors." Francesca Pedroni

ROBERTO BOLLE. L'ARTE DELLA DANZA is the first feature-length film on ballet which Classica and Artedanza srl have produced for the movies. It will be distributed in Italian cinemas November 21-23 by Nexo Digital in collaboration with its media partners, Radio DEEJAY and MYmovies. The list of cinemas screening the film will soon be available at www.nexodigital.it.

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