



VOGHERA IS ONCE AGAIN THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF COUNTRY MUSIC FOR THE 14TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

From **June 24th to June 26th Voghera Country Festival** will be returning in full swing at the most famous Western resort in Italy: **Voghera's Cowboys' Guest Ranch!**

Following the 2020 hiatus due to COVID and the reduced version of the festival in 2021, the most anticipated European country event is back! A weekend imbued with a unique atmosphere which will take its attendants on an authentic trip to the United States.

Country music provided by Canadian, American and Italian bands and artists; Western style dances with neverending DJ sets, , exhibitions, competitions and workshops given by the most famous choreographers in the world; stands featuring artisanal and Western themed merchandise and of course Western themed food which can be consumed in a restaurant with a full blown American menu and an outdoor grill for those who don't wish to miss a minute of the surrounding excitement and want to get right back into the dancing fray. Added to this don't forget the **VCF AWARDS** in which prizes are awarded to candidates from various categories following a popular vote.

This year's special guest will be Canadian Country artist **BRETT KISSEL** and his band, which will take to the stage on Saturday night at 22.30, following the classic MEET & GREET for a select few of lucky fans and a pre-concert press conference. Be prepared for an unforgettable live show which will be even more special following the forced halt due to COVID which also caused live events to be cancelled in the States as well.

The list of performers which will be delighting festival goers with their music on the various stages on the inside of the festival grounds will be enriched by a Saturday afternoon show from the very American and North Carolina native, **JENNIFER LAUREN**, lead singer for the band **DIAMONDS AND WHISKEY**, who though not accompanied by her regular bandmates will be showcasing her music with the very Italian band **HALF BLOOD**; Friday night will belong to rocker, **TIMOTHY ROCK**, well known for having been a contestant on **THE VOICE OF ITALY**, while over the course of the weekend various Italian bands will grace the stage of the "Saloon": **UKUS IN FABULA**, with their celebrated ukulele show, **SALE DELLA TERRA**, **REDNECK COUNTRY BAND**, **WINGS ALONG ROAD**, **RODEO FISH COUNTRY BAND** along with acoustic duos, **ALEX & STEVE**, **LONNIE & ANDREA** and **FIGURELLA & JO** from the band **DIXIE PARTY**.

A long list of performers which goes from one of Canada's top singers to Italian acoustic duets all this and more will make a musical menu which cannot be beat.

As far as the Country Dance side of the festival is concerned, those making this list are truly world famous:

BYRAN ROBERSON is an American choreographer which no other European festival has the honor of hosting and is consider a true leader in his field; there will also be a stage reserved for those American choreographers who invented the most in-style dance of the year, **HONKY TONKY WAY**, a true crowd pleaser. There will also be **MARK PAULINO** and **LANDON JAMES PURVIS**, which represent a European exclusive, along with them will also be renowned Spanish choreographers **DAVID VILLELLAS** and **POL RYAN** and our **SILVIA DENISE STAITI**, to complete the list of international dance maestros.

The soundtrack to the festival will be in the excellent hands of a rich group of **COUNTRY DJs** who will delight fans and dancers from 10,00 in the morning to late at night.

Saturday and Sunday will also give way to dance contests which will see guest choreographers judging the proceedings which will feature such categories as Team With Over 100 dancers; a true spectacle not to be missed.



Also featured will be the **DANCE OFF** contest, sponsored by **Black Snakes**, along with the classic **TACCHINO HAT DANCE TROPHY** and **THE BEST OF THE WEST CATALAN CUP**, which are respectively **LINE DANCE** and **CATALAN STYLE** contests reserved for original choreographies developed and created by the participating European dance schools over the course of the last couple of months. These choreographies have never been performed before and could become famous following their debut at the contest.

Country e... di Katia ed Eugenio, Bertinstore di Alberto Azzolin and WesternTrail di Stefano Zecchin are other important exhibitors who are among the contributors when it comes to sponsoring some of the contests which take place during the festival.

Three days of complete country life, which will delight fans of the States and will transform Voghera into the European capital of Country.

Also not to be missed on Saturday and Sunday is the rich **American breakfast** which will be served from 8,30 to 10,30 at the **Cowboys Restaurant**, which will be available to all those who wish to sample the flavors of typical **TEX-MEX** cuisine along with Italian cooking during both lunch and dinner hours. For those looking for a "snack" outside dining hours, the outside grill will always be available.

An outdoor and ample **Food Court** will also offer numerous dishes among these salads, pasta salads, fresh fruit and fruit salads, a perfect solution for those seeking a light, quick and fresh meal during the hotter hours of the days. Within the **Palatexas** tables and benches are available within a breakroom area which will allow you to enjoy the festival front row and centre! More seats, more comfort!

Added to this there will also be a parking space reserved solely for motorbikes and numerous restrooms, thus bringing a greater service with fewer queues.

... we are drawing ever closer, we are all VCF!

You can reach us by car, motorbike, trailer, camper and tent. You will find ample parking and free camping grounds and should you crave the comfort of a bed, there are numerous neighboring hotels which work with the Ranch.

And to make this **14th edition** of **Voghera Country Festival** even more special will be **YOU!!!**

The price for a 3 day ticket or just for Saturday is 40 euros, while tickets for Friday or Sunday is 20 euros per day. Don't forget the Special Kit for just 55 euros which includes numerous benefits and fun festival goodies.

To book and for further information: 0383 36.46.31 cowboys@cowboys.it

All information regarding Festival's details and much more can be found here: www.vogheracountryfestival.it

**All this and more will be happening at Voghera's Cowboys' Guest Ranch
in via Tullio Morato 18 in Voghera in the province of Pavia – Italy**

