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## BABILONIA

### 23rd edition of the exhibition-market

Forlì Exhibition - Via Punta di Ferro

#### Forlì (FC)

Reaching its 23rd edition this year, Babilonia is a must event dedicated to all lovers of antiques and modern items, curios and collectables.

It is organized by Romagna Fiere, which has a long-lasting experience in events management. Being aware that learning never ends, they work with dedication, perseverance and professionalism, combining cultural values and commercial issues.



National and international exhibitors will display items of different manufacture, time periods and styles, ranging homogeneously from museum pieces and ancient prints, to vintage clothing and accessories which made the history of fashion.

Babilonia takes you back to the past: visitors have the pleasure of searching through hundreds of objects to find an antique, maybe a rare, old, bizarre, peculiar, moderately modern piece.

To ensure accurate and reliable information, an Art Expert, member of the Professional Association, will be present free of charge throughout the duration of the event.

**Date:** 08/02/2013, 09/02/2013 e 10/02/2013

**Event timetable:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 10.00am-8.00pm. The ticket office closes 30 minutes before closing time.

#### Programme:

##### COLLATERAL EVENTS

##### "Detail of the Ishtar gate"

The graphics of the 23rd edition of Babilonia have not been chosen by chance: the image used in all official communications depicts a fragment of the ancient Ishtar gate of the city of Babylon...

##### "The Battle of Barga"

'Parade plate' in embossed mercury gilt silver, engraved, representing in the middle a complex battle scene in niello work. The skillfully embossed and engraved border features 4 Raphaelesque medallions depicting the four condottieri (commanders) Francesco Sforza, Cosimo de' Medici, Filippo Maria Visconti and Nicola Piccinini, who took part in the historical Battle of Barga.

##### "The Talking Boxes of the Knights Templar"

The 'Talking Boxes of the Knights Templar: caskets for the 'Tithes'. Eight centuries after they were built, the 'Talking Boxes' continue to whisper prayers and mottos of the knights, through the inscriptions engraved in coloured enamels. The purpose of these fine silver caskets featuring messages and coded formulas, is disclosed in Forlì: they were originally constructed to contain the 'Tithes', that is the gold and silver coins offered by nobles and landlords to the Knights Templar to support the mission in the Holy Land. These unusual findings belong to the project "Federico II Museum and the Middle Ages" of Palermo. They will be on display at Babilonia, on February 10-12, to bring positive, medieval energy as auspices for the economic and moral recovery of Italy, which is currently going through a difficult time.

##### "Wine tasting"

Since a long time ago, a sumptuously laid table and a glass of good wine have always been a source of joy, love and desire for life. The word "wine" comes from the Sanskrit verb "vena" (love), from which "Venus", Love,

originates. Wine – also called “honey of the heart” or “nectar of the Gods” – has always been a universal language of happy life sharing, and this is why during Babilonia, the sommeliers of Delizie d'Italia 1960 will delight the visitors' palates with tastings of the best Italian wines.

"Adriatic Sea Art Nouveau: the coast at the end of the 19th century/beginning of the 20th century"

By Andrea Speziali

The exhibition held within the framework of Babilonia starts with photos and historic documents such as postcards and brochures dating back to that time and showing villas located in seaside resorts mainly in Romagna. This section is named "Romagna Liberty" and represents the key connection with the town of Forlì. The path is enriched by Art Nouveau artworks, sculptures and paintings; among the documents, worth mentioning are the drawings of buildings signed by outstanding architects of that time: the Dalmatian Mario Mirko Vucetich (1898-1975), Matteo Focaccia (1900-1975), Paolo and Alberto Sironi, the architects Somazzi who designed the Grand Hotel in Rimini, Giuseppe Palanti, Rutillio Ceccolini and many more.

**Entrance:** entry fee

**Full fee:** 7,00€

**Reduced fee:** 5,00€ - Disabled people, military personnel and children aged 12 to 14

**Special Conditions:** Children under 12

On Thursday 7th February, the exhibition is open to traders only.

## INFORMATION AND BOOKING CENTRE

### [Fiera di Forlì \(Information\)](#)

Via Punta di Ferro - 47100 Forlì - Tel: ++39 0543 793511 - Fax: ++39 0543 724488

**Weekday timetable:** From Monday to Friday from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm and from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm

**Weekend timetable:** closed

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