

**International Conference
World AIDS Day**

December 1, 2021

Teatro Biblioteca Quarticciolo, Rome
In collaboration with Circolo Mario Mieli

In collaboration with ICAR - Italian Conference on AIDS and Antiviral Research, during the event there will be available for the public an InfoPoint on HIV/AIDS for public awareness and prevention

Welcoming of the guest speakers and audience from 15h00

First session

The situation in Italy: past and present

15h15 – 16h45

- Opening by facilitator Chiara Becchimanzi and presentation of the *DRAG ME UP Queer Art Festival* by the Artistic Directors HoliDolores and Karma B.
- Andrea Pini – Writer and activist, one of the founders of Circolo Mario Mieli: Activism for HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness across the years
- HoliDolores and Karma B. – Artistic Direction of DRAG ME UP: Presentation of the historical archive of Circolo Mario Mieli on public campaigns, articles, essays and analysis in Italy from the Eighties to today.
- Mario Colamarino – President of Circolo Mario Mieli: The participation of Circolo Mario Mieli in the fight against HIV/AIDS
Presentation of Fondazione ICONA – Italian Cohort Naive Antiretrovirals

Video commercial from the Nineties campaigning “Se lo conosci, lo eviti” (transl. “If you know it, you can avoid it”)

- Doc. Amalia Bove – Psychologist and therapist: What it means to be HIV-positive in Italy today: social stigma and treatment
- Massimo Farinella – President of Section M of the Medical-Tech Committee at the Italian Ministry of Health (Associations for the fight against HIV/AIDS) / Circolo Mario Mieli
U=U The revolution we have been waiting for
- Contributions from photographer Oliviero Toscani

Questions from the audience

Second session

What is going on in the rest of the World: the US situation

17h00 – 18h30

- Video-message from Krishna Stone – GMHC
- Adam Odsess-Rubin and Douglas Sebamala from National Queer Theater and Criminal Queerness Festival: Addressing the topic of HIV/AIDS through the performing arts
Presentation of the workshop *Write It Out!*

- Timothy Hampton from the SF LGBT Center:
Community engagement e public awareness through arts and local activism
- Michael Barret Jones from the Stonewall Community Foundation:
Fundraising and philanthropism for social justice issues in the U.S.A. today
- Artistic direction of the *Drag Me Up* festival, Karma B. and HoliDolores:
Considerations on the importance of building bridges between Countries for LGBTQIA+ rights and recognition

Questions from the audience

End of the conference and refreshments

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