

## ANDREA VESCO AND FABIO SALVINELLI WIN THE 1000 MIGLIA 2021

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 - **Andrea Vesco** and **Fabio Salvinelli**, racing with the number 43, are the winners of the 1000 Miglia 2021: after almost 1800 km through some of the most beautiful cities in Italy, they won the competition driving the Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Super Sport of 1929.

**Andrea Vesco** already has three victories to his credit, all with the same car model. After the successes first with Andrea Guerini and then, last year, with his father Roberto, today he won the poker together with his co-driver Fabio Salvinelli, a regular driver from Brescia: *"It's always a great satisfaction to get on the highest step of the podium, especially here in Brescia, my hometown" – says the driver with emotion - "Great credit for this important result goes to the car, which for the fourth year accompanies us along the legs of the most beautiful race in the world. This year the race was decided in the last legs, where we managed to overtake the crew that was leading the ranking with three points more than hours. Many compliments then to our opponents because they put up a good fight, making this year's race incredibly tight and exciting. A special thanks to co-driver, Fabio, because you win as a duo. A special thanks also to my father who helped us far away from us in the most difficult moment by helping me last night repairing our Alfa Romeo on the phone".*

An edition characterized by good weather, sometimes tough because of the summer heat and by a challenging route also due to the presence in the race of all three passes of Cisa, Futa and Raticosa that, for the first time are together in the re-enactment: a peculiarity that has satisfied and challenged all the crews in the race and the fans.

Out of 375 cars in the race, 341 crossed the finish line at the end of the race.

The second position was achieved by **Andrea Luigi Belometti** and **Gianluca Bergomi**, driving a Lancia Lambda Spider Casaro of 1929 (competing with the number 41), who, on the arrival ramp, said: *"Now I'm pretending to be happy for my second place... seriously, these are the races and we have to accept the final result. We all know well the winner, Andrea Vesco, and how strong he is, so it's okay. We stayed in the race and competitive for all four days and that's the most important thing for us. See you at the next 1000 Miglia".*

The third place belongs to **Gianmario Fontanella** and **Anna Maria Covelli**, with the Lancia Lambda Casaro of 1927 (racing with the number 24), who confirmed the position obtained in 2020: *"Last year we did well, this year was a fantastic race, even if much more difficult. We are very satisfied of the position we achieved."*

Over 45 driving hours through nearly 200 Italian cities, allowed **Silvia Marini** and **Lucia Filippelli** to gain again the "Coppa delle Dame 2021". The couple, driving the Bugatti T40 of 1929 with the number 40, placed in 23rd position. The podium of the Coppa delle Dame was filled by **Maria** and **Benedetta Gaburri** in a Abarth Fiat 750 GT Zagato of 1957, running with the number 305, and by Silvia Maria Antonietta Oberti and Caterina Vagliani in a S.I.A.T.A 300 BC of 1951.

Excellent performance for the Dutch crew of **John** and **Chelly Houtkamp** who, as first foreigners classified, won the Nations Cup. The duo achieved the eighth position driving an Alfa Romeo 1750 Super Sport of 1929 number 44.

There was a strong international presence, in fact 50% of the crews come from all over the world: after Italy, the largest number of participants was Dutch (146), followed by German (80). **Alfa Romeo** was the most represented brand, with more than 50 participating cars and an exceptional driver: **John Elkann, President and Executive Director of Stellantis**, who, accompanied by his wife **Lavinia Borromeo**, enthusiastically crossed the finish line in Brescia, driving an Alfa Romeo 1900 C Super Sprint of 1956.

"*Crossing the Future*", the claim of the 2021 edition of the 1000 Miglia, expressed the original spirit of the brand, with the union between tradition and the future of the automobile, putting together the vintage cars and the electric cars **Jaguar I-Pace**, **Mercedes EQA** and **Porsche Taycan** in the **1000 Miglia Green competition**, as well as 13 modern supercars and hypercars included in the **1000 Miglia Experience**.

Kimura Hidemoto and Kawashima Shintaro, driving the Aston Martin V8 Zagato of 1989, took first place in the 1000 Miglia Experience, while Stefano Orlandini and Dennis D'Amico won the 1000 Miglia Green 2021 driving the Jaguar I-Pace.

The pioneering **HYPER SUV VISION 2030** has accompanied the competing cars on the ramp, the all-electric concept car designed by **Fabrizio Giugiaro**: "*It is a car that symbolized evolution and represents the new concept of sustainable mobility, the first full electric car to have participated in the 1000 Miglia, with the purpose of making the 1000 Miglia Green known all over the world. This year this edition has been included together with the hypercars of the Supercar Owners Circle in which the strongest cars in the world compete, but the HYPER SUV VISION 2030 has struggled very well*".

To improve the international spirit of the 1000 Miglia, this year the 1000 Miglia Experience UAE 2021 will be held in winter for the first time ever in the Middle East, which coincides with the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the United Arab Emirates. A consolidated bond during this edition in which two crews from the UAE took part, accompanied by the Dubai police car, a distinctive Mercedes SLS.

To enjoy the incredible travel experience that the most beautiful race in the world offers to its participants, TV host **Camila Raznovich** who, on board of the Alfa Romeo Sport Spider of 1954 with the number 1000 and driven by **Roberto Giolito, Head of Heritage of FCA**, opened all the legs of the competition. "*It was a wonderful but tiring experience*" commented Camila Raznovich "*It was wonderful to have the opportunity to discover unexplored places in our country. My special thanks go to the entire organization and to Roberto Giolito, who accompanied me all along the way. Taking part in the 1000 Miglia should be on everyone's list of things to do in life*".

This year's edition was a special one, confirmed by the 1000 Miglia's commitment to social awareness initiatives. In the group of cars taking part in the 1000 Miglia Experience 2021, a special car was the main protagonist: the **Pink Car**, an Aston Martin DBX, entirely in pink, the symbol of support for the fund-raising organized in favor of the **WOMEN'S CANCER CENTER**, the center dedicated to the prevention and treatment of female cancers at the IEO. **Dr. Viviana Galimberti, Director of the Division of Surgical Senology at the IEO - European Institute of Oncology**, says that *"To support for this project is essential because the goal is to be at the side of women in particularly delicate moments, not only during treatment but also in the recovery phase, accompanying them back into everyday life. Not for nothing our claim is "always with women: before, during and after"*.

The Pink Car was driven by **Melissa Satta, Caterina Balivo, Francesca Piccinini** and **Cristina Parodi**, who said: *"This was the second 1000 Miglia for me, but this time I took part in it with a different role and with a different car, all pink. Participating to the 1000 Miglia is always an incredible emotion because it allows you to discover the world of vintage cars but also the "Italian world": to pass through Italian roads that you normally don't see or don't know is an opportunity that only this competition offers, allowing you to show all that is most beautiful in our country. This year, moreover, we supported a really important project and I'm proud to have been part of it. I really hope to come back next year"*.

1000 Miglia would like to thank all partners and sponsors for their support to the event, starting with **Chopard, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes-Benz, Deutsche Bank, Woodham Mortimer, Villa Trasqua, Houtkamp Collection, Way 2 Drive** and **Zepter International**, who have given an important sign of closeness, trust and passion for the 2021 edition. Fundamental was the contribution of **Antares Vision Group**, technology partner, and **Leonardo**, security partner for a 1000 Miglia 2021 carried out in total safety.

Great success also for the Ferrari Tribute 1000 Miglia, the collateral event dedicated to modern cars that the prestigious international brand, symbol of Italian excellence in the world, dedicates to the 1000 Miglia. Alberto Ghelfi and Giordano Mozzi win with a Ferrari 488 Pista of 2020 The award ceremony was hosted at the Mille Miglia Museum in Brescia, in the presence of the institutions, local authorities and the forces of law and order.

During the event, **the Minister of Affari Regionali e le Autonomie, Mariastella Gelmini**, congratulated the organization: *"This is a very special edition of the competition. We come from a very difficult year and the 1000 Miglia fills our hearts with confidence about the future. Thanks to the vaccinations the country is responding really well and today shows its total desire to restart. We thank all the organizers for the enormous work behind this event that makes us proud of Brescia. There is a lot of future in this 1000 Miglia, possible thanks to the history and deep roots that distinguish this race"*.

#### Organizers' comments

*"In this edition, which has just ended, we have seen and heard from everyone - organizers, competitors, institutions, car manufacturers and fans - a strong signal of desire to restart,"* says **Cav. Aldo Bonomi, President of ACI Brescia**. *"I have heard several participants very satisfied with the news introduced this year as they were able to appreciate the beauty of new landscapes. The 1000*

*Miglia is an event strongly linked not only with the Brescia territory but it is also an ambassador of Made in Italy in the world. For this reason, today even more than before, we want to continue the journey undertaken by the Automobile Club of Brescia, in collaboration with the Municipality of Brescia and the Regione Lombardia, to obtain UNESCO recognition as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Our goal is to always improve, year by year, and already with the President of 1000 Miglia Franco Gussalli Beretta and the CEO Alberto Piantoni we are willing to bring other improvements in the future".*

*"The warmth of the public along the entire route of the 1000 Miglia made this edition truly special," added **Franco Gussalli Beretta, President of 1000 Miglia srl.** "The crews faced an exciting race with several innovations, such as the anti-clockwise direction of the race, and showed a competitive race spirit, fighting until the last kilometer for the podium. The gap between first and second was really minimal and I want to congratulate all the competitors for facing important difficulties along the way."*

*"This year we wanted to celebrate, above all, the union between tradition and projection into the future" – says **Alberto Piantoni, Managing Director of 1000 Miglia srl** - "Crossing the future" was the theme of the 1000 Miglia 2021 and we wanted to accept the challenge of placing side by side with the vintage cars the electric cars of the 1000 Miglia Green that covered the entire route without difficulty, maintaining consistent times with respect to the different power requirements. We thought of including it as a test bench and today we have had the confirmation that innovating in the world of mobility is feasible. The 1000 Miglia once again confirms itself as the window on the future of automobiles and mobility, just as previously on Italian roads the whole world could admire the result of the most advanced motor technology".*

**The 1000 Miglia candidacy process as Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO continues: [here's the link to join the campaign](#)**

**Rankings are available at the following link: <https://1000miglia.it/crono/2021>**