

The women of Venice are beautiful but, more to the point, they are flirtatious...

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VENICE BURLESQUE FESTIVAL

In a city like Venice, where disguise, seduction, and elegance are among the core values of its identity, it seemed almost unthinkable that there wasn't already a festival celebrating the art of burlesque - a genre deeply rooted in these very elements. This is about to change with the first edition of the Venice Burlesque Festival on January 18, 2025.

The event will take place in the intimate Teatro *A l'Avogaria*, one of the most vibrant venues in Venice's recent cultural history, founded in 1969 and fiercely independent.

The festival is led by Artistic Director Crazy Cat, a Venetian performer, teacher and burlesque event organiser. Known internationally for her dynamic presence, Crazy Cat is also the creator of "Scars Inside and Out," a burlesque rebirth project empowering "happily imperfect women" to reclaim confidence and femininity after challenging life experiences. With this festival, Crazy Cat sets out to place Venice at the heart of the burlesque world.

Photo: Crazy Cat embodies Veronica Franco, the most famous Venitian courtesan in history.