



Subject: 100 Years for 100 Countries - Events to celebrate Dario Fo's 100th birthday

On March 24, 1926, in Sangiano, in the province of Varese, Italy, Dario Fo, winner of the 1997 Nobel Prize in Literature, was born. He was an actor, director, playwright, writer, set designer, painter, sculptor, costume designer, and, above all, a man of his time.

With Franca Rame, his life and work partner, he is the most performed Italian playwright in the world.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Dario Fo's birth, the Fo-Rame Foundation is organizing a year-long program of events, activities, and celebrations to celebrate the artistic, cultural, and social legacy of one of the most influential figures in contemporary theater.

100 Years for 100 Countries

Throughout 2026, the Fo Rame Foundation aims to celebrate Dario Fo with at least one event in 100 countries. This will celebrate the figure and work of the most performed Italian author abroad, thanks to a vast network of contacts: from the theater companies that stage the Fo-Rame repertoire (currently 144 authorized productions worldwide), to the numerous correspondents and translators, as well as numerous scholars with their universities, associations, theater groups, and international institutions.

Between 2023 and 2024, the works of Dario Fo and Franca Rame were staged in 53 countries, with the most notable being Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, the United Kingdom, and Spain.

This year, the show "Sotto paga! Non si Paga!" has been performed 43 times worldwide, in 22 different countries; the show "Morte Accidentale di un Anarchico" has been performed 39 times worldwide, in 14 different countries; the show "Coppia Aperta, quasi spalancata" has been performed 24 times worldwide, in 11 different countries, in addition to the 7 currently active in Italy.

The show "Sotto paga! Non si Paga!" in its 50th anniversary (2024) has reached an incredible 863 international productions in 57 countries, touching every continent and contributing to important social debates.

Since 2016, the year of Dario Fo's passing, the texts written by him and Franca Rame have been published — or re-edited — in bookstores around the world in works and series, translated into 24 languages!

In Italy... 100 events!

The celebrations for Dario Fo's centenary in Italy will begin in Umbria, where the Fo Rame Foundation is based, with the goal of organizing 100 events throughout Italy from March 2026 to March 2027, involving theaters, festivals, universities, schools, libraries, cinemas, associations and bookshops.

Want to participate too?

Create your own event dedicated to Dario Fo's centenary. You can organize, in collaboration with the Fo Rame Foundation:

- Productions of performances or readings of the works of Dario Fo and Franca Rame.
 - Screenings of documentaries or recordings of theater performances accompanied by discussions with experts and scholars.
 - Study days and masterclasses at universities.
 - Educational activities for students of all levels, aimed at introducing the figure of Dario Fo through interactive workshops and guided discussions.
 - Organization of painting exhibitions to highlight the figure of Dario Fo the Painter.
 - Presentation of new editions of the works of Fo and Rame.
- ... and if you have other ideas, please share them!

Interested? Submit your application!

Fill out the following Google Form and you will be contacted by the Dario Fo and Franca Rame Foundation Secretariat.

<https://forms.gle/jyb7BevvfmfY3P9h9>

Collaboration with the Fo-Rame Foundation

1. The event you will organize, in collaboration with our Foundation, will enrich the program of the Dario Fo Centenary Celebrations, making the celebrations even more widespread, inclusive and participatory.
2. The call is open to everyone: associations, businesses, institutions, freelancers, informal groups, and citizens who care about the memory of Dario Fo and Franca Rame. No idea is too small: if it's done with conviction, it's already a seed of change.
3. The proposals submitted will be subject to approval by the Fo Rame Foundation, which will verify their relevance to the themes and values it promotes.
4. The evaluation will be at the sole discretion of the organization.
5. No financial contributions are foreseen. The applicant organizes the event, and the Fo Rame Foundation participates by providing materials, event planning consultancy, and coordination with city institutions. The modalities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
6. All approved activities will be included in the Centenary celebrations communication in the section dedicated to events and will be disseminated through official channels (press releases, website, and social networks).
7. All applicants will receive the Centenary logo and coordinated materials to use to promote their initiative. All other materials must be shared with the Fo Rame Foundation and approved before distribution.
8. The participation of a Foundation representative in events will be evaluated on a case-by-case.

Call opens: September 5, 2025

Call closes: December 1, 2025

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