



World Cheese Awards to be hosted by FORME festival in Bergamo, Italy

Friday 18 October 2019

Visiting Italy for the very first time, the World Cheese Awards will be held in Bergamo on Friday 18 October, forming part of the city's annual cheese festival, FORME. A four day celebration of cheese set in the Medieval heart of Bergamo and beyond, this year's FORME will play host to over 3,500 entries from six continents, as the international cheese community gathers for the 32nd edition of the competition.

As 250 experts nose, taste and deliberate entries from more than 40 different countries, FORME's 40,000 visitors will be given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the World Cheese Awards action. Festivalgoers will be able to buy tickets to witness the judging unfold live, as all entries are assessed in a single day to find this year's World Champion Cheese, with tasting tours then held in the judging hall over the weekend.

For the first time ever, all previous World Champion Cheeses will be on display in a special exhibition paying tribute to the rich heritage of the competition, hosted at the Palazzo della Ragione in the centre of Bergamo's Città Alta. Downstairs under the loggia, which opens out into the square, a bustling market will be held dedicated to the region's Cheese Valley, while FORME's conference programme, training sessions and ONAF-led tastings get underway in many of the other historical buildings set within the iconic Venetian walls of the upper town.

Taking its place at the centre of the cheese world this October, Bergamo will open its doors to cheese lovers, cheesemakers, cheesemongers and cheese people from across the globe, as the largest cheese-only competition on the planet comes to town.

The World Cheese Awards, organised by the Guild of Fine Food, will take place on Friday 18 October, forming part of the FORME festival in Bergamo, which will run from Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 October.