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✓ Festival della Mente in Sarzana opens with Serianni and Dante – Libri

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(ANSA) – SARZANA, JUL 15 – Linguist Luca Serianni will open the eighteenth edition of the Festival della Mente in Sarzana (La Spezia) with a lectio magistralis on ‘Dante and the creation of literary Italian’. The member of the Accademia dei Lincei e della Crusca will offer, in the year of Dante’s celebrations, a reflection on how the Divine Comedy constituted the origin of the Italian language and literature.

E ‘origin’ is precisely the theme chosen for this edition of the Festival, which will be held between 3 and 5 September in Sarzana, promoted by the Carispezia Foundation and the Municipality of Sarzana and directed by Benedetta Marietti.

Many names in the rich calendar of conferences and events: the photographer Letizia Battaglia, the writer Matteo Nucci, the historian Alessandro Barbero, the author David Grossman, the singer-songwriter Francesco Bianconi, the singer Malika Ayane, the philologist Irene Vallajo, the director of the geosciences institute of Cnr Antonello Provenzale and many others. The Festival returns with 22 events totally in attendance, which will be accompanied by free live streaming, as well as 11 events dedicated to children.

“Origin is not a concept linked only to phenomena of the past – explained the director of the festival – but it is also synonymous with birth or rebirth, and can be declined to the present and the future. After the arrival of a pandemic that has upset global balance and which has caused an unprecedented economic, social and health crisis, we can in fact take the opportunity to reinvent ourselves a new, more sustainable, fairer and more beautiful society “.

The festival is sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and the Liguria Region. (HANDLE).