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Because a Festival of the Mind Is a Great Idea

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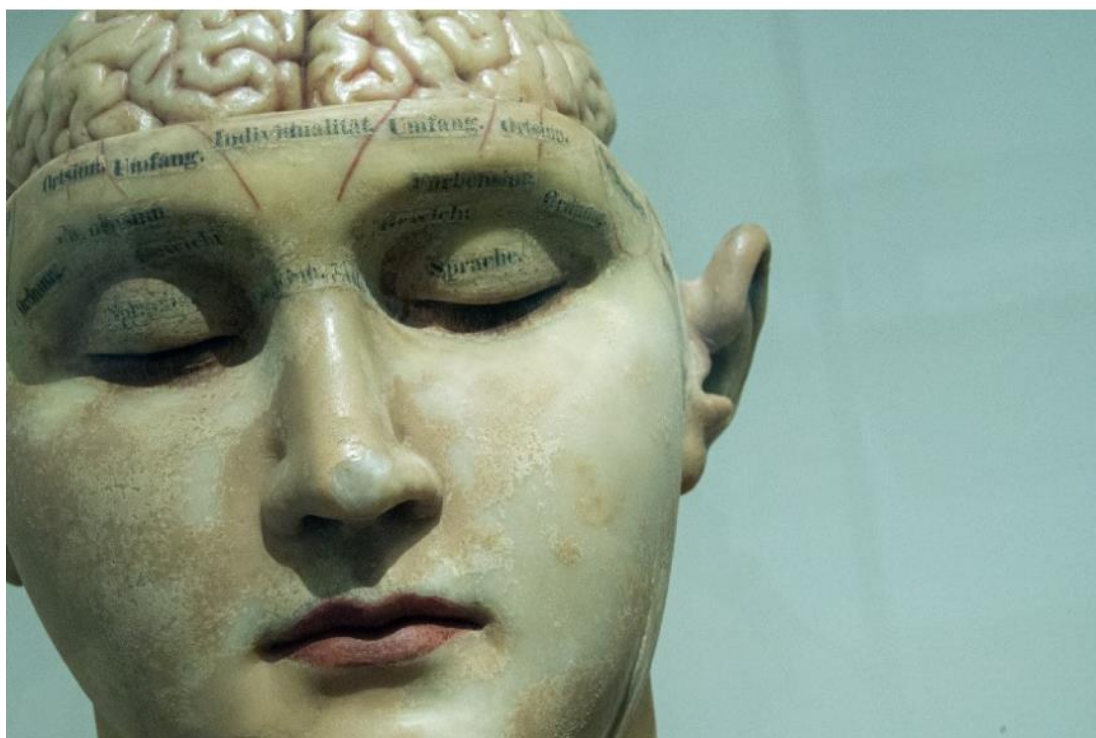


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There is a review called “Festival of the Mind”, it is already in its 19th edition and is in Italy, in Sarzana. This year it is scheduled from 2 to 4 September 2022 and the theme is movement.

It is the first European festival dedicated to creativity and the birth of ideas. Philosophers, historical writers, Italian and international artists celebrate culture.

“The most dangerous thing to do is to stay still”.

William S. Burroughs

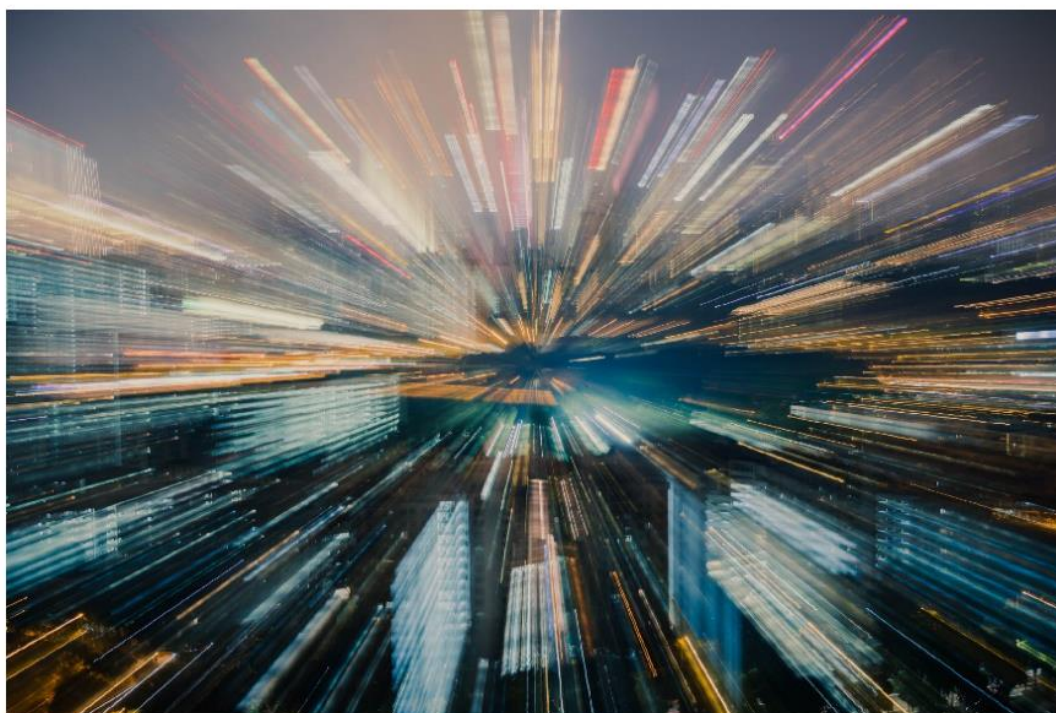


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This phrase inspired the choice of the concept of movement as a guiding thread. Benedetta Marietti, director of the festival, explained:

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“Through the declination of the concept of movement, this year the festival questions itself on the most urgent themes of contemporaneity and on the great challenges that the future holds for us”.

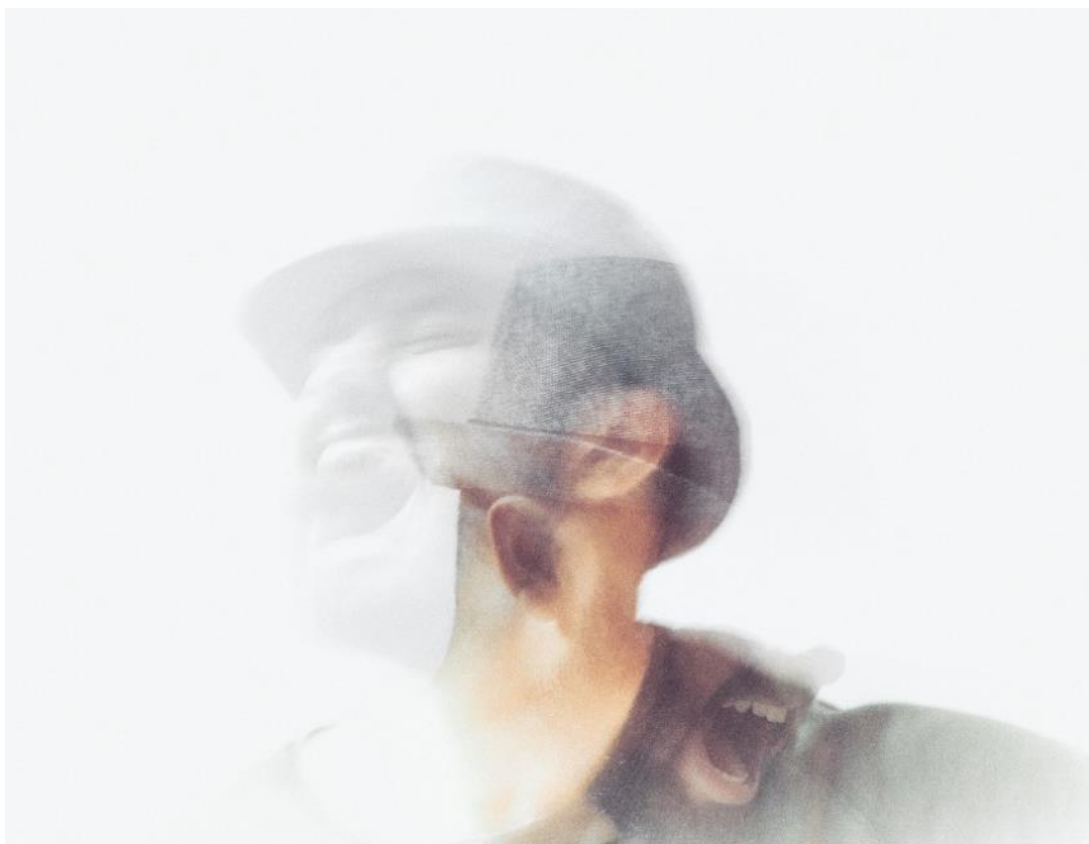


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There are 25 events scheduled for an adult audience and 12 appointments (25 with reruns) designed for young and very young people between science, technology, art, writing, and design. In the square, there will also be volunteers, the heart of the event: a team of about 200 young people, mostly students of local high schools and universities.

The opening of the festival will be Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, with a Lectio Magistralis entitled “The movement of the last”. For over thirty years he has been involved in international cooperation to protect the rights of those forced to flee from wars, violence, and persecution.

The podcasts of all the meetings of the Festival of the Mind are available for free on the platforms Spotify, Spreaker, Apple Podcast, and Google Podcasts. Videos of the meetings, starting from 2014, are available on the festival’s YouTube channel.

The official site is festivaldellamente.it.