



Prefettura di Venezia



Press Release

Carnevale di Venezia: “The Flight Of The Angel” on Sunday the 4th of February in Saint Mark’s Square, security regulations by the Comitato Provinciale per l’Ordine e la Sicurezza Pubblica

Following the recent security regulations, the capacity of Saint Mark’s square during the event of the “Flight of the Angel” on Sunday February 4 will not exceed the number of 20.000 people, a number by far inferior to last year's attendance (40.000).

It has been decided to advance the schedule of the event to 11 am, in order to facilitate the access to the event to residents and tourists.

The municipality of Venice, through the company Vela, has organized some simultaneous events to the “Flight of the Angel” for those who will not be able to attend the show in Saint Mark’s Square. These events will take place in the other main squares of the city.

Therefore, those who will not be able to reach Saint Mark’s Square to attend the “Flight of the Angel” will be offered various opportunities of entertainment and cultural enrichment.

This is particularly important for families with children in prams, considering the possibility of overcrowded passageways leading to mobility difficulties.

The City Administration assures that it will constantly update the visitors on the current situation. The information will be transmitted by the Carnevale di Venezia communication official channels and translated in several languages.

We believe in the sense of responsibility of those Venetian citizens who are not interested in the Carnival and who might experience some inconveniences during that time. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that Carnival is a pride and a beauty of this extraordinary city.

Following is some service information:

- Start of the “Flight”: 11 am (advanced by one hour in comparison to the traditional schedule of 12 pm);
- Starting from 7 am security and safety devices will be activated in Saint Mark’s Square to ensure control and security measures,
- inside Saint Mark’s Square there will be an appropriate number of exits marked and guarded in order to guarantee a controlled outflow of people;
- a central corridor will be maintained for security matters, with a special area of decompression and another zone dedicated to people with disabilities;
- the counting of people will be carried out by staff with digital devices who will notify in case maximum capacity is reached and a temporary closure of the Square's accesses will be required. Meanwhile an easily identified deviation of the foot traffic will be activated and adequately published;
- in case on an emergency situation a control position will be installed in the control room to coordinate the actions;
- 200 policemen, 250 local police units, 60 fire department members, 100 stewards, 40 units of medical staff from SUEM and Green Cross and 40 units of the civil protection department will be present. This will provide a system of maximum security involving a total number of 690 people to guarantee a regulated implementation of the event and the safety of those attending.

The means of transportation of the Actv will be increased.