



Prefettura di Venezia



Press Release

Carnevale di Venezia: “The Flight Of The Eagle” Sunday 11th 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 Eagle” on Sunday 11th of February will not exceed the number of 20.000 people, a number by far inferior to the attendance of last year (40.000).

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

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

Therefore, those who will not be able to reach Saint Mark’s square to attend the Flight of the Eagle, 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 pass ways which can lead to difficulties of mobility.

The City Administration assures that it will constantly notify visitors with updates about the current situation. These will be transmitted by the official channels of communications of the Carnevale di Venezia, and translated in several languages.

We have faith 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.

In the following some service information will be given:

- Start of the flight: 11 am (advanced by one hour in comparison to the traditional schedule of 12pm);

- beginning from 7 am the security and safety devices will be activated in Saint Mark's square, for the necessary controls and security measures,
- inside Saint Mark's square there will be an appropriate number of exit possibilities, which will be marked and guarded in order to guarantee a regulated outflow of people;
- a central corridor will be maintained for security, with a special area of decompression and another zone dedicated to people with disabilities;
- the counting of people will be executed by staff with digital devices, which will signal in case the maximum of the capacity is reached and a temporary closure of the accesses of the square will be installed. Meanwhile a deviation of the foot traffic will be activated which can be easily identified and will be adequately published;
- In emergency situations a control position will be installed in the control room for the coordination of interventions
- 200 operators of the police, 250 members of the local police, 60 members of the local fire department, 100 stewards , 40 units of medical staff from the SUEM and the Croce Verde, 40 unites of the civil protection 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.