



## ORTICOLARIO 2019 TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

*As far as from the United States and Russia for the International Competition "Creative Spaces" 2019. The eight finalists-travellers have been chosen; they will exhibit their creations in the historic park of Villa Erba on Lake Como for the eleventh edition of Orticolario from 4th to 6th October 2018*

*Life is a journey and those who travel live twice.  
Omar Khayyam*

Cernobbio (CO), March 20th 2019 – Fernando Pessoa, from the height of his depth, has written it down: "Life is what we make of it. Travel is the traveller. What we see is not what we see but what we are." And it is really so, because while travelling we get lost and find ourselves again, rereading ourselves in the eyes of others. "Travel", the theme of **Orticolario 2019**, seduced the participants in the **International Competition "Creative Spaces"** for the design and creation of gardens and artistic installations. The **eight finalists** were evaluated by the Awarding Commission among numerous proposals sent by **architects, designers, landscapers, artists, gardeners and nurserymen**. They literally crossed mental and territorial borders, from Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and - **for the first time - from the United States and Russia.**

The selected participants will carry out their projects in the **historic park of Villa Erba** in Cernobbio, during Orticolario, scheduled **from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October 2019**. As always, original and innovative spaces, liveable and usable gardens, new ideas for gardens and artistic installations will define a different experience of the relationship between man and nature.

The creations will be evaluated by an international jury that will assign the **sculpture award "La Foglia d'oro del Lago di Como"** ("Lake Como Golden Leaf") to the best work. The prize is a sinuous-formed vase on which a large leaf flutters with "hints" of pure gold (24K), designed and made by **Gino Seguso** of the historical **Vetreria Artistica Archimede Seguso di Murano (Venice)**. The prize will be kept by the winner for a limited period of time, after which it will remain on display at **Villa Carlotta** (Tremezzina, CO) until the next edition: the **re-awarding ceremony for the 2018 award**, assigned to the landscaper **Leonardo Magatti** with the **Spazio Green Passion "La Topitta"**, will be held in line with tradition at

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Villa Carlotta on Friday, April 12th, at 11.00 a.m. As a major innovation, the winning project will be placed in the botanical garden of Villa Carlotta for the entire opening season, thus giving the chance to enjoy it to the numerous visitors.

*"We are happy to welcome projects coming from as far away as the US and Russia; we could not have wished for anything better for the edition dedicated to Travel - comments Anna Rapisarda, curator of Orticolario. - The selected projects transcend any space-time boundaries and 'contaminate' the usual interpretation of a garden. As in every edition, they will be living spaces, where you can travel with fantasy and wander with the imagination".*

In addition to the "La Foglia d'oro del Lago di Como" Award, the jury will award other prizes: the "Experience Award" for a space that tells, communicates and moves; the "Art Award" for a space where art and nature coexist in balance and where different languages are effectively synthesized; the "Great Italian Gardens Award" for a space of lights and shapes that communicates tradition and innovation; the "Villa d'Este Award" where style and elegance combine in a timeless tradition; the "Villa Carlotta Award" to promote art in the garden, where nature and human ingenuity may harmoniously coexist; the "Gardenia Award" to the nursery, exhibitor or installation regarded as "memorable" in Orticolario's edition; the "Journalists' Award" for the innovation of materials and the eco-sustainability; and the "Visitors' choice Award" for the garden or the artistic installation voted by the public.

## THE EIGHT FINALISTS' PROJECTS

1. "Il cammino del Sole che sorge" (The path of the rising sun)  
Designed and made by **Francesca Meddi** (Vedano al Lambro, MB)  
treelogy.it
2. "Time Travel"  
Designed and made by **Nicoletta Matteazzi Garden Design & Landscape**  
(Treviso, TV)  
nicolettamatteazzi.com
3. "Move n' meet"  
Designed and made by **Mirco Colzani** (Giussano, MB)  
mircolcolzani.com

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4. "Musa Ventosa" (Windy muse)

Designed and made by **Roberto Ducoli** (Longone al Segrino, CO)

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5. "5"

Designed and made by **Mario Mariani** (Galliate, NO)

mariomariani.studio

6. "Tree of knowledge"

Designed and made by **Nomad Studio** (New York, USA)

thenomadstudio.net

7. "Black Garden - viaggio negli Inferi" (Journey to the underworld)

Designed and made by **Denori & Lefty Gardens** (Abbiategrosso, MI, and Monza, MB)

denoristudio.it

leftygardens.com

8. "Parametric Russian Garden"

Designed and made by **Zelënka Studio** (Ryazan, Russia)

zelenka-studio.com

## ABOUT ORTICOLARIO

Orticolario, now in its eleventh edition, is the cultural event dedicated to those for whom nature is a lifestyle. Scene of the event will be the historic park of Villa Erba in Cernobbio (CO), a nineteenth-century villa overlooking the shores of Lake Como, the summer residence of the director Luchino Visconti. Essence of Orticolario: the theme gardens set up in the park, inspired by the theme of the year and selected through the International Competition "Creative Spaces". The 2019 edition is dedicated to "Berries and small fruits" that colour gardens from autumn to winter, while the theme is "Travel".

The event is enriched by a wide range of rare, unusual and collectible plants, artistic craftsmanship and design, an intensive calendar of meetings and numerous educational and creative workshops for children. At the centre of the exhibition there is art, which is able to go beyond and break down the borders between inside and outside. During the three-day event funds will be raised and donated to Larian associations involved in social issues. Lastly, the 2018 edition involved and up to 28,000 visitors.

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## ORTICOLARIO 2019 AT A GLANCE

4th - 6th October 2019 Villa Erba, Cernobbio (CO), on Lake Como

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