

**ALBERI FESTIVAL
VILLAGGIO ARTIGIANO DI MODENA OVEST
17 -19 APRIL 2026**

**OPEN CALL
A WALK AMID THE TREES**

Call for contributions for “Alberi Festival Lab” with self-produced mini videos of walks in parks and green areas of the city.

Alberi Festival is an event conceived and organised by the Municipality of Modena together with Fondazione Archivio Leonardi around the idea that trees should be a model and a tool through which to design and reorganise the contemporary city.

Alberi Festival draws inspiration from the famous drawings of trees by Cesare Leonardi and Franca Stagi, produced between 1960 and 1980 and now preserved in the archive and home studio of Cesare Leonardi in the Villaggio Artigiano Modena Ovest. Their pioneering research culminated into the publication “L'Architettura degli Alberi” (The Architecture of Trees) in 1982, an international handbook for generations of students and landscape architects, bringing about a radical shift in perspective in designing parks and urban green spaces: to conceive urban spaces starting from trees and greenery rather than the other way around.

Following last year's inaugural edition, “Alberi Festival Lab” will take place in pavilions and public spaces of the Villaggio Artigiano Modena Ovest, from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 April 2026

The event aims to be a space for reflection and experimentation on the theme of “The City of Trees”, fostering debate on urgent current issues: above all, the need to recover a harmonious relationship between the space of human beings and the space of trees in our cities, rethinking our idea of nature and our established way of living.

The call

The call aims to collect short self-produced videos documenting walks among trees, in parks and natural areas of the city, either on foot or by bike.

Selected videos will be screened during the Alberi Festival Lab in the form of an immersive installation

For this reason, the material submitted must meet the following requirements:

- . Videos filmed live by the author, with a mobile phone, while walking or cycling through the landscape
- . Audio: sound of footsteps and ambient noise, no added soundtrack
- . Duration: around one minute
- . The mobile phone must be held horizontally.
- . Info sheet with the author's name; name/address/location of the filmed area
- . Data size limit: 25 MB

Procedure and timeline

Videos must be submitted **by 21 March 2026** via the online form:

<https://www.comune.modena.it/form/cultura/walkingonthetrees>

The selected videos will be screened in the immersive room at Alberi Festival Lab.

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