



RADICEPURA  
GARDEN FESTIVAL  
*Annuario del giardino mediterraneo*



## RADICEPURA GARDEN FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES A CALL FOR IDEAS

### “GARDENS FOR THE FUTURE”

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ROLE OF THE GARDEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS IS THE CHALLENGE LAID DOWN BY THE THIRD EDITION OF THE FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN LANDSCAPE.

GIARRE, 18 FEBRUARY 2020 - Radicepura Garden Festival with Sarah Eberle, honorary member of the Royal Horticulture Society as well as special guest at the festival, and Mario Faro, creator of the event, announce *a call for ideas* to participate in the third edition of the Biennale festival dedicated to garden design, which will focus on the theme of “GARDENS FOR THE FUTURE”.

*What will be the functions of gardens in the near future? Fixing some environmental problems? Becoming an additional source of food? What will be the role of plants? What will gardens be like? Will they be places of spiritual refreshment?* The next edition of the biennale festival intends to provide some answers to these topical issues starting with the urgency of sustainable development in economic, environmental and social terms, the paradigm that defines the Millennium Development Goals of Agenda 2030.

Increasingly in the international debate on the fight against climate change, green environments are recognised as valuable and effective resources capable of naturally lowering air temperature and helping to improve its quality. Gardens are therefore recognised as having the capacity to repair, i.e. protect and defend against harmful elements and become curative factors as well as a source of refreshment and tranquillity.

Designing and creating the gardens of tomorrow means imagining the future of mankind and cities, and it is with this idea in mind that the Radicepura Garden Festival is launching a **call for ideas 2021**, inviting students, landscape architects, agronomists, garden designers, botanists, nursery gardeners, urban planners, engineers, artists, curators and all those who have the skills to design and create a garden, to participate in the third edition of the festival that will take place in Giarre from April to October 2021, focusing on the theme of “GARDENS OF THE FUTURE”. *Projects must be a celebration of biodiversity, of natural and anthropic landscape, as well as innovative and usable, considering the variety of Mediterranean vegetation as a particular element and a wellspring of historical and cultural suggestions that has always been a source of inspiration.*

The international competition is open to all those under 36 years old to create 6 gardens with a surface area of between 30 and 50 square meters that tackle the proposed theme. There will also be 1 garden reserved for professionals or young professionals over 36 years of age. The gardens will be created in Radicepura, the botanical garden in Giarre in the province of Catania - between Mount Etna and the Ionian Sea - in close proximity to other gardens designed by internationally renowned landscape architects and works of art. Garden designers will have the possibility to express their creativity by using the most original plants grown in the Pianta Faro nursery which is home to 3000 different species of tropical, succulent and aromatic plants as well as Mediterranean trees and citrus fruits.

Participation in the competition is free and the 7 projects selected by the jury chaired by Sarah Eberle, will have a budget of 10,000 Euro for plants and construction materials.

Applications will be accepted until 30 November 2020

To take part download the competition information from the website\_ [www.radicepurafestival.com](http://www.radicepurafestival.com)

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#### **RADICEPURA GARDEN FESTIVAL**

The Sicilian festival is the first international event dedicated to **garden design and Mediterranean landscape architecture** that involves young designers, institutions, businesses and big names in landscape, art and architecture.

The festival is organised by the **Fondazione Radicepura** in collaboration with **Piante Faro**.

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