

THE UNIPOL GROUP SUPPORTS THE REOPENING OF THE ARENA DEL SOLE

The partnership was renewed for the 2020/21 season which is open to the public from October.

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The Unipol Group will support the Arena del Sole, the historic theatre in Bologna that is part of the Emilia Romagna Teatro Fondazione when it reopens following the Coronavirus pandemic.

The new season between October 2020 and January 2021 will be highly symbolic from both a cultural and social standpoint; it will be held in compliance with current legal requirements to combat the spread of Covid-19 without having to give up live performances. The pandemic obviously inspired the concept on which the season is based, and its title refers to the traditional opening words of fairy tales *"Once upon a time..."*, deconstructing this narrative style to recount the tales of our times. A world that no longer exists: the virus cut a swathe through time and history, plunging us all into a new world where everything had to be reinvented. The National Theatre of Emilia-Romagna intends to take its cue from the idea of *"Once upon a time..."*, the significance of viewing the present through the lens of fairy-tales and the importance of telling stories, giving a tangible sign of its presence and public role.

Unipol will support the 2020/2021 theatrical season since it firmly believes in the importance of the role played by the arts and performances in society, even more so in the present global context.

The partnership with Arena del Sole forms part of the Unipol Group Corporate Sponsorship Program which embraces a number of different areas - artistic culture and heritage, the environment, scientific research and social utility, sport and entertainment - based on the idea that imagining people's futures also means helping to create opportunities for growth and development in their areas of interest.

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