Comune di Cevo

Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica

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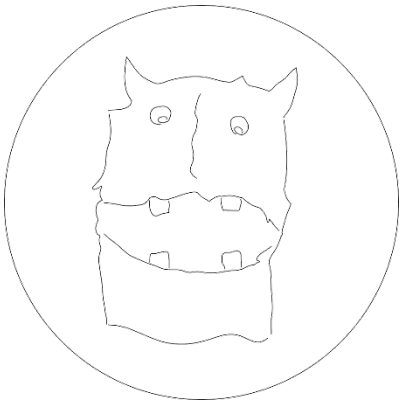
# *ANDRISTA AWARD*

*for the documentation of community rituals and customs in the Alps*



*2026 edition*

## *Spirits of the Alps*

**International award for short films, documentaries and creative productions related to rituals and legendary figures in Alpine communities**

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## Premise

Every year, in the small community of Andrista, in the town of Cevo, Valle Camonica, in the very heart of Italy's Alps, locals gather to celebrate the traditional ritual of hunting the Badalisc. This mythical creature is hunted down in the woods on the night of 5th January and taken in procession to the town square where it is forced to recite its 'ntifunada': a rhyming speech in which the Badalisc lists the faults, oddities and small truths related to the inhabitants of Andrista and the neighbouring villages. It is an archaic ritual and a celebration for the whole community, which is part of the Inventory of Intangible Heritage of the Alpine Regions (Intangible Search).

In order to honour this ritual and festival, the community of Andrista, together with the Town Council of Cevo and Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, with the support of Regione Lombardia's Archive of Ethnography and Social History, have established the 'Andrista Award', designed to reward documentation projects relating to community rituals and customs in the Alps, with the aim of collecting film footage of these events to recognise their narrative and testimonial value. This is, as a matter of fact, an intangible cultural heritage of crucial importance for the history and identity of these small mountain communities, which is recognised and safeguarded by the UNESCO Convention signed in Paris in 2003.

The first edition of the Andrista Award, dedicated to the SPIRITS OF THE ALPS, is one of the outcomes of a project entitled "Sulla scena" promoted by Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica in collaboration with the Town Council of Cevo and funded by Regione Lombardia as part of the Avviso Unico 2025 project.

## Theme and categories of the award

The first edition of the Andrista Award is dedicated to the **SPIRITS OF THE ALPS**: legendary figures, mythological and traditional characters, masks, witches, wild creatures that interact with natural elements and establish special bonds and rituals within communities.
The Award is open to authors, producers and directors of videos, films and documentaries, both published and unpublished, **produced from 2021 onwards**.

The Award will be given to the following categories:
**A. Short films:** narrative video productions lasting between 3 and 20 minutes (including opening and end credits);
**B. Documentaries:** video productions lasting no longer than 60 minutes that document the different stages of the ritual or specific aspects of it;
**C. Animation:** creative productions (films, animated cartoons, stop motion, etc.) based on the ritual and its legendary protagonist, including those created with the use of artificial intelligence tools.

## Participation terms and conditions

Entry to the competition is free and open to everyone. Each author, director or producer may submit only one piece of work, to be placed in one of the three categories provided.

All videos, documentaries and films participating in the competition must be submitted in two versions:
1- Original language version without subtitles
2- Original language version with English subtitles.

The theme and screenplay of the productions must be consistent with the general theme of the Award. The Judging Panel has the right to accept or reject productions submitted in the various categories of the Award if they are considered inconsistent or incompatible.

## Prizes

The task of accepting entries, selecting the finalists and deciding the winner in each category of the award is assigned to a panel of experts appointed by Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, which will act as the award's administrative office.

**The Jury President for the Spirits of the Alps Award is American author and director Lino Di Salvo**, who has been responsible for the animation of numerous significant international films and is currently working on an animated film inspired by Andrista's Badalisc.

The prizes for each winner are as follows:

- **Short Film** Category: €1,000.00 for the winner
- **Documentary** category: €1,500.00 for the winner
- **Animation** category: €1,000.00 for the winner.

The Judging Panel has the sole discretion to award special mentions to some productions selected for particular qualities, and will provide reasons for its choice.
The winners will be provided with accommodation in Andrista for two people for two days. Travel and transport expenses will not be covered.
The winners will be announced during an awards ceremony to be held in Andrista on **Saturday, 2nd May 2026.**

The winning entries and those selected by the Jury will also be screened during the **Alpine Culture Festival** scheduled to take place in Tirano (Valtellina) from 1st to 3rd May 2026, organised as part of the Cultural Olympics promoted by Regione Lombardia.

## How to participate

Video, documentary and animation productions submitted for the SPIRITS OF THE ALPS International Award must be sent in **MP4 1920x1080 format** in two versions, **original and with English subtitles**, to the organisers' office no later than **31st March 2026** via a link for online viewing (Vimeo, YouTube, etc.), taking care to provide the access password. Only if it is not possible to do otherwise, submissions via WeTransfer link or similar platforms (no larger than 2GB) will also be accepted at the Secretariat's email address: uff.culturaturismo@cmvallecamonica.bs.it

To participate in the competition, it is also necessary to fill out the form attached to this announcement and send it to the Organising Secretariat of Comunità Montana.
The winners of the various categories will later be asked to submit a copy of the video file for the screening, in a format to be agreed upon. Submissions of material in other formats will not be accepted unless requested by the Organising Secretariat.

## Info

For information on how to participate in the competition, please contact the Organising Secretariat of Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica by email only at
uff.culturaturismo@cmvallecamonica.bs.it

## Privacy

Personal data provided by candidates in their application to participate in the selection process, pursuant to GDPR - EU Regulation 2016/679, will be processed by Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica for the purposes of managing the procedures related to this Notice.

Privacy policy (art. 13 del Regolamento 2016/679/UE)

**Data controller**

Comunità Montana Valle Camonica, piazza Tassara 3, Breno Tel. 0364-324011, info@cmvallecamonica.bs.it. Comunità Montana has appointed its own Data Protection Officer, who can be contacted by email at rpd@cmvallecamonica.bs.it.

**Purpose and legal basis of processing**

The personal data collected is processed as part of the procedure and for the resulting administrative and legal proceedings. The processing is carried out for the fulfilment of a public interest task.

**Duration of data retention**

The data collected is stored for 5 years after the conclusion of the proceedings.

**Data recipients**

Data may be disclosed in response to requests for access. Third parties who process personal data on behalf of Comunità Montana, for example for computer support services, are data processors and are bound by specific instructions. Data is not transferred outside the European Union.

**Rights of the data subject**

The data subject has the right to request the data controller to access personal data and to correct it, delete it and limit its processing. In some cases, he or she also has the right to object to the processing of personal data. He or she may exercise these rights by contacting the Data Protection Officer at rpd@cmvallecamonica.bs.it. Finally, the data subject has the right to file a complaint with the Data Protection Authority.