



Pleasant Lacco (May 13) ♦ Producer and song-writing legend Tony Renis will be a key participant on Monday, May 19 in the first press conference of the new Ischia Global Film & Music Fest. The press event will be held at the Italian Pavilion of the ongoing Cannes Film Festival at 3:30 p.m. (15:30)

Renis will be joined by the executive general manager and the president of the Luce Institute, Luciano Sovena and Andrea Piersanti; the president of the International Academy of Art in Ischia, Giancarlo Carriero, and critic Tonino Pinto. They will speak about the Ischia festival to be held on the Green Island off Naples July 13-18, 2003. The Ischia festival builds on the fabled era of Angelo Rizzoli and Luchino Visconti, and will restore to Ischia the lustre of its artistic and cultural golden years of the mid-20th Century that attracted cinema stars from around the world.

"Angelo Rizzoli would surely have appreciated the efforts of the Carriero family and the administrators of the Luce Institute on behalf of Ischia and its image, ♦ said Renis. The Ischia festival will focus on the Queen Isabella Hotel in Pleasant Lacco, the locale of the 1966 film Ischia, Operazione Amore.

♦Our event will be one magical combination between entertainment and deepening the popular knowledge of our cinema, ♦ said Renis. ♦The history and the artistic tradition of the Green Island have been unjustly neglected. Rizzoli was a shining leader of the film industry. We are convinced that he would have shared our ideas and above all our goal to bring to the height of history this true pearl of the Mediterranean. ♦

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