

FROM BOLOGNA TO SAN LUCA, ONLY FOR THE..... BRAVE Bologna Corse inaugurates the season with a historical

The race had been cancelled for two years, in order to allow the renovation works of the well-known Portico del Dotti. The organiser of the event, Francesco Amante, also took part in the renovation by remembering a place dear to his father, who loved to take his family to the Sunday's mess in the Basilica of San Luca with his Fiat 500 "Topolino" car. Francesco Amante began preparing every aspect of the organisation on time, since he was so enthusiastic about bringing back historic cars in such a unique way. After the renovation issues, the rest was still to be taken care of and it wasn't an easy task since the race takes place in the heart of Bologna, a place of worship for pilgrims, right beside an arcade that could be included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. On Friday, 31st the organisers will move to the paddock, in front of the stadium, a perfect place to welcome racing cars, trailers and big lorries that arrive one by one. The itinerary is set up. With great care. It is a short race, but full of pulling ahead, hard braking, double clutching and thrilling drifts. Only the Brave, says the foreign press...you don't have time to think...a race in one breathless go.....Red light....yellow and at green, a deep breath to start almost holding one's breath....Starting from under the Arco del Meloncello...alongside the arks, built in 17000, towards the sky..... Thousands of people overlooking the porch, emotion overwhelms you but you must keep focus....notably only the brave. The weather was questionable, but it remained stable and we were blessed with unexpected sunny day.

The winner is Antonio Angiolani on March 783 in 3'05"33 at MKH 104,09, followed by Giuliano Palmieri with his Pantera De Tomaso in 3'09"24 MKH 102,7 and by Mario Sala with Porsche 906 in 3'16"44 MKH 99.

Scuderia Bologna Squadra Corse wins the highest podium in four groups out of five, repeating the victory in the 2016 Aci/Csai Italian Championship

The race, which has won the heart of Bologna, could only be the perfect celebration to begin the 2017 motoring season.