

Event Venues

The Nino Croce open air theatre, formerly known as the San Barnaba theatre, hosts in the summer film screenings, dance performances, concerts, plays and other forms of entertainment. The theatre holds a key social role, aiming at the promotion and the involvement of the region's human capital. The theatre occupies an area of 1800 sq mt and thousands of spectators attend the shows from its stands.

In the first weeks of the year Valderice comes to life with an event that has been running since 1992. Carnival is approaching and in a big warehouse preparations are in full swing for the staging of floats. Preparing the floats' scenes helps to disseminate culture and educate people. Finally the long-awaited day comes. Valderice's main street is a riot of colours and sounds. Groups of dancers open the parade before the floats. The spectacular scenes, made of papier mâché, **march among the crowd and are inspired by topics of political and social satire. The parade closes two weeks of hard work, involving recreational and cultural groups, committees of local villages and schools under the supervision of the Valderice Carnival Committee Association.**

Change of atmosphere, change of scene, it is Christmas. In Misericordia's town park passages from the Bible are enacted using tableaux vivants, living pictures types of installations. "La Bibbia nel Parco" (The Bible in The Park) is an annual event held in Valderice since 1997 in the period between Christmas and Epiphany. The event, an idea of the 'Pro Misericordia' Association, has carved out a prominent space for itself among the many and diverse events celebrating Christmas all over Sicily. Such event is however unique in its choice of artistic medium. Every year a different topic is chosen but the last tableau vivant is always the nativity scene so as to draw a parallel between the sequence of installations and humankind's long journey with the final encounter with baby Jesus as its destination. Thus Valderice remembers the birth of the Redeemer and it raises youths awareness on religious as well as social issues. By combining faith, culture and love for the land "La Bibbia nel Parco" takes visitors on a timeless and limitless journey.