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All the poetry and fun of the Italian circus lands at the Kala Ghoda Arts Festival in Mumbai

Istituto Italiano di Cultura (IIC) di Mumbai, in collaboration with **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival**, is thrilled to present **Hop-Hop**, a show curated and performed by the renowned Italian circus performer **Simone Romanò**, to transport audiences into a whimsical world of circus arts, clown play, and interactive experiences.

Hop-Hop is a perfect blend of clownerie, nouveau cirque and comic cabaret, leaving plenty of room for improvisation and interaction with the audience. All without words, to reach everyone, anywhere in the world. The choice to not use words brings the show on a visual and gestural language, allowing the audience to get in an empathic contact with the performer and with his imaginary world.

Simone Romanò proves he knows how to captivate and seduce all kinds of audiences (from the youngest to the oldest), weaving acquired skills and techniques (clowning, object manipulation, verticalism) together with an innate comic talent. Simone Romanò entered the world of circus and juggling at the age of 19. His first solo show 'Mattarello Show' saw him take part in numerous festivals in Spain and Italy. He continued his international training in London at The Circus Space School, participating in collective and individual productions. He has collaborated with directors such as Mick Barnfather, Joice Henderson, FZ Company, The Kosh Company. Among the most significant collaborations are those with Circus Monti, one of the best Swiss circuses, and Kai Leclerc.

Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Mumbai is dedicated to promoting Italian language and culture in Mumbai and south-western India. Through various cultural events, performances, and collaborations, IIC Mumbai promotes the exchange of ideas and artistic expressions between Italy and India. Its current director, Francesca Amendola shares about the show, "We are excited to see Hop-Hop, brought to life by the incomparable Italian circus performer, Simone Romanò. With so much experience behind him, Hop-Hop could only be an irresistible burst of joy, a highly original comedy show with delicate poetry too."

With this show, Istituto Italiano di Cultura di Mumbai continues its enduring collaboration with **Kala Ghoda Arts Festival**, an event not to be missed for Mumbai's dynamic and rich cultural scene.

Date and Venue:

- 1) CSMVS - Wednesday, 24th January, 5 - 6pm
- 2) Cooperage - Thursday, 25th January, 8 - 9pm
- 3) CSMVS - Friday, 26th January, 4.30 - 5.30pm

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