



LUCCA GAMES, YOUR OWN WONDERLAND! XXI Edition, of the foremost Italian Games and Fantasy Show

Lucca Comics & Games, the main Italian gaming and fantasy festival is back, bringing larger room for exhibitions and the usual lot of rich cultural propositions. This year's edition features an even larger showroom: more than 7.500 square meters dedicated to great publishers, international guests, exhibitions and play areas, with a total gaming area surpassing 15.000 mq.

As usual there are many themed areas, from card and miniature games to boardgames and art-exhibition, and of course a dedicated zone for live role playing games: a *Citadel*, comprising a medieval tavern, actors in historical costumes, and a decorated plaza hosting bards, smiths, tailors and make-up artists that will transform every fan in their favourite character!

The 2007 edition will also focus on computer games, a genre that has been eager to join the gotha of Lucca Games. So, after Atari, Vivendi and Blizzard, it is time for Asus and Intel to enter the show with their *Intel Friday Night Games powered by Asus*.

This year the cultural program will cover two main events, supported by the prestigious guests that will attend the exhibits, meetings and laboratories: the celebration of the 30th anniversary of *Star Wars* and the *German boardgame school*, one of the most influential trends in gaming in the recent years.

Lucca Games will celebrate the anniversary of the screening of the *Star Wars Saga*, one of the most significant elements in the motion picture industry of the 20th century in terms of audience, influence and cultural longevity, through a series of events, meetings and initiatives that will make the event one of the leit-motifs of this year's edition. Writer *Troy Denning* and artist *Ian McCaig* will be the StarWars-related guests of honour, and during the four days of the exhibition they will share their works with the people attending this celebration.

The *German gaming trend* will be presented in Lucca with a complete set of events: seminars, contents, exhibitions and meetings. This endeavour will be further enriched by the presence of *Joe Nikisch*, founder of *Abacusspiele* and honorary president of "Gioco Inedito 2007" competition, *Albrecht Wernstein*, Zoch Spiele CEO, one of the most important names in games market, and the Guest of Honor 2007, Dr. *Reiner Knizia*, with a dedicated exhibition called "Giochi con la K Maiuscola!"

The exhibition will also welcome back many other international guests, the likes of Ciruelo, Joe Dever, Brian Froud, Margaret Weis and Robert Gould.

To find out about the many other guests and happenings that will take place during the 2007 edition of Lucca Comics & Games, from the 1st to the 4th of November, just check out the website: <http://www.luccacomicsandgames.com>