



Hamlet of Scorrano fights rural decline with art

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SCORRANO, Abruzzo — Scorrano, a hamlet of 50 people in Cellino Attanasio, Abruzzo, is staging its sixth *Borgo da Favola* (Fairytale Village) festival on April 25, filling medieval lanes with muralists, storytellers, and live theatre in a deliberate bid to slow the emptying of rural Italy.

“When you visit the village, you truly feel that time has stopped,” said Elisabetta, a visitor from San Benedetto del Tronto. “The colours of the drawings on the walls accompany you like a fairytale. It is a place that transmits a deep, quiet peace.”

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