



Ilaria D'Uva on voicing Italy, AI's missing soul

Posted on May 27, 2026 by Sabina Castelfranco

VENICE — We met Ilaria D'Uva in Venice, where she has just voiced the audio guide for the city's Naval Museum. Two million people a year hear her at the Duomo of Milan, the Pantheon, Pompeii and Assisi. She grew up on bread and audio guides, daughter of the man who created Italy's first audio guide in 1959 and convinced the future Pope Paul VI to install it in Milan Cathedral. Now, with AI circling, she insists her trade survives on the one thing machines cannot fake. Emotion.

Register for full Italy Now access - it's free

Login

or continue with



Google

Don't have an account? [Register Here](#)