

Biography

1982 to 1984

Author and presenter of the programme "I falchi della notte" broadcast by local TV station GBR serving Rome and Lazio.

1984 to 1985

Outside presenter of "Fantastico 5" hosted by Baudo, Brigliadori, Gardini, Lorella Cuccarini, etc.. broadcast by RAIUNO.

1985

Outside presenter of "Domenica in" hosted by Baudo, broadcast by RAIUNO.

1986

Presenter of "Concorso voci nuove Castrocaro" with Elisabetta Gardini broadcast by RAIUNO.

Presenter of "Giro Festival" broadcast by RAITRE.

1987

Presenter of "Occhio al Biglietto", daily TV show broadcast by RAIUNO sponsored by the national lotteries.

Presenter of "Un disco per l'estate" with Roberta Manfredi broadcast by RAIUNO from Saint Vincent.

1988 to 1990

Outside presenter of "Festival di San Remo" broadcast by RAIUNO (two editions).

In-studio presenter of "Vetrina di San Remo", daily after-festival show broadcast by RAIUNO.

Presenter at the San Remo Casino of "Benvenuto '89", new year's eve TV gala broadcast live by RAIUNO.

Outside presenter of "Chi tiriamo in ballo", Sunday afternoon TV show with Sabani and Ramona Dell'Abate broadcast by RAIDUE.

1990 to 1993

Presenter of "Uno fortuna", daily TV show broadcast by RAIUNO, sponsored by the national lotteries.

Author and presenter of "Bravissima", talent show broadcast by RAIUNO. Creator of Bravissima Talent Centre Rome (academy for new talents in the fields of dancing, singing, fashion).

Organiser of and accomplice to pranks on Michele Placido, Gino Bramieri, Marisa Laurito, Gigi Sabani, Heather Parisi, Lina Wertmuller, etc. for "Scherzi a parte" broadcast by CANALE 5.

1994 to 1996

Author and presenter of "Bravissima" broadcast by ITALIA 1 and "Aspettando Bravissima" broadcast by ITALIA 1. Early-evening specials for the national finals, and daily filler programme at 7.30 pm.

Presenter of "Miss Italia 1" with Amadeus and Luca Laurenti broadcast by ITALIA 1.

1996 to 1999

Valerio Merola started working for various South American TV stations. In particular, he exported his "Bravissima" show to Cuba where he organised, directed and presented "Bravissima International", an international version of the "Bravissima" show broadcast by ITALIA 1, entirely in Spanish. During this period he was almost permanently based in Cuba, where he became a celebrity and acted as art adviser for Cuba's state TV station.

2000 to 2004

Valerio Merola returned to Italy to work for the national TV station ODEON TV for which he wrote and produced three programmes: Body Fitness (health and beauty), Giro Guinness (records and interesting facts) and Underground Cafè (music news and video clips).

Author, presenter, organiser of the "Bergamotto Festival" dedicated to songs, dancing and art sponsored by the regional council of Calabria (2002 final - 2003 final - 2004 final broadcast by RAIDUE) .

Author, presenter, organiser, producer of "Cosentissima", car and song rally sponsored by the provincial council of Cosenza.

Author, presenter, art director of "Acriscena", art and culture festival combining art and entertainment held in the amphitheatre of Acri (venue with a

seating capacity of 5,000 in the province of Cosenza).

Author, presenter, organiser, art director of "Festival delle due sponde" (Féztival de Deux Rivages), Italian-Arab song festival held in Italy and Tunisia, during which Italian singers sing Arab songs in Italian and Arab singers sing Italian songs in Arabic.

Creator and organiser of the "Valerio Merola's Band", in which Valerio Merola used music as an additional means of fostering public involvement and participation.

In September 2004 "ISOLA DEI FAMOSI" - RAIDUE. He took part in what is regarded as the most exciting edition of Italy's most famous TV reality show alongside celebrities such as Kabir Bedi, Toto Schillaci, Ayda Yespica, etc.

After leaving the island he discovered a new role as a pundit and took part in "Italia Sul 2", TV show broadcast by RAIDUE every day at 2 pm.

2005 to 2006

Permanent pundit on "Italia Sul 2", TV show broadcast live by RAIDUE every day at 2 pm.

Presenter of "Girofestival" - RAITRE (summer 2005) eight episodes.

Special correspondent for "Telethon" - RAIUNO (December 2005).

Outside presenter of "Domenica In" broadcast by RAIUNO (2005/2006), edition hosted by Mara Venier in the part presented by Rosanna Lambertucci.

Presenter of "Latina Moda Spettacolo" RAUNO 1 (summer 2006) with Luisa Corna, Franco di Mare, Valeria Mazza.

2006 to 2007

Permanent pundit on "Italia sul 2" broadcast by RAIDUE at 2 pm and on: "Il Bivio" - ITALIA 1; "Matrix" - CANALE 5.

Art director and presenter of "IO CANTO", national song contest sponsored by the weekly magazine "Vero", broadcast by RAIDUE.

Author and producer of the showgirl trio "Ragazze Del Piper" sponsored by "Diva e Donna".

2007 to 2009

Permanent pundit on "Italia allo Specchio" - RAIDUE

Pundit on "Vita in Diretta" - RAIUNO

Creator of "IO IMITO", competition for young impersonators dedicated to the search for the artistic successor to his late friend Gigi Sabani.

Art director and presenter of "IO CANTO- IO IMITO", national contest sponsored by the weekly magazine "VIVO" directed by Dario Tiengo.

Author and producer of Martika by Piper Girls.

2010

Host of "La Giostra sul due", summer TV show broadcast by RAIDUE every morning from 11.15 to 12.30.

Author, presenter, art director of "Acrinscena", art and culture festival combining art and entertainment held in the amphitheatre of Acri (venue with a seating capacity of 5,000 in the province of Cosenza).

Author of the weekly feature in "SI" magazine directed by Dr. Maffei.