

## **PESAVENTO AWARDS 2018**

## The Pesavento award for people of merit

On Sunday the 23rd of September, in the splendid setting of the Municipal Theatre of the City of Vicenza, Pesavento presented three special awards for women who have made a valuable contribution to society.







Left to right: Manuela Bedeschi, Barbara and Deborah Morseletto, Emilia Laugelli

## "The search for beauty becomes art when it coincides with the dreams of people who seek to improve the world"

Pesavento Awards is not all about jewellers. It is also an occasion to recognise individuals who have made a valuable contribution towards improving life at work and in society as a whole. Pesavento has embarked on a path that combines the company's mission to create jewels with a strong commitment to projects in the name of beauty and solidarity. The idea, therefore, is to recognise the plans and actions of some exemplary people: men and women who stand as examples to us all and are models of principles and values that can make our lives better.

For the 2018 edition, Pesavento has decided to award special recognition to four women of Vicenza who have stood out for their work in the name of art, protection of the land and social awareness.

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Manuela Bedeschi (Art and beauty): for restoring the former glory of Villa Pisani Bonetti.

It has taken seventeen years to restore Villa Pisani, in Bagnolo di Lonigo, to its original condition as a splendid Palladian home with Unesco protection. And it has taken time to also transform the impressive adjacent colonnade and the magnificent park into a home for art and hospitality. The project had seemed impossible, but has in fact been completed capturing the soul of the place: a grand and peaceful abode that also stimulates creativity.

**Barbara and Deborah Morseletto (Protection of the land)**: for restoration of Cava Arcari with a project by David Chipperfield.

Barbara and Deborah Morseletto, the enlightened owners of Laboratorio Morseletto, turned a quarry in Pietra di Vicenza into a theatrical area open to the public. They commissioned the British architect David Chipperfield to transform it into an original place for meetings, presentations and theatrical and musical events. In this way, the stone once quarried to create grand buildings can also be seen as a context for new occasions and ways of life.

**Emilia Laugelli (Social awareness)**: for the 'InOltre' listening service for entrepreneurs affected by the crisis.

A psychologist and psychotherapist, she is a remarkable woman with many strings to her bow. Since 2012 she has led a team of psychologists who provide a 24/7 service for the people of Veneto, but not exclusively, who are going through a financial and existential crisis. The service was created at the instigation of the President of the Veneto Region to offer support for people who, due to the difficult economic situation, have had to face great challenges.

## The gala evening, Sunday the 23rd of September

Excitement and beauty were combined at a prestigious location, the Municipal Theatre of the City of Vicenza, during a magical and memorable evening the highlights of which were the Pesavento awards ceremony and splendid opportunities to meet international guests, VIPs and celebrities. Live footage on Facebook also allowed fans and friends to share in the magic of the evening from 7.30 p.m. onwards.