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# Caterina Bellandi e il suo taxi Milano 25, Firenze

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This is a beautiful image ... I want to know the story behind it ...  
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[why\\_not ? pro](#) dice:

Ok!

First about the subject:

Caterina Bellandi is a taxi driver in Florence. Some would say: "nothing special, she's not the first woman (neither the last one) to do that job". but actually she IS special. and so is her taxi - Milano 25.

It's carosery is painted with folwers and buterfiles. Windows and seats are crowded with plush daisies and teddy bears. The windscreen carries a collection of photos of intersting - some of them famous - people.

Milano 25 is a colourful magic place that makes you think rather of a travelling chambrette than of a 4-wheeled motor vehicle. Inside, you feel a child again.

At the wheel - Marry Poppins of the third millenium - Caterina. Always smiling. She's willing to talk to her passengers, but she's a good listener too. She will cheer you up if You're sad and keep your secret if you ask her to do so.

She wears awesome but cheerful flowered hats on her head and a sad story in her heart.

Several years ago her close friend who was a taxi driver died from a tumour. She remembers the time of his sickness as a period of solitude and people's indifference. In one of the interviews she says:

"When Stefano was ill all people disappeared; friends, colegues. He would die anyway, they thought. The sickness seems a burden to many".

She had a strong need to broke the circle of people's passiveness. She quited the job in office and took care of her friend's taxi becoming its driver. She started cooperation with Tommasino Bacciotti Foundation, a non profit organisation for the fight against childhood brain tumors instituted by the family of little Tommasino, died from a tumour too. She took part in other projects based on volunteer work and organised such initiatives on her own. She offers free rides to Mayer Hospital all year and distributes chocolate to children in Christmas time. She managed to involve other people in volunteer activity.

for more:

[www.tommasino.org](http://www.tommasino.org)  
[www.milano25.com](http://www.milano25.com)

This photo I took last year during my fotoreporter adventure in Florence. The newspaper published another one (which I post too). Still, this one remains my favourite of the series!

Thank You for the comment. I'm glad You liked it.

Greetings!

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**gee hue pro dice:**

Thank you for the story ... it is absolutely wonderful. Caterina sounds like one of the world's great characters.

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**an untrained eye pro dice:**

Great photograph and great story - thanks for sharing !

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**lysander07 dice:**

Hi, I'm an admin for a group called [retro style epochs](#), and we'd love to have your photo added to the group.

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**mikletron2 pro dice:**

Mi sembrava un ritratto e per questo non pertinente ma quando ho visto che si tratta della signora del taxi Tommasino mi sono detto, no, è pertinente eccome, aldilà dell'indubbio valore umano, è un istituzione, un monumento mobile che gira per la nostra città!!!

Se qualcuno ha una foto del taxi la mandi, per favore!!!



**BRAVO!** SEI SU FIRENZE BIANCA E NERA!

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