



MAURO CANTORO COLLECTION

Member of “Amici del Circo” and passionate collector of circus video footage, Cantori is the kind collaborator that is helping CEDAC to digitalize the VHS archive: an essential contribution, as it will made these videos available for researchers and students.

Moreover, an exchange of documents is happening too, as he gets to keep a copy of the VHS video for himself, and kindly send us some pieces from his own collection, together with some posters. This led to the creation of a specific section dedicated to his documents in our Archive.

Mauro has been a circus passionate since his early years, around 12-1 years old when Circus Royal (Dell’Acqua family) came to his village. This left a mark on him, and around his twenties he bought his first camera, with which he begun to report the life and the performances of the various circuses that came in his surroundings.

His collection features amateur videos from the 70s to the present days, plus some professional video footages donated by Togni, Casartelli, Bizzarro, Rossi, Monti, Zavatta, Vassalo and many other families.

His is a true passion that has led to a precious documentation of the history and evolution of circuses in Italy.

Due to their format, these documents are available for consultation on the spot only.