



AN ITALIAN WOMAN

who changed the world



DELIA DICATALDO

BEBE VIO



It is not only Beatrice Vio's unblemished record that draws people's attention, it is her youthful celebration following each victory, plus her fervent passion to inspire young people with a disability that captures the hearts of many.



BEBE VIO is born in Venice but raised in Mogliano Veneto, she is the second of three brothers; she has practiced fencing since the age of six.

In late 2008, when she was 11 years old, she was affected by a severe meningitis that caused her an infection and then the amputation of both her legs from the knee, and both her arms from the forearms

About a year after the onset of the disease, she resumed the sporting activity of the fencer, also of competitive level, thanks to a particular prosthesis designed to support the foil.





Personal information			
Born	4 March 1997 (age 24) Venice, Italy		
Sport			
Country	Italy		
Sport	Fencing		
Weapon	foil		
Hand	left-handed		
National coach	Simone Vanni		
Club	Scherma Mogliano		
Head coach	Federica Berton, Alice Esposito		
Medal record [hide]			
Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Paralympic Games	1	0	1
World Championships	3	0	0
European Championships	4	1	0
Total	8	1	1
Summer Paralympics			
G	2016 Rio de Janeiro	Foil B	
B	2016 Rio de Janeiro	Team foil	

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She has appeared as a testimonial, in many television programs, to spread the knowledge of wheelchair fencing and of Paralympic sport in general; on a couple of occasions she competed on an advertising screen together with her inspiring figure, the multi-medal winner Valentina Vezzali. In 2009 Beatrice Vio's family founded **art4sport**, a non-profit organization of social utility (ONLUS) to support social integration through the sporting



In September 2016, she posed for Australian photography Anne Geddes for a campaign for vaccination against meningitis.

On 18 September 2016, she paraded as the flag bearer of Italy at the closing ceremony of the XV Rio 2016 Paralympics.

In 2012 she was one of the torchbearers at the London Paralympic Games; on the occasion of Expo 2015 Vio was chosen as the testimonial of the



On October 18, 2016, she was part of the Italian delegation at the state dinner at the White House, the latest offer from the Obama administration. In 2017 she leads the program **Life is Cool** on Rai 1. Together with her family, she conceived the "games without barriers" event together with her team made up of singers, sportsmen and people with disabilities.



In 2018 the America Award of the Italy-USA Foundation was awarded to the Chamber of Deputies. In the same year she starred as a voice actress in *The Incredibles 2*; she has been dedicated a Barbie in a unique copy by Mattel.



Her positive joyful attitude towards life is depicted in the Netflix documentary 'Rising Phoenix', where she is featured among nine Paralympians

