



The Ambassador

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Cari Amici, Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate all of you at the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York for the new upcoming edition of the annual October month celebration.

Even with the many challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic this year, IHCC-NY is showing once again the enormous value brought by the solid ties between our two Countries, and our people. Indeed, in the past 44 years, you have contributed greatly to the promotion of our Italian culture, language and heritage in New York and beyond. Your contribution always brings to life the numerous achievements and successes of Americans of Italian descent and of Italians residing in the United States.

This year's theme "FELLINI: 100!" not only shows how the iconic Italian director and screenwriter contributed to the simple uniqueness and storytelling qualities of Italian cinema in the world, but it also looks at the future of our Countries' bonds in the arts and culture. Fellini's genius has made us dream, has made us think, and has made us dig deep into our imagination, both at home and here in the US, young and old.

With this in mind, I would like to express my appreciation to President and Chairman Joseph Sciamè, the entire Board of Director, and the vibrant IHCC-NY community of members and supporters. I wish you all a very successful 2020 Italian Heritage & Culture Month.

Armando Varricchio