



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to welcome everyone as the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York presents its 44th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month and Fellini 100 conference series.

Established in 1976, IHCC-NY is a leader in preserving and promoting the rich histories, customs, and linguistic traditions of Italy and Italian Americans in the five boroughs and beyond. For this year's Italian Heritage and Culture Month, the Committee will commemorate the centennial birth year of the acclaimed filmmaker Federico Fellini with a series of online discussions featuring historians, scholars, and film industry professionals exploring the life and works of the Academy Award-winning screenwriter and director. The program will also feature clips from some of his most notable productions, including *La Strada*, *La Dolce Vita*, *8 1/2*, and *Amarcord*. As you celebrate the legacy of this tremendously gifted artist whose captivating films have inspired generations of audiences in our city and around the world, I applaud IHCC-NY and everyone associated with this terrific event for their efforts to uplift our vibrant Italian community, enrich our cultural diversity, and unite New Yorkers of all backgrounds in shared appreciation of Italian cinema. *Grazie mille!*

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful month and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor