Nota bene: Please check in advance with organizations hosting in-person events, as COVID safety regulations can vary from one venue to another and can change at any time.
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A Message from the President/Chairperson

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 45th annual celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month! This year the Board of Directors of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee, New York, Inc., has selected as its theme: DANTE 700! IHCC-NY Celebrates the Genius of Dante, The Grand Poet Who Unified Italy through Language.

The IHCC-NY, Inc. annually recognizes the tremendous contributions of Italians to the world. For 2021 we celebrate Dante Alighieri being the first to use the Florentine vernacular in a major literary work, rather than in Latin, which had been accessible to only the well-educated. Dante set a precedent that later Italian writers, such as Boccaccio and Tasso, followed. This was an incredible act, which enabled a wider audience among the populous, and, even more importantly, established his Italian as the accepted national language, unifying the people of Italy across diverse regions and dialects.

His Divina Commedia, with Dante’s journey through Inferno, Purgatorio and Paradiso, guided first by Virgil, the ancient Roman poet, and then by Beatrice, his idealized love, takes the reader through his epic philosophical poem, considered to be the greatest poem of all times.

We happily continue our tradition of sharing valuable and significant cultural information with the publication of this magazine booklet for the 45th year. Our many programs and cultural collaborations celebrate our “Italianità.”

At this time, I thank all who have suggested and prepared the final work towards the various posters, bookmarks, pamphlets, and solicitation of programs for the booklet/insert of activities for the year 2021, all of which can be found as well on our website. Our publications are provided through the generosity of benefactors, among whom are: the Columbus Citizens Foundation, the John B. Calandra Italian American Institute, the Office of the Consulate General of Italy in New York, and many other individuals and contributors.

During these challenging economic times, we are most appreciative of the response by those individuals who have contributed to the development of our materials and, as well, to the overwhelming largesse of our sponsors whose ads are included within. Without their financial support, we might not have been able to produce such a comprehensive view of all the many activities for Italian Heritage and Culture Month, 2021.

You are enthusiastically and wholeheartedly invited to join us in this celebration to partake of and participate in, as many activities listed in the calendar of events as you are able. With all of us, the members of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee, NY, Inc., a Board second to none in its enthusiasm and grace of life as “Italophiles,” I encourage you to celebrate our rich heritage! Indeed, we shall enjoy a Happy Anniversary - #45!

Grazie a tutti e buon proseguimento!

[Signature]

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Foundation President
Cav. Vivian Cardia congratulates the members of the Italian Welfare League on their Centennial of good works for the Italian community and thanks them for all the beautiful memories.
New York’s Italian Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate its forty-fifth anniversary this year, 2021. The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. has provided more than four decades of special events, concerts, exhibits, lectures, and proclamations to better inform New York, the largest Italian city outside Italy, and other geographic areas throughout the United States and the world, of the important legacy of Italians and Italian Americans and to celebrate their significant cultural contributions.

In the spring of 1976 the Mayor of New York City, Abraham Beame, initiated the first “Italian Culture Week” from May 17 to 23 of that year. The idea was originally brought to the attention of Dr. Leo Bernardo, Director of the City Bureau of Foreign Languages of the Board of Education of the City of New York, and he was easily persuaded of the value and importance of the proposal, appointing Dr. Angelo Gimondo as project coordinator. Nine years later, in 1985, the festivities moved to October, to coincide with various Columbus Day celebrations, and grew in duration to become “Italian Heritage and Culture Month.” As the years passed, the Governor of the State of New York and the President of the United States joined in acknowledging this significant annual celebration by issuing proclamations in recognition of the heritage and culture of Italians and Italian Americans. Dr. Gimondo (honored by the Italian Government on several occasions, including being granted the title of Gran Uff. in the Order of the Star of Solidarity) was the head of the corps of volunteers who annually coordinated the celebration of Italian heritage and culture in the five boroughs of New York. His wholehearted enthusiasm for the project was matched by that of Rosamaria Riccio Pietanza, then President of the Italian Teachers Association of New York, who, together with him, assembled educators and administrators with an interest in language and culture, many of whom remain involved with the IHCC-NY, Inc. In December 2006 Dr. Gimondo retired as founder and president of the IHCC-NY, Inc. after thirty years.

Stephen Briganti, President of the Ellis Island Foundation, addresses guests at the Consulate of Italy on the occasion of his award of the Leonardo da Vinci honor by the IHCC-NY, Inc.
Mission Statement
Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, INC.

The mission of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee, New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) is to:
• Heighten public awareness of Italian heritage and culture;
• Coordinate sponsorship of programs that celebrate Italian heritage and culture;
• Sponsor annually the Italian Heritage and Culture Month activities;
• Promote the study of Italian language and culture among all ethnic groups;
• Engender pride in Italian Americans regarding their own heritage; and
• Encourage positive portrayals of Italian Americans in the media and with the general public.

Vision Statement

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee, New York, Inc. will conduct, sponsor, and/or participate in activities throughout the year, with special emphasis on the celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

The vision of the IHCC-NY, Inc. is to be a dynamic organization in the Italian American community that will collaborate on and foster an appreciation of Italian and Italian American contributions to the world.

The IHCC-NY, Inc. will:
• Solicit funds to carry out its mission and fulfill its vision;
• Network with Italian and Italian American resources to gain active individual and group participation;
• Assist in promoting Italian heritage, culture and language; and
• Provide quality materials to educational and cultural groups and to other entities.

Programs

The IHCC-NY, Inc. will encourage and/or sponsor programs at schools, colleges, civic entities, and ethnic and other organizations so as to promote Italian heritage, culture and language and will foster positive recognition for the contributions of Italians and Americans of Italian descent to our society.

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of outstanding leadership, leaving an important legacy that continues to this day. He presently serves on the board as a consultant and adviser. In January 2007, then Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame, Vice-President for Community Relations at St. John’s University, past president of the national Order Sons of Italy in America, and an IHCC-NY, Inc. Board member for three decades, was elected President/Chair of the Board of Directors. Under his leadership, the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY, Inc. continues to be comprised of eminent representatives of New York’s Italian and Italian American community.

Early on, the organizers conceived of the idea to dedicate each year’s celebration to a specific theme or personality from the history and culture of Italy and Italian Americans. Each year the Board of Directors selects a new theme, commissions a poster, and publishes a Calendar of Events booklet. The themes represent some of Italian America’s many significant leaders, concepts, and historical highlights, and a list of them is included below.

In addition to its efforts to promote heritage and culture, along with the annual Da Vinci Award ceremonies conferred upon distinguished Italians and Italian Americans, the IHCC-NY, Inc. has in recent years:
—sponsored a concert in honor of the 100-year Anniversary Celebration of Andrea Palladio;
—supported the efforts of the Italian and Italian American community in promoting the cause of the Advanced Placement exam in Italian language in U.S. high schools;
—saluted the lifetime achievements of the late Rocco Caporale, Ph.D., former Board Member;
—hosted a special tribute to international playwright Cav. Prof. Mario Fratti for his play and movie Nine;
—participated in the annual flag-raising ceremonies at Bowling Green, the site of the arrival of the first Italian to New York, Pietro Cesare Alberti. Commencing in 2010, the October flag-raising has been held at the “Mother Italy” statue at Hunter College, CUNY, NYC, followed by a traditional luncheon to celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month with the IHCC’s Board of Directors;
—advocated for obtaining an official U.S. Congressional Resolution for the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy;
—welcomed in 2012 an international exhibit from Florence, Italy, honoring Amerigo Vespucci (the year’s theme for Italian Heritage and Culture Month); in October 2012 a bust statue of Vespucci by sculptor Greg Wyatt was unveiled for permanent display at the Organization of American States under the sponsorship of Ambassador Sebastiano Fulci;
—celebrated Italian Heritage and Culture Month 2012 at the National Arts Club, with the...
participation of international singer Cristina Fontanelli;
—co-sponsored in December 2012 the famed Presepio at the Staten Island campus of St. John's University with the Casa Belvedere Foundation. The Presepio was a gift to the NYC Fire Department by Italian officials of the Chamber of Commerce of Naples following the tragic events of 9/11;
—hosted special ceremonies in March 2013 at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute to inaugurate the “Poster Series” created by Artistic Director John Battista DeSantis in honor of 2013: Year of Italian Culture in the United States. Several weeks later Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero visited the site to view the posters during an unprecedented stop at the Institute;
—from 2014-15, the Board of Directors continued its tradition at the Mother Italy Statue with its various recognitions, and for the October 2014 Columbus Day weekend saluted Board Member Distinguished Professor Cav. Anthony Julian Tamburri, Ph.D., Dean, Calandra Institute, for his lifetime of professional, ethnic and cultural achievements, while over the 2015 Mother's Day weekend, the Board recognized the work of Minister Natalia Quintavalle, Consul General of Italy in New York;
—joined in partnership in 2015 with the cultural theme advocated in Italy for October. The IHCC determined that it be appropriate to recognize Italians and Italian Americans in science and technology by celebrating “2015 Year of Italian Creativity: Celebrating 50 Years of Science and Technology; New York World’s Fair 1965 – Expo Milano 2015;” Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases received the 2014 IHCC-Y, Inc. da Vinci Award;
—continued its tradition of a flag-raising ceremony at the Mother Italy Statue for the October 2015 Columbus Day weekend by saluting Elisabetta Calello, Special Assistant to the Consul General of Italy in New York, on the occasion of her retirement after forty-three years of service to the Consulate General of Italy in New York and the Italian-American community;
—named the 2015 Leonardo da Vinci Awardee, Dr. Robert C. Gallo, who was feted at a reception in January 2016 held at the Consulate General of Italy in New York. Dr. Gallo, renowned worldwide for his research and study in the field of immunology, continues his research as Director of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine;
—recognized the work of the National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW) with special congratulations to Aileen Riotto Sirey, Ph.D., Founding Chair and current Chair, Maria Tamburri, at the May 2016 Mother Italy ceremony;
—hosted on September 30, 2016 a kickoff for the Columbus Day Weekend at the Consulate General, honoring Minister Francesco Genuardi. On this occasion, a fund-raising appeal was initiated in order to provide a future donation to an earthquake-stricken area in Italy;
—acknowledged on May 12, 2017 Dr. Ann Prisco (Sergi), president of Felician

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University, for her professional achievements at the “Mother Italy” statue at Hunter College, CUNY. Following the ceremony and in honor of the 40th anniversary year of the IHCC-NY, Inc., two da Vinci awards were presented for the 2016 year. Accepting the award for the John D. Calandra Institute, CUNY, was Cav. Dr. Anthony Julian Tamburri and for the Columbus Citizens Foundation, Inc. was Angelo Vivolo. In addition, special recognition awards were presented to America Oggi publisher Cav. Andrea Mantineo and to Roberto Frangione, Deputy Consul General of Italy in New York.

An historic moment for the IHCC-NY, Inc. occurred with a presentation of a special check, in the amount of $10,000 raised by supporters and donors, that was announced via a teleconference with Montessori school officials in Macerata, Italy; —conducted on October 6, 2017 the annual Pre Columbus Day and weekend activities with a program and reception at the Consulate General of Italy honoring award winning filmmaker Anton Evangelista and actress Angela Pietropinto Chimera, as part of the year’s theme and salute to Cinema and Theater; —hailed on May 11, 2018 the term of stay in New York City by Deputy Consul Isabella Periotto with a ceremony at the Mother Italy Statue and a luncheon at Vivolo’s for IHCC Board members and guests; —advocated for the ongoing work of IACE – the Italian American Committee on Education, under the leadership of Cav. Dott. Berardo Paradiso, for the continued growth of the Advanced Placement in Italian, a work in progress for a generation or more; —joined in 2018 the Columbus Heritage Coalition in the saving of the famed statue at Columbus Circle, New York City and participate on a Steering Committee to ensure continued education and advocacy for the appropriate recognition of the Discoverer Columbus; and —recognized by the Republic of Italy on June 5, 2018, Joseph Sciame, President/Chair of the IHCC-NY, Inc. was decorated by the Consul General Francesco Genuardi at a private ceremony as a Commendatore in the Order of Merit as designated by the President of Italy. On March 11, 2019 he was elected President, Sons of Italy Foundation, Inc.

—honored on May 10, 2019, The term of stay by Deputy Consul Chiara Saulle, with a ceremony for Mother's Day weekend at the Mother Italy Statue in the presence of Minister and Consul General Francesco Genuardi; —presented on October 11, 2019, the da Vinci Award to Stephen A. Briganti, Former President and CEO of the Statue of Liberty- Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. Attending the Award Ceremony was Mayor Bill de Blasio —commemorated Dante Day on March 25, 2021, in collaboration with the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and the Consulate General of Italy in New York, with a ceremony and wreath laying at the Dante statue at Lincoln Center. In 2021 Min. Dario Franceschini, Italian Minister of Culture Dario, proposed to establish an annual national Dantedì’ (Dante Day) on March 25th, and Dante was celebrated throughout the world this year. This is the presumed date when Dante Alighieri, medieval poet and philosopher, began the journey in his epic poem the Divina Commedia (Divine Comedy). Among the distinguished speakers were the Mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio and poet Prof. Luigi Ballerini —honored in July, 2021, the term of stay by Deputy Consul General Silvia Limoncini was recognized with a ceremony at the Mother Italy Statue in the presence of Minister and Consul General Francesca Genuardi; —presented on October 11, 2019, the da Vinci Award to Stephen A. Briganti, Former President and CEO of the Statue of Liberty- Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. Attending the Award Ceremony was Mayor Bill de Blasio —commemorated Dante Day on March 25, 2021, in collaboration with the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and the Consulate General of Italy in New York, with a ceremony and wreath laying at the Dante statue at Lincoln Center. In 2021 Min. Dario Franceschini, Italian Minister of Culture Dario, proposed to establish an annual national Dantedì’ (Dante Day) on March 25th, and Dante was celebrated throughout the world this year. This is the presumed date when Dante Alighieri, medieval poet and philosopher, began the journey in his epic poem the Divina Commedia (Divine Comedy). Among the distinguished speakers were the Mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio and poet Prof. Luigi Ballerini —honored in July, 2021, the term of stay by Deputy Consul General Silvia Limoncini was recognized with a ceremony at the Mother Italy Statue in the presence of Minister and Consul General Min. Plen. Febrizio Di Michele, newly arrived to the New York Consulate
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For Columbus Day Weekend
2019 Stephen A. Briganti
2018 Aileen Ritotto Sirey, Ph.D.
2017 Angela Pietropinto

Chimera and Anton Evangelista

For Mother’s Day Weekend
2021 Silvia Limoncini, Deputy Consul General
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2018 Isabella Periott, Deputy Consul
2017 Ann Prisco, Ph.D.
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2014 Lucia Pasqualini, Vice Consul

Consulate General, now led by
Min. Plen. Fabrizio Di Michele,
as well as with the American
Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) and the Italian
American Committee on
Education (IACE), has been
strengthened over the years
in more collaborative ways
so as to achieve common
goals in education, heritage,
culture, language, diplomatic
respect, and a better
understanding of the Italianità
that is so important to the
legacy bequeathed to Italian
Americans by their families.
For many years the Consuls
General of Italy have each
fully supported the efforts of
IHCC-NY, as has the Office of
the Director of Istituto Italiano
di Cultura di New York.

Today, owing to the work
of the IHCC-NY, Inc., a
multitude of programs and
events is organized by cultural
associations, community
centers, libraries, schools, and
university departments of
Italian in the greater New York
metropolitan area to proudly
celebrate October’s Italian
Heritage and Culture Month.
Moreover, in other places
such as Illinois, Massachusetts,
New Jersey, Rhode Island,
Washington D.C., Wisconsin,
and more, Italian Americans
have followed the example
of the IHCC-NY, Inc. and
enhanced activities in their
respective areas for the month
of October.
2021 Official Events and Proclamation Ceremonies

BROOKLYN
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COLUMBUS PARADE
COMMUNITY BRUNCH
October 3 (Sunday) 12 Noon
Brooklyn Columbus Parade
Grand Marshalls’ Recognition Luncheon.
Grand Marshalls: ANA OLIVEIRA, SR VP Market Executive, INVESTORS BANK; NICHOLAS CUTANEO, Entrepreneur, C & C CATERING INC.; ANDREA CILIOTTA, Principal, Brooklyn Studio Secondary School; MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER, Brooklyn’s premier Health Care provider. 18th Avenue (Cristoforo Colombo Boulevard) Brooklyn
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Jack Spatola 718-259-2828; Fax: 718 -236-4405
gj.spatola@fiaobrooklyn.org

MANHATTAN
Columbus Circle Wreath Laying
October 10 (Sunday) 10:00-10:30am
The wreath laying at Columbus Circle is held under the auspices of the National Council of Columbian Associations in Civil Service in conjunction with the Columbus Citizens Foundation. The ceremony features brief remarks by representatives of the Italian and Italian-American communities of New York and pays tribute to uniformed men and women of Italian descent. Sponsoring Organizations: Columbus Citizens Foundation / National Council of Columbian Associations in Civil Service. Columbus Monument, Columbus Circle
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Admission: free; open to the public

77th Annual Columbus Day Parade
October 11 (Monday) 11:30am-3:30pm
The world’s largest celebration of Italian heritage and culture, the Columbus Day Parade marches up Fifth Avenue with a wide array of musical bands, marching groups, floats and vehicles of all kinds. This year’s parade will be led by Grand Marshal Michael Pascucci. Sponsoring Organization: Columbus Citizen’s Foundation. Fifth Avenue, 47th to 72nd Street
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Free/C.

QUEENS
Annual Queens Columbus Day Parade
October 9 (Saturday) 12:00pm
Parade route commences on Steinway Street and on Astoria Blvd. and Cav. Vincent Janacee Street, named in honor of the co-founder and motivating force in reinstating this parade. Sponsored by Federation of American Organizations of Queens, Inc. Assemble at Kaufman Studios 34-12 36th Street, Astoria, NY
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Angie Markham 718-204-2444
fiao@juno.com

NASSAU COUNTY
Nassau Count Presiding Legislator’s Italian Heritage Recognition
October (Date to be announced) 12 noon
Sponsored by Hon. Richard Nicoldello Presiding Supervisor. County Executive Building 550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY
Contact: 516-571-3131

Italian Flag Raising Ceremony
October (Date to be announced) 12:00 noon
Sponsored by Supervisor Laura Gillen of the Town of Hempstead Town Hall. (On the steps of Town Hall) 1 Washington Street, Hempstead, NY
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Matthew S. Hynes 516-874-8548
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Leonardo da Vinci Award Recipients

The Leonardo da Vinci Award is the highest recognition given by the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., to a distinguished individual who has demonstrated exemplary contributions to the Italian American community. For the 2021 da Vinci Award, the IHCC-NY, Inc. Board of Directors voted unanimously to name Prof. Luigi Ballerini.

Prior Recipients to 2021:

- Stephen A. Briganti: President/CEO, Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.
- Martin Scorsese: Director and Producer
- Cav. Maria Bartiromo: Television journalist and anchor
- Chazz Palminteri: Actor and Screen Writer
- John D. Calandra: Italian American Institute, CUNY and Columbus Citizens Foundation, Inc.
- Richard C. Gallo, M.D.: The Homer & Gudelsky Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Director of the Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Louis P. Carnesecca: Basketball Coach at St. John’s University
- Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.: Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- Prof. Joseph Tusani: Professor Emeritus, Herbert H. Lehman College, The City University of New York
- Giulio Terzi di Sant’Agata Terzi: Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

- Gr. Uff. Matilda Raffa Cuomo: Founder of Mentoring USA
- Michael Massimino, Ph.D.: Astronaut
- Comm. Louis Tallarini: President, Columbus Citizens Foundation
- Baronessa Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimò: Board of Trustees, New York University
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- Comm. Senator John J. Marchi: New York State Senate
- Michael Capasso: General Director, DiCapo Opera Theatre
- A. Bartlett Giamatti, Ph.D.: President, Yale University
- Dr. Edward J. Mortola: President Emeritus, Pace University
- Professor Robert R. Alfano: Director, The City University of New York Center for Advanced Technology
- Cav. Anthony Brusco: Senior Vice President, Applied Graphics Technology
- Cav. Professor Mario Fratti: Tony Award winning Playwright of Nine

Gr. Uff. Matilda Raffa Cuomo, President/CEO, Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., joined IHCC-NY, Inc. Board of Directors members for the wreath laying ceremony.

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Briganti Da Vinci Award 2019: Italian Consulate with Minister Genuardi, Mayor Di Blasio, IHCC-NY, Inc. President/Chair Comm. Joseph Sciame and IHCC-NY Committee.

October 13, 2019 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Board of Directors members join at Columbus Circle Statue for wreath laying ceremony.


With sincerest appreciation for all those who contribute to an admirable representation of Italians in America in all forms of life throughout the USA!

MARIA AND ANTHONY TAMBURRI
Borough Contact Persons

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  - Enrico Fermi Cultural Center, Belmont Branch of the New York Public Library
  - 610 East 186th Street, Bronx, NY 10458
  - (718) 933-6410
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  - UFT Bronx Borough Office
  - 2500 Halsey Street
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  - 335 Adams Street
  - Brooklyn, NY 11201
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**Manhattan**
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  - 29-21 21st Avenue
  - Astoria, NY 11105
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  - St. John’s University, University Center
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    - Hofstra University
    - Radio Host
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    - jmaitettaAIAE@aol.com

**Westchester**
- Lindsay Brewster
  - Westchester Italian Cultural Center
  - Generoso Pope Place
  - Tuckahoe, NY 10707
  - (914) 771-8700

**New Jersey**
- Prof. Mark Rotella
  - Director
  - Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America
  - One Normal Avenue
  - Dickson Hall, Suite 171
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Uff. Joseph Sciame
President / Chair
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Prof. Luigi Ballerini


Prof. Ballerini has translated into Italian several books by American authors including: Herman Melville, Henry James, William Carlos Williams, James Baldwin, and Kurt Vonegut. His selection of Gertrude Stein’s poetry, La sacra Emilia e alter poesie, was published by Marsilio (Venice) in 1999. Ballerini has written extensively on avant-garde literature (La piramide capovolta, Marsilio 1975, Guido Cavalcanti, on contemporary Italian poetry (4 per Pagliarani, Scritture 2007), and on gastronomy; his edition of Pellegrino Artusi’s Science in the Kitchen and the Art of Eating Well inaugurated the Lorenzo da Ponte Italian Library in 2003, while his edition of Maestro Martino: The Book of the Culinary Art, was published by the University of California Press, in 2004.

He has curated exhibitions of Contemporary Italian Art including Italian Visual Writing, (New York, Finch Museum and Torino, Galleria civica d’arte moderna, 1973) and Spelt from Sybil’s Leaves (Sydney, Power Gallery, 1984). He has also convened a number of conferences: The Disappearing Pheasant I (New York, NYU, 1991) and The Disappearing Pheasant II (Los Angeles, UCLA, 1994). He is the general editor of the Lorenzo da Ponte Italian Library, published by the University of Toronto, Press).

Son of Umbertina Santi, a seamstress, and Raffaele Costantino Edoardo, known as Ettore, himself a tailor who died in combat against the Germans on the Island of Cephalonia in 1943, Luigi Ballerini was born in Milan and grew up in the district of Porta Ticinese. Since 2010, he has divided his time between New York, Milan, and Otranto. He studied literature at the Universita’ Cattolica in Milan, lived for a time in London, and graduated from Bologna with a thesis on the American writer, Charles Olson. His first poems, Inno alla terra, debuted in Inventario in 1960.

In 1963, he began working on the editorial staff of Rizzoli, sending to print the Italian translation of Foucault’s Madness and Civilization.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1969 and taught modern and contemporary Italian literature at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

He moved to New York in 1971 to teach at City College and at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). He became chair of Italian studies at New York University (NYU), and in 1990, for a brief period, director of the Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marino’. This post led him to assume that of chair of Italian at UCLA in 1992.

The trajectory of Ballerini’s poetry can be clearly divided into three phases. The first is apprenticeship, the second an oracular phase and, thirdly, a consistent series of “developed subjects” in which an unrenounced narrative aim is “led astray” by stimuli inherent in the language in which it is manifested.

Ballerini mixes sectorial and foreign languages (living and dead), and idiomatic and vernacular expressions. Rich in literary references, his poetry is rife with straightforward as well as parodic quotations from both high literature (Shakespeare, Dante, the Dolce Stil Novo, Ezra Pound, etc.) and popular ballads and songs. His lexicon includes borrowings-perversely turned inside-out- from sketches of Italian variety shows.

As a critic, Ballerini has worked principally in the fields of medieval poetry, Futurism and contemporary poetry and art.

Ballerini has worked with the history of Italian gastronomy, which became the subject of his teaching at UCLA between 2005 and 2008.
The Mignone Halls of AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ALLISON and ROBERTO MIGNONE.
Admission: free; open 5:30pm Wednesday-Sunday 10:00am-1:00pm
Contact: 212-769-5100
For New York, New Jersey and Connecticut residents with 10, the amount you pay is up to you.

Wednesday-Sunday 10:00am-5:30pm
“The Mignone Halls of Gems and Minerals” tell the fascinating story on the museum website of how the vast diversity of minerals species arose on our planet, how scientists classify and study them and how we use them for personal adornment tools and technology. The galleries feature more than 5,000 specimens from 98 countries. Sponsored by Allison and Roberto Mignone.

September 5 - 6
La Festa Italiana
SCRANTON, PA COURTHOUSE SQUARE
Downtown Scranton
Contact: Chris DiMattio 570-499-1534

September 5
Opera & Broadway of the Hamptons: From Opera to Broadway - Cristina Fontanelli and Her Fabulous Friends
BASILICA PARISH OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY
168 Hill Street, Southampton, NY
Ticket information https://www.purplepass.com
Contact: 1-800-316-8559 for group sales and information; open to the public info@cristinafontanelli.com; 212-967-1926
5:00pm
In the great tradition of the last 30 years, Opera & Broadway of the Hamptons will return to the East End bringing the great “chestnuts” of the Opera and Broadway favorites in their program “FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY: CRISTINA FONTANELLI AND HER FABULOUS FRIENDS”. This annual concert will continue the tradition of highlighting famous arias/duets from Opera (e.g. La Boheme, Madame Butterfly, etc) and Broadway showstoppers (e.g. West Side Story, Hamilton, My Fair Lady), plus famous Neapolitan songs and Spanish favorites. Starring and hosted by the award-winning singer/PBS-TV/WLIW and CBS-TV host, Cristina Fontanelli will perform “The best work came from Soprano, Cristina Fontanelli.” – the New York Times; along with Riccardo Rivera; Young talent t/h/a. Sponsored by Opera & Broadway of the Hamptons.

September 8
The Voyage of the Black Madonna
Contact: 646 322-4637
www.alessandrabelloni.com
6:30-8:30pm
Celebrate the traditional feast of the Black Madonna. Internationally renowned singer, percussionist, Alessandra Belloni proudly announces her virtual pilgrimage to the sacred sites of the Black Madonna in southern Italy. Link will be sent after you register at https://thecenterfortheblackmadonna.teachable.com/p/virtualpilgrimage. Please call for more information.

September 11
Never Forget
9/11 Ceremony for Italian & Italian American 9/11 Victims
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ITALIAN CONSULATE OF NEW YORK
(Saturday) Time TBA
A personalized commemorative box containing two badges will be presented to the family with the name of the victim engraved and the phrase “Never Forget-2001-2021.”
Coordinator: Cav. Giulio Picolli
gpicolli@aol.com
Committee: Gina Lia, Lisa Calello, Josephine A. Maiceta

September 11, 18 & 25
Online Workshops by Anabella Lenzu
Choreography for the Camera Workshop
For more information: INFO@ANABELLALENZU.COM
www.AnabellaLenzu.com

(Saturday) 12:00-2:00pm
This three-day workshop will be led by choreographer Anabella Lenzu and photographer Todd Carroll. The objective of the course is to gain an understanding of choreographing for the camera and the choreography of the camera when recording dance for all screens. Explore how to adapt, extract, and see choreographic material transform from 3D to 2D. We will lead participants through exercises, discussions, and works that look at the role of performance and the use of movement in filmmaking, embracing risks and limitations. I invite participants to explore questions like: What is choreography? How do we read dance now? What is performance for you now during the pandemic?
**For Filmmakers, directors, choreographers, and dancers interested in dance film collaborations. ALL CLASSES VIA ZOOM.

September 12
Book Signing: The Woman in Red, by Diana Giovinazzo
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island
Admission: $10; Members: free; open to the public
Contact: Amanda Seaman
718-442-1608
aseaman@garibaldimeuccimuseum.com
(Sunday) 2:00-4:00pm
Join us as we welcome Diana Giovinazzo and embrace her exciting retelling of the life of Anita Garibaldi, in The Woman in Red. An integral part of the Italian Risorgimento and the liberation of Southern Brazil, Anita Garibaldi is a feminist icon whose travels allowed her to experience unlike any other. Please see our website for registration details. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Cari Amici, dear Friends,

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York (IHCC-NY) on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary. The IHCC-NY has been a point of reference in the celebrations of the Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

IHCC-NY has greatly contributed, through its many years of activity, to strengthening the relationship between our countries by supporting and promoting Italian culture, language and heritage in New York.

This year’s theme “DANTE 700! Celebrating the Genius of Dante; The Great Poet Who Unified Italy Through Language” offers the opportunity to highlight the role of the Sommo Poeta’s decisive cultural, linguistic, and artistic contribution to the formation of Italy and to our national identity abroad. It’s an important addition to the events organized by the Embassy and the diplomatic and cultural network in the US on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri.

Our Italian language network was resilient, in spite of the suspension of “in person” classes following the global pandemic. Both teachers and students showed the strong desire to study our Bella Lingua. Italy is the second destination country abroad for student tourism with almost 40,000 American students a year. This initiative of IHCC-NY is most welcome to educate ever more people from the Italian American community and to increase the number of students learning Italian.

With this in mind, I would like to express my appreciation to President and Chairman Joseph Sciame and the entire Board of Directors and wish a very successful 45th Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

L’Ambasciatrice
Mariangela Zappia
**EVENTS → CALENDAR**

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**September 14**

**Opera Dinner**

_Singing Without Words/Senza Parole_

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660
[https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar](https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar)

(Tuesday) 6:30pm

A Video Presentation by Lou Barrella. Come savor fine dining on the Italian Cultural Foundation mansion’s rear patio with scenic views of New York Harbor and the Verrazzano Bridge, while embracing your love of Opera!

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**September 17**

**Presentation by Bruce Edelstein (NYU, Florence)**

CENTER FOR ITALIAN STUDIES, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY'S MELVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROOM E4340
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY

(Friday) 2:00pm

Bruce Edelstein (NYU, Florence) will speak on the portrait of Eleonora di Toledo by Bronzino exhibited at the Uffizi Gallery. Title: Crafting Her Persona: A Closer Look at Bronzino’s Iconic Portrait of Eleonora di Toledo and Her Son Giovanni. A timely topic given the interest that has been created by the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s current exhibition about Medici Portraiture. Offered in collaboration with Stony Brook’s Department of Hispanic Languages & Literatures.

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**September 19**

**Dante, Opera, and Shining Shoes: Rituals of My Italian Immigrant Grandpa’s Life**

DANTE PARK
Columbus, Broadway (at 63rd Street), Manhattan
Contact: 917-519-4827
fabulouslululolo@gmail.com
[https://linktr.ee/LuluLolo](https://linktr.ee/LuluLolo)

(Sunday) 2:30pm

Written and Directed by LuLuLoLo; Choreography by Anabella Lenzu. LuLuLoLo brings to life memories of her Italian immigrant grandfather with operatic arias by tenor, Aaron Halevy; poet Angelo Zeolla reciting from "La Divina Commedia" commemorating the 700th anniversary of Dante’s death; and dancers Sara...
Grassi, Maria Hochnowski, and Rathi Varma. This program is made possible by the New York City Artist Corps Grant from New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA).

September 19
Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211
President Sabrina Savino
Trivia in the Afternoon
2075 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park
Admission: $25
Contact: Susan 631-586-0883
(Sunday) 4:00-8:00pm
Includes: Trivia, Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Beverages, Dessert, Coffee, Raffles and Prizes.
Trivia Categories: Italian, Music, Food and TV Trivia.

September 23
Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA
President Sabrina Savino
Paint Night
2075 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park
Contact: Rhea 631-553-2186
Thursday 7:00pm
Admission: $25
includes all materials, 11” x 14” canvas, instruction, wine and dessert.
50/50 Raffle

September 26
Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University
Robert D. CessConcorsod’Eleganza XV Annual Celebration of Italian Vehicle Excellence and Beauty
(Sunday) 10am-1:00pm
A display of “art forms on wheels” as a means of illustrating one form of Italian culture. Display vehicles will rally at Stony Brook University campus on the lawn adjacent to the Graduate Physics Building and directly across from the Sports Complex off John S. Toll Drive.
Admission: Participation and viewing are free; open to the public.
Owners of Italian vehicles interested in participating in this display, please contact: josephine.fusco@stonybrook.edu or call 631-632-7444. See also www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies.

October 2021
Dear Friends:
It’s a pleasure to send greetings to the Italian American community of New York City and State as you mark the 45th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

Each October we celebrate Italy’s contributions to humankind and the world. For the past 45 years, this occasion has brought New York State’s Italian community together to honor various aspects of their ancestry, culture, and heritage. As we continue to manage the COVID-19 health crisis, the strength and resilience of our people is found in meaningful traditions like this celebration, and it is good to see the return of this annual event.

This year’s theme, DANTE 760, commemorates the anniversary of the death of this preeminent Italian writer, philosopher, and political thinker. Dante redefined contemporary Italian literature by exploring complex themes, notably in his epic masterpiece, The Divine Comedy. Seven centuries after his passing, the legacy of Dante remains his literary genius and the eternal place his works have among the great classics.

New Yorkers appreciate the vibrant spirit of our Italian communities that contribute to all our lives. The Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York members generously share their ancestral richness and we thank them and the volunteers, community leaders, and others who make this event a success.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hochul
Governor
America Lodge #2245, OSDIA 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance
VERDI’S OF WESTBURY
President Andrew Monteleone
Contact: Ellen Andrasick 516-317-0686
Andrasick@yahoo.com
(Sunday) Come and celebrate our heritage and Charter Member Honorees.

September 28
Zoom Presentation by Ann Pizzorusso, Geologist and Italian Renaissance scholar of her publication: Gems of the Divine Comedy: An analysis of the epoch poem from a gemological standpoint

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Jo Fusco 631-632-7444
josephine.fusco@stonybrook.edu
www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies

(Tuesday) 4:00pm
Using illustrations along with gemological passages from the Divine Comedy, the author will show how Dante used the attributes of gems to describe intrinsic characteristics of humans, souls, and saints, and finally the Divine.
Details to zoom the presentation will be made available on www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies. Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies as an event in its Dante Lecture Series.

In Person Book Signing: Singular Sensation by Michael Riedel
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660
https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar

September 28 (Tuesday) 7:00 Book signing of Singular Sensation by Michael Riedel.

Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA
President
Sabrina Savino
2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park
Contact: Joanne 516-991-3208

Wednesday Night Social 6:00-10:00pm
Socialize, eat and dance. Admission: $20 includes complimentary buffet and music by DJ Gene & Joanne. Ballroom, Latin Mix, West Coast Swing, Hustle and more!
October  
**Grand Harbor Country Club**  
**Vero Beach, Florida**  
Every Friday - October 2021  
1:00pm  
Italian Advance Conversation  
Class will study Dante  
Purgatorio with Prof. Raphaella Paternoster.  
Info: Parliamoitalianoinsieme@gmail.com

**October 1 - 13**  
**Pop Opera Shows from Modena, Italy in Long Island**  
Contact: Joseph A. Gallo 516-996-1218

Claudio Mattioli and  
Massimiliano Barbolini from Modena, Italy will be singing and playing the accordion for pop opera shows, from October 1-13, along with renowned local artists.  
La Novella in East Meadow - October 1  
Tesoro Ristorante in Westbury - October 2  
Carmela’s Ristorante in Franklin Square - October 8  
La Piazza in Merrick. - October 9 &10  
The Amazing Duo will march in the Columbus Day Parade in Huntington on October 10; and in New York City on October 11.

**October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**“Sabato Italiano” Radio**  
WRHU Hofstra University  
Celebrates DANTE 700!  
(Saturday) 12:00-2:00pm,  
(Sunday) 8:00-10am  
WRHU.org 88.7FM  
Producer & Radio Host Cav. Josephine A. Maietta  
JMAiettaAIAE@gmail.com

Cultivates the successful 45th year anniversary of Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of NY 2021, and the theme DANTE 700!

**October 2, 16, 30**  
**Writing the Italian in Your Memories**  
**Writing Workshop/ Laboratorio di Scrittura**  
(Saturday) 9:30-11:15am  
No experience necessary, just a notebook, pen, and a sense of curiosity and fun!

**October 2 - 12**  
**Exhibition: Scagliola plasterwork imitating marble, granite, or the like**  
ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE  
686 Park Avenue, (Between 68th and 69th Streets),  
Manhattan
There will be ONE workshop offered on October 2 and 3. The workshop is spread over two days as it cannot be completed in one. Materials and light refreshments provided by the Italian Cultural Institute. Registration is required. Limited capacity. Guests will be asked to show proof of vaccination or negative COVID test within 48 hours upon entering the Institute. For updated details check the website: icnewyork. esteri.it

**October 3**

**FIAO BROOKLYN COLUMBUS PARADE COMMUNITY BRUNCH**

**SIRICO’S CATERERS**

Admission: $75; open to the public: No

Contact: Jack Spatola
718-259-2828, Fax: 718-236-4405
Gj.spatola@fiaobrooklyn.org

(Sunday) 12 Noon
Brooklyn Columbus Parade
Grand Marshalls’ Recognition Luncheon.

Grand Marshalls: ANA OLIVEIRA, SR.VP. Market Executive, INVESTORS BANK; NICHOLAS CUTANEO, Entrepreneur, C & C CATERING INC.; ANDREA CILIOTTA, Principal, Brooklyn Studio Secondary School; MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER, Brooklyn Health Care Provider. These Community Heroes have been at the forefront of serving vast populations during COVID 19. Funds raised will support the Parade and provide Scholarships to needy students pursuing higher education degrees. Sponsoring Organization: Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn, Ltd. II. CENTRO.

**Regina Opera Company 52nd Season Concert**

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL

5902 6th Avenue, Brooklyn
Admission: $15; open to the public
Contact: Francine Garber Cohen 718-259-2772 ReginaOpera@yahoo.com

October 3 (Sunday) 3:00pm
Regina Opera Company celebrates the beginning of its 52nd Season with an operatic concert with selections from Otello, Madama Butterfly, Un Ballo in Maschera, Rigoletto and other operas. Featured musical artists include sopranos Christina Rohm and Cheryl Warfield; mezzo-sopranos Lara Tillotson and Joan Fontana Callaghan; tenor Paolo Buffagni; baritones Scott Lefurgy and Peter Hakjoon.
WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY, IN KEEPING WITH ITS TIME-HONORED TRADITIONS, TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FOSTER ETHNIC PRIDE AND ENHANCE THE PROFILE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY WHICH STRENGTHENS THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITIES OF NEW YORK STATE; AND

WHEREAS, ATTENDANT TO SUCH CONCERN, AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH ITS LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS, THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY IS JUSTLY PROUD TO COMMEND THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. (IHCC) UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 45TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE CELEBRATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH; AND

WHEREAS, THE BFC OF NEW YORK’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS COMPRISED OF A VOLUNTEER GROUP OF LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN AND ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FOUNDED IN 1976, WITH THE MISSION OF PROMOTING, PRESENTING AND PRESERVING ITALIAN AND ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE IN THE TRI-STATE AREA; AND

WHEREAS, FIRST OBSERVED IN 1989, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH IS CELEBRATED EACH OCTOBER BY PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ARTS, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE; AND

WHEREAS, THIS YEAR’S THEME, “DANTE 700! CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF DANTE; THE GREAT POET WHO UNIFIED ITALY THROUGH LANGUAGE WILL BE EXPLORED THROUGH A MYRIAD OF EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH TO CELEBRATE AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT ITALIAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE; AND WHEREAS, DANTE WAS THE FIRST TO USE THE FLORENTINE VERNACULAR IN A MAJOR LITERARY WORK, RATHER THAN LATIN, WHICH HAD BEEN ACCESSIBLE TO ONLY THE WELL-EDUCATED. SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR LATER ITALIAN WRITERS SUCH AS BOCCACCIO AND TASSO; AND

WHEREAS, DANTE’S “DIVINA COMMEDIA” WITH DANTE’S JOURNEY THROUGH INFERNO, PURGATORIO, AND PARADISO, GUIDED FIRST BY VIRGIL, THE ANCIENT ROMAN POET, AND THEN BY BEATRICE, HIS IDEALIZED LOVE, TAKES THE READER THROUGH HIS EPIC PHILOSOPHICAL ADVENTURE CONSIDERED TO BE THE GREATEST POEM OF ALL TIMES; AND WHEREAS, IT IS THE CUSTOM OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN INDIVIDUALS AND COMMITTEES OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION, THEY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED AND RECOGNIZED BY ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT EMPIRE STATE; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

PROCLAIMED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI, COMMAND THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. UPON THE OCCASION OF HOSTING ITS 45TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE CELEBRATION, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION, SUITABLY ENGROSSED, BE TRANSMITTED TO JOSEPH SCIAME, PRESIDENT/CHAIR, ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC.

Harvest Festival
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island
Admission: $10; open to the public
Contact: Amanda Seaman 718-442-1608 aseaman@garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

October 5
In Person Book Signing: When I am Italian by Joanna Clapps Herman
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660 https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar
(Tuesday) 7:00pm

October 3
(Luxury) Lunch with Steven Livengood
CASA ITALIANA SOCIOCULTURAL CENTER
595 3rd Street, N.W., Washington, DC
Admission: $20 members, $25 non-members
Contact: Carmine 850-339-9473 abruzzomoliseheritagesociety.org
www.abruzzomoliseheritagesociety.org

October 3 (Sunday) 1:00pm
Steven Livengood, Director of Public Programs at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society will discuss the Italian connection to the Capitol, especially Constantino Brumidi, the “Michelangelo of the Capitol.” Register at: https://www.abruzzomolisesheritagesociety.org/mission/events/#/event/2021/10/3/amhs-cisc-and-iamdc-luncheon-meeting-steven-livengood-chief-visitor-guide-us-capitol
Sponsored by The Abruzzo Molise Heritage Society of Washington, DC and the Italian American Museum of DC.

Kim; accompanied by pianist Dmitry Glivinskiy and flutist Richard Paratley. The program will also include two “World Premieres” by composer Julian Villanueva Raheb. Sponsored by Regina Opera Company.

Proclamation
FROM
SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI

WHEREAS, THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660 https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar
(Tuesday) 7:00pm
In Person Book Signing.

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October 6
Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee
Dante Lecture Series
Dante Lecture Series: Dr. Hermann Haller
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor (between 5th & 6th Avenues), Manhattan
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: 212-642-2094

(Wednesday) 6:00pm
Lecture: “Dante’padre della lingua italiana”
On the 700th anniversary of Dante Alighieri’s death in 1321 it is timely to reflect on the great Italian poet’s contributions to the Italian language through a great masterpiece and creative thinking about the Italian language. What do we mean when we call Dante the “father” of the Italian language? And what was his crucial role in building a Tuscan standard that allows readers of modern Italian to have access to his rich language? The talk will celebrate Dante as a pioneering linguistic unifier while pondering Italy’s early dialects, and as a poet who embraced a multitude of languages in his works.

Hermann Haller is Professor Emeritus of Italian at Queens College and at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. He has published numerous books and articles on the Italian language and dialects and their history, on Italian in the North American diaspora, on Italian dialect literature, as well as bilingual Italian-English lexicography. Among his many books are Una lingua perduta e ritrovata: l’italianodegliitalo-americani(La Nuova Italia); La festa delle lingue. La letteraturadialettale in Italia (Carocci); and an edition of John Florio’s dictionary A Worlde of Words (1598) (University of Toronto Press). He is a member of Italy’s Accademia dellaCrusca, the most important research institution of the Italian language as well as the oldest linguistic academy in the world. Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. (Building management required people attending events to pre-register with the Calandra Institute). Be prepared to show a photo ID to the building’s concierge.
RUSSO’S ON THE BAY
162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY
Admission: Donation: $50 pp
(Thursday) Cocktail Hour 12:00-1:00pm/Dinner 1:00-5:00pm

Honoring Membership and loyal supporters of the Columbia Association. All are welcome to attend. Sponsored by Columbia Association of U.S. Customs and Affiliated Federal Agencies.

Please call for more information and tickets

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New York City
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Newark Area
FRANK RACANATI 347-988-2353 (cell)

October 9
39th ANNUAL BROOKLYN COLUMBUS PARADE
18TH AVENUE (CRISTOFORO COLOMBO BOULEVARD) BROOKLYN
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Jack Spatola 718-259-2828; Fax: 718-236-4405
gj.spatola@fiaobrooklyn.org

(Saturday) 1:00-3:00pm
The 39th Annual Brooklyn Columbus Parade celebrates the Achievements of Italian Americans and their rich contributions to the American way of Life. Local schools, community groups, businesses and the community at large participates with bands and floats to share in this amazing annual event led by humanitarians who have served our neediest exponents in these challenging pandemic times. The Grand Marshals heading the Parade include: Ana Oliveira, Executive Vice President Marketing, Investors Bank. Nicholas Cutaneo, Entrepreneur, President of C & C Catering, Inc.; Andrea Ciliotta, Principal, Brooklyn Studio Secondary School; Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn’s premier Health Care provider.
EVENTS CALENDAR

**Annual Queens Columbus Day Parade**
KAUFMAN STUDIOS
34-12 36th Street, Astoria, NY
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Angie Markham
718-204-2444
fiao@juno.com

October 9 (Saturday) 12:00pm
Parade route commences on Steinway Street and Astoria Boulevard, and Cav. Vincent Iannece Street, named in honor of the co-founder and motivating force in reinstating this parade. Sponsored by Federation of American Organizations of Queens, Inc. Assemble at Kaufman Studios

**77th Annual Columbus Celebration Gala**
NEW YORK HILTON MIDTOWN
1335 6th Avenue, Manhattan
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Admission: Tickets start at $1,500. Package details can be found at www.columbuscitizens.org/gala

October 9 (Saturday) 6:00-11:00pm
This black-tie fundraiser is an evening of friendship and entertainment that celebrates the strong bonds between Italian Americans and the United States while raising funds for Columbus Citizens Foundation’s scholarship program. The event pays tribute to the year’s honorees and the Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade. Sponsoring Organization: Columbus Citizens Foundation.

**October 1, 2021**

Dear Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York:

On behalf of the New York City Council, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of your 45th anniversary.

From its beginning, the IHCC-NY, Inc. has provided special events, concerts, exhibits, lectures, and more to celebrate Italian and Italian American culture in New York City -- the largest Italian city outside Italy -- and beyond.

The IHCC-NY, Inc. also sponsors annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month activities, promotes the study of Italian language and culture among all ethnic groups, engenders pride in Italian-Americans about their own rich history, and encourages positive portrayals of Italians and Americans of Italian descent in the media and with the general public.

The theme this year of Italian Heritage and Culture Month, “DANTE 700! Celebrating the Genius of Dante,” honors the legacy of the first poet to use the Florentine vernacular, rather than Latin, in a major literary work. His Italian became the accepted national language, unifying the people of Italy across diverse regions and dialects.

The story of the Italian people is an essential part of the narrative of the United States. The values of the Italian community -- love of family, a strong work ethic, and a great respect for heritage -- are American values.

For these reasons and more, we are very proud to have organizations such as the IHCC-NY, Inc. fostering a greater awareness of and appreciation for the extraordinary roles that Italians and Italian-Americans have played in shaping New York City and the world.

Again congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

COREY JOHNSON
Speaker

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK CITY HALL NEW YORK, NY 10007

**October 10**

**Long Island Columbus Day Weekend Parade Show pride in Your Italian Heritage**

(Sunday)
March in the Long Island Columbus Day Parade!
Main Street (25A) Huntington, Long Island (assembly area: Town Hall Parking Lot)

Grand Marshals for 2021:
Grand Lodge of NY State Immediate Past President Anthony Naccarato
Former NY Yankee Legend Joe Pepitone
News 12 L.I. Anchor Rich Barrabbi
WRHU Hofstra Radio Producer/Host and President AIAE Cav. Josephine Maietta
Brooklyn Diocese Vincent Levien

**Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA President Sabrina Savino Italian Serenade**
2075 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park
Contact: Antoinette 631-838-7468

October 9 (Saturday) 7:00-11:00pm
Dance to your favorite Italian classic songs.
Breakfast: 9:30am - Town Hall Board Room
Opening Ceremony Program
10:30am
Start Time: 12:00pm
Presented by Supervisor Chad Lupinacci
The 2021 Long Island Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Columbus Circle
Wreath Laying
COLUMBUS MONUMENT, COLUMBUS CIRCLE
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Admission: free, RSVP via email is requested

October 10 (Sunday) 10:00-10:30am
The wreath laying at Columbus Circle is held under the auspices of the National Council of Columbian Associations in Civil Service in conjunction with the Columbus Citizens Foundation.


Lecture:
“Inferno V: Reading Francesca and Re-thinking Love” Dr. Fiorentina Russo
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: 718-442-1608
info@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

October 10 (Sunday) 3:00pm
Inferno V is one of the most widely read cantos of Dante's trilogy. Professor Russo will discuss Dante's discussion of the perils of eros and retrospective on his own participation in his encounter with Francesca. Dr. Fiorentina Russo is the former Assistant Chair of Languages and Literatures, and Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Italian program at St. John's University. She is the author of a book on Dante Alighieri entitled, Dante's Search for the Golden Age (Filibrary SUNY, 2011). She has also published several scholarly articles in peer review journals on Dante and has recently collaborated with UPenn's online Dante encyclopedia. She holds a position on the Board of Advisors of the Italian Cultural Center at St. John's University. Moderator, Anthony Julian Tamburri. Sponsored by Garibaldi Meucci Museum.
EVENTS CALENDAR

October 11
Columbus Day Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral
ST. PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL
5th Avenue, Manhattan
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Admission: free; ticket required for entry
(Monday) 9:20am (9:15am arrival required)
The Annual Columbus Day Mass is held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The Mass reflects on the millions of men, women, and children who came to America in pursuit of freedom and opportunity, and the faith that helped them endure hardship and adversity. The Mass is celebrated at 9:30am on Monday, Columbus Day. Tickets are required to enter the Cathedral up until 9:15am, at which point it becomes general admission.
Sponsoring by Columbus Citizens Foundation / St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

77th Annual Columbus Day Parade
Fifth Avenue, 47th to 72nd Street
Contact: ccf@columbuscitizens.org
Free/C
October 11 (Monday) 11:30am-3:30pm
The world’s largest celebration of Italian heritage and culture, the Columbus Day Parade marches up Fifth Avenue with a wide array of musical bands, marching groups, floats and vehicles of all kinds. This year’s parade will be led by Grand Marshal Michael Pasucci.
Sponsoring Organization: Columbus Citizen’s Foundation.

AIAE, Association of Italian American Educators
Columbus Parade on 5th Avenue, New York City
October 11 (Monday)
President Cav. Josephine A. Maietta
March with the AIAE!
Contact to join: JMaiettaAIAE@gmail.com

October 12
In person
-Celebrating Dante Alighieri:
The man, the era he lived in, and his impact on Western civilization
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to join you in celebrating Italian Heritage and Culture Month especially because New York is home to one of the world’s largest Italian populations outside of Italy itself.

For over four decades, the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York has been instrumental in teaching the public about Italian history and culture and uplifting achievements by those of Italian descent. The IHCC-NY has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Italian language is still taught in schools and has continued to encourage positive media portrayals of Italian Americans.

This year’s “Dante 700!” theme honoring the works of Dante Alighieri is particularly fitting given how the famous poet helped unify Italy through the Italian language and how the IHCC-NY helps unify the Italian American community across cultural and educational programming. Dante and the IHCC-NY share a similar legacy of connecting Italians to their heritage and wider community.

On behalf of the Borough of Manhattan, I wish you many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Brewer
Manhattan Borough President
October 1, 2021

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the members of the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York as you celebrate Italian Culture Month. Your dedication to preserve and promote Italian-American heritage and culture exemplify honorable character and are appreciated by all. On behalf of the people of Staten Island, I applaud your hard work and worthy efforts. Again, congratulations and keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

James S. Oddo

Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc.
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10036

October 12-14

Events on I Medici and Italian Renaissance

October 12 – I veleni dei Medici: scienza e leggenda
October 13 – I rischi del restauro
October 14 – I Medici: l’arte della tavola nel Rinascimento

Italian Cultural Institute
686 Park Avenue, (Between 68th and 69th Streets), Manhattan
(4:30pm and 7:00pm)

October 13

Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino USA Annual Awards Dinner & Dance
RUSSO’S ON THE BAY, HOWARD BEACH
Contact: Peggy Petrosino
peggypetrosino@gmail.com

(Thursday) 6:00pm
Seminar / Roundtable on Uguccione Ranieri di Sorbello
Lecturer in Italian language and literature at Yale University, World War II hero, journalist, writer, speaker at conferences, public administration official and manager at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, cultural attaché to the Italian Embassy in the United States, tireless and proud promoter of Italian culture: Uguccione Ranieri di Sorbello was all of this and much more. His rich and multi-faceted personality will be explored in a seminar moderated by Prof. Anthony Julian Tamburri, with the participation of Prof. Fred
Gardaphé, Prof. Roberto Dolci, Dr. Antonella Valoroso, and Prof. Ruggero Ranieri. The seminar/roundtable will take place both on Zoom and in person (Covid restrictions permitting). Link to register forthcoming. Sponsored by the Rometyne Robert and Uguccione Sorbello Foundation in conjunction with the University for Foreigners of Perugia and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. The seminar/roundtable will be followed by the opening of the exhibition “An Intellectual Between Two Worlds. Uguccione Ranieri di Sorbello (1906-1969)” curated by Antonella Valoroso, biographer of Uguccione Sorbello and co-author with Ruggero Ranieri of the illustrated monograph: Uguccione Ranieri di Sorbello. Un intellettuale tra due mondi, Perugia, MorlacchiEdizioni, 2019. (Building management required people attending events to pre-register with the Calandra Institute). Be prepared to show a photo ID to the building’s concierge.

October 15
Transportation Columbia Association of New York, Inc. Annual Awards & Scholarship Dinner Dance 2021
SIRICO’S
8015 13th Avenue, Brooklyn
(Friday) Please call for more information. Contact: Paul Gallo, Chairman 718-694-5804, or 516-672-1588
RSVP by October 8, 2021
Donation pp $100, Checks payable to: Transportation Columbia Association of NY PO Box 810, Wantagh,NY 11793

Dante - The Sublime Poet
FR. FATICA HALL
125 Wallace Street, Tuckahoe, NY
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Vito Catania 914-329-3125
vito.c.catania@gmail.com

October 15 (Friday) 7:30pm
Lecture and slide presentation on Dante - The Sublime Poet by Prof. Francesco Lindia.
Sponsored by Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge # 2583, OSDIA.

October 16
Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA President Sabrina Savino
Chinese Auction
2075 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park
Contact: Sue 631-586-0883
**EVENTS → CALENDAR**

**PROCLAMATION**

Office of the Executive

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is pleased to acknowledge and celebrate its ethnic diversity and rich historical culture that links the past to the future; and

WHEREAS, individuals of Italian heritage have contributed to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of their country and their local communities, earning the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens, and are to be commended for their outstanding contributions which have enhanced numerous aspects of heritage, history, literature, art and social life; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau is proud to pay tribute to the vital and vibrant contributions that Italians have made to the quality of life in Nassau County and throughout the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Curran, Nassau County Executive, do hereby proclaim October 2021 to be:

**ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURE MONTH**

in Nassau County, in celebration and commemoration of all people of Italian heritage and do extend best wishes and gratitude on this festive occasion.

**Laura Curran**

County Executive

686 Park Avenue, (Between 68th and 69th Streets), Manhattan

October 18–La lingua di Dante dal passato al presente: Conferenza inedita di Hermann Haller sulla vitalità della lingua dantesca nella letteratura italiana del ’900, a conferma della capacità di Dante di creare un’Italia del presente e del futuro e non solo del passato. This lecture will be published on the digital platform of the Institute, www.stanzeitaliane.it, Dante’s Room.

October 25-26 – Colombo: la storia e il mito: seminario internazionale su una delle figure più appassionanti e controversie della storia (in collaborazione col Consolato Generale di New York). For updated details check the website: icinewyork.esteri.it

**October 19, October 21**

**HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER**

Presents:

**ITALIAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**

**LECTURE SERIES FALL 2021**

**An American Tragedy:** Remembering the Saga of Sacco and Vanzetti

Marc Blitzstein’s Opera *Sacco and Vanzetti*. A virtual Retrospective Preview presented on Zoom by composer/conductor Leonard Lehrman and Benjamin Spierman, General Director, Bronx Opera. Marc Blitzstein (born 1905) was an opera and theater composer who, at the time of his death was working on *Sacco and Vanzetti*, commissioned by the Ford Foundation, and optioned by the Metropolitan Opera. The work was completed and conducted by Leonard Lehrman at the White Barn Theatre in 2001. The presentation includes intermission discussions with singers including Hofstra University faculty member Gregory Mercer. For more information and to RSVP, visit events.hofstra.edu or email hofculctr@hofstra.edu.

October 19 (Tuesday) 6:30pm

Introduction by Professor Mary Anne Trasciatti, Hofstra University.

Video of Act I; interview with singers; video of Act II Scenes 1-3; interview with singers.

October 21 (Thursday) 6:30pm

Huge selection of gifts and gift cards

**October 18, 25, 26**

**Settimana della lingua italiana (“Dante, l’italiano”)**

**ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE**

(Saturday) 12:00-2:00pm

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Introduction by Professor Stanislao Pugliese, Hofstra University. Video of Act II Scenes 4-5; interview with singers; Act III; interviews on the political issues of the opera. Virtual; advance registration is required. Registrants will receive an email with the link to join the event.

October 20
Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee
Dante Lecture Series:
Dr. Catherine Adoyo
www.italyculturemonth.org

(Wednesday) 6:00pm
Lecture: “The Joy you Have but Tasted; Savoring the Commedia with Dante”
For the septicentennial of Dante’s Commedia, this talk celebrates Dante’s relationship with a figure often overlooked by readers, yet whose role as perennial confidant the poet establishes and reiterates throughout the poem. The identity of this universal figure? You the Reader. Dr. Catherine Adoyo received her PhD in Romance Languages and Literatures from Harvard University with a dissertation on the textual architecture of Dante’s Commedia. Trained in music composition and piano performance, Dr. Adoyo is the author of Rain - A Song for All and None, a genre-bending work of literary fiction that draws compositional inspiration from Dante’s Poetics to reclaim the storytelling voices of Oral Tradition in the Great Lakes region of East Africa. Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of New York (IHCC-NY) and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute.

October 21
Opera lunch - Highlights of Donizetti’s L’Elisir’d’Amore (The Elixir of Love)
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660
https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar

WHEREAS, the Town of Hempstead does desire to recognize all outstanding organizations and events occurring within our borders; and
WHEREAS, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York (IHCC-NY) is celebrating Italian Heritage Month in October by sponsoring and promoting a wide range of events to honor the profound legacy of Italy; and
WHEREAS, since 1976, the IHCC-NY has brought people together throughout our region to encourage understanding and appreciation of Italian and Italian-American achievements, to explore history and contemporary issues, and to share and enjoy many facets of Italian culture through film, theater, concerts, exhibitions, seminars and more; and
WHEREAS, the theme for this year’s celebration is Dante’s 700th Anniversary, celebrating his divine contributions to Italian culture, poetry and philosophy; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Supervisor Donald X. Clavin, Jr., do hereby proclaim October as Italian Heritage & Culture Month here in the Town of Hempstead and encourage our residents to join in celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Italians and Italian-Americans.

Zoom event, link to register forthcoming. Check www.italyculturemonth.org as the date draws near.

(Thursday) 12 noon-4:00pm
A Video Presentation by Lou Barrella. Come enjoy great food and company while sharing your love of Opera!
EVENTS → CALENDAR

Office of the County Executive
Westchester County, New York

Presentation by Professor Luigi Fontanella (Stony Brook) of his book: Raccontare la poesia (1970-2020) Saggiricordi estimonianze critiche (Bergamo: Moretti & Vitali Editori, 2021)

CENTER FOR ITALIAN STUDIES IN STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY’S FRANK MELVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROOM E4340 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY Admission: free; open to the public Contact: Jo Fusco 631-632-7444

josephine.fusco@stonybrook.edu www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies

October 23, 24
The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere Festa & Motori D’Italia Italian Festival and Car Showcase
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Admission:$10; Children under 12 years free; open to the public Contact: 718-273-7660 or email info@casa-belvedere.org for more information
(Saturday and Sunday) Outdoor Italian Festival with specialty foods, continuous live entertainment, kids’ activities, exhibits, special item vendors, food & spirits demos and tastings, farm stand, raffles and more. Also, a showcase of Italian luxury, classic & performance vehicles. A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! Sponsor, Vendor, Exhibitor, Performer & Volunteer Opportunities available! Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere. Proceeds from this signature fundraiser will benefit the ongoing restoration and renovation of the not-for-profit’s landmarked mansion as well as the Foundation’s exceptional arts, cultural and educational programs for the public.

October 24
Italian Charities of America 85th Annual Dinner Dance
ROMA VIEW
160-05 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY

WHEREAS
THE VITALITY OF ANY COMMUNITY IS CONTINGENT UPON THE RECOGNITION OF THESE INSTITUTIONS, AND THEIR STAFF, WHO HAVE LABORED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS
HISTORY HAS OFTEN TAUGHT US THAT THE MERIT OF ANY SOCIETY CAN AND WILL BE MEASURED BY THE ACTIONS OF THESE INSTITUTIONS WHO, BY WAY OF UNPARALLELED EXHIBITIONS OF DILIGENCE AND CONVICTION, INSPIRE THOSE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BEAR WITNESS; AND

WHEREAS
THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE — NEW YORK, INC. (IHCC-NY) WHO, THROUGH THEIR SELFLESS DEDICATION TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND FAITH HAVE DISPLAYED A LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST PRAISE; AND

WHEREAS
THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE — NEW YORK, INC. CELEBRATES THE GENIUS OF DANTE ALIGHIERI, THE GREAT MEDIEVAL POET AND PHILOSOPHER ON THE 700TH ANNIVERSARY OF DANTE’S DEATH WITH NUMEROUS COMMEMORATIVE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN NEW YORK, ITALY AND AROUND THE GLOBE; AND

WHEREAS
IT IS WITH A PROUD SENSE OF OBLIGATION WE RECOGNIZE THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE — NEW YORK, INC. WILL MARK OCTOBER 2021 AS THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH IN NEW YORK AND FOR THEIR VISION AND LEADERSHIP; AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT AS THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE, I RECOGNIZE THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE — NEW YORK, INC. AS AN OUTSTANDING INSTITUTION, ONE THAT IS WORTHY OF THE ESTEEM OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER.

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 20th Day of July, 2021

George Latimer, Westchester County Executive

Presentation by Professor Luigi Fontanella (Stony Brook) of his book: Raccontare la poesia (1970-2020) Saggiricordi estimonianze critiche (Bergamo: Moretti & Vitali Editori, 2021)

October 21(Thursday) 4:00 pm Welcoming remarks by Center’s Director, Giuseppe Gazzola. Introduction and commentary by Professor Anthony Julian Tamburri (CUNY/Queens College). Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies.

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ROMA VIEW
160-05 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY

WHEREAS
A GREAT COUNTY IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE INSTITUTIONS, AND THEIR STAFF, WHO GIVE EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITY, WHETHER THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS, THROUGH UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THEIR PROFESSION OR OTHER ENDEAVORS OR SIMPLY THROUGH A LIFETIME OF GOOD CITIZENRY; AND
Italian Charities of America cordially invites its members, friends and anyone interested in our organization to join us at our 8th Annual Dinner Dance. Every year we come together to celebrate the Italian American community in New York and honor those who have been an instrumental force in preserving Italian American culture, heritage and pride. The 2021 Italian American Honorees for their outstanding work and achievements include: Tiziano Thomas Dossena, Cav. Joan Marchi Migliori, Mary Modica, Stanislao G. Pugliese, PhD and Giovanni P. Silvagni, Esq.

Event includes cocktail hour, open bar, dinner and dancing. Music by Dominic Karacic and The Continental Sound. Sponsored by Italian Charities of America, Inc.

October 26
Presentation in the Dante Lecture Series by Professor Peter Carravetta (Philosophy, Stony Brook University)
CENTER FOR ITALIAN STUDIES IN STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY’S MELVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ROOM E340
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Jo Fusco
631-632-7444
josephine.fusco@stonybrook.edu
www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies
(Tuesday) 4:00pm
Topic: Poetics of Judgment: Dante and the Foundations of Humanism. An analysis of how Dante’s notion of free will (libero arbitrio) is the basis for his conception of a just society made up of empowered subjects. In person event in the Center for Italian Studies, Stony Brook University.
For details/link for joining the meeting via zoom, view www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies. Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies.

Annual Faculty and Staff Reception
YORK COLLEGE/CUNY, 3H13;
9420 Guy R Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, NY
Admission: free; members only
Contact: Dr. Donna Chirico
718-262-2687
DChirico@york.cuny.edu
October 26 (Tuesday) 5:00-7:00pm
Each year the Italian American
Advisory Committee of York College sponsors a reception featuring the food, music and diversions of Italy. The event is open to the York College community and to invited guests from the local CUNY campuses. Sponsored by York College/CUNY.

**In-person Film Screening:**
**SACCO AND VANZETTI**
October 26 (Tuesday) 6:30pm
The tragedy and execution of anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti (1920-27) came to symbolize the bigotry and intolerance directed at immigrants and dissenters in America. A century later, the story continues to have great resonance, as America once again grapples with issues of civil liberties and the rights of immigrants. Introduction by Peter Miller, Director. Discussion facilitated by Stanislao Pugliese, Lecture Series Director, Professor of History and Queensboro Unico Distinguished Professor of Italian and Italian American Studies, Hofstra University, Leo A. Guthart Theater, South Campus Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, First Floor
This program is made possible in part by a grant awarded by the Professor Edgar H. Lehrman Memorial Foundation from the NYSCA Rerant Program for the Arts in 2020, administered by the Huntington Arts Council, with the support of the NY State Legislature and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo. The Italian American Experience Lecture Series is supported in part, by the Association of Italian American Educators, Cav. Josephine Maietta, President, and the Long Island Regional Chapter of the Italian American Studies Association. For more information and to RSVP, visit events.hofstra.edu or email hofculctr@hofstra.edu.

**UNICO New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania**
**Meet the President Dinner**
**VENETIAN CATERERS**
546 River Road, Garfield, NJ
Contact: Past President, Joseph Agresti, Chairman 201-874-0546
October 26 (Tuesday) 6:30pm

**Presentation and Lecture In person - Plant in the Fall and Put Your Garden to Bed for Next Year!**
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660
[https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar](https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar)
October 26 (Tuesday) 7:00pm
In this presentation, garden designer, Carmen DeVito will give ideas on what and how to plant in the fall season as well as guidance on how to prepare the garden for winter.

**October 27**
**Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee**
**Dante Lecture Series**
**Dante Lecture Series: Dr. Fiorentina Russo**
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor (between 5th & 6th Avenues), Manhattan

October 14, 2021 - Cardinal Timothy Dolan greeting Columbus Day Parade Grand Marshal Massimo Ferragamo at St Patrick Cathedral at the Mass before the 2019 Columbus Day Parade.
October 2019 – Italian Charities of America Luncheon honoring members of the Italian American community, of which IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member William Russo was an honoree. Soprano Cristina Fontanelli joined in photo with Noelle Glancy and Nancy Indelicato of the IHCC, while Comm. Joseph Sciame hailed the event’s success.

Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: 212-642-2094 (Building management required people attending events to pre-register with the Calandra Institute). Be prepared to show a photo ID to the building’s concierge.

(Wednesday) 6:00pm
Lecture: “Teaching Dante”
Teaching and meeting the skills of undergraduate curriculum: Dante as a vehicle for good undergraduate readership. Prof. Russo explains how basic skills in the undergraduate curriculum, such as information literacy and critical thinking skills are addressed while teaching the Divine Comedy. Professor and Coordinator of the Italian program at St. John's University, she is the author of a book on Dante Alighieri entitled, Dante’s Search for the Golden Age (Flibrary SUNY, 2011). She has also published several scholarly articles in peer review journals on Dante and has recently collaborated with UPenn's online Dante encyclopedia. She holds a position on the Board of Advisors of the Italian Cultural Center at St. John's University. Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute.

October 30
Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA
President Sabrina Savino
Halloween Party
2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park
Contact: Anita 631-422-6914
(Saturday) 7:30-11:30pm
Costumes are optional.

November
Grand Harbor Country Club
Vero Beach, Florida
Every Friday - November 2021
1:00pm
Italian Advance Conversation Class will study Dante Paradiso with Prof. Raphaela Paternoster. Information: Parliamoitalianoinsieme@gmail.com
**November 3**
**Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee**
**Dante lecture Series**

**Dante Lecture Series: Dr. Alessandro Barbero “A Conversation: Dante Today”**
Contact: 212-642-2094; Fax: 212-642-2030
info@italyculturemonth.org
italyculturemonth.org

(Wednesday) 12:00pm
Alessandro Barbero in conversation with Anthony Julian Tamburri The author of numerous books and essays, Alessandro Barbero is both a novelist and scholar of Italian Medieval history and literature. As novelist, in 1996, he won Italy's most prestigious literary prize, the Strega Award, for his novel, Bella vita guerre altrui di Mr. Pyle, gentiluomo. His book, Dante (Laterza, 2020) was extremely well received; a copy in English is due out in 2022, Dante. A Life (Simon & Schuster). Barbero is the author of The Battle, an account of the Battle of Waterloo; The Day of the Barbarians, the story of the Battle of Adrianople; and Charlemagne—all published in Britain. He writes for Il Sole 24 Ore and La Stampa, is the editor of Storia d’Europa e del Mediterraneo, and regularly appears on Italian television and radio. In 2005, the Republic of France awarded Barbero with the title of Chevalier de l'ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He lives in Italy and Dante is his first book to be published in America. Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. This event will take place on Zoom. Please check the website of the Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee (italyculturemonth.org) for the link to register.

**November 4**
Save the Date
**First-Ever Benefit IASF (Italian American Sport Foundation) Gala Dinner**

EATALY DOWNTOWN
101 Liberty Street (World Trade Center), Manhattan
Contact: Mitria Di Giacomo 917-535-5735, for more information.
Mitria.digiacomo@iasport.org
www.iasport.org

(Thursday) 6:30-10:00pm
An Inspirational Evening with Giusy Versace, entrepreneur, paralympic sprinter in the T43 category, writer, performer, congress woman, and activist. The mission of the event is to honor the life and successes of Giusy Versace, President of the Foundation “Disabili No Limits Onlus.” Together we will serve disabled children and adolescents to live better recreational lives through Giusy’s charity: Disabled No Limits.

**November 4, 5, 6**
**UNICO National Eastern Regional Meeting**

SHERATON SPRINGFIELD MONARCH PLACE HOTEL
One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA
Contact: Sal Benvenuti, Executive Director 973-808-0035

October 2019 - Hon. Paul Vallone celebrates Italian Culture Month at the City Council Proclamation Ceremony at City Hall with Board Members

October 2019 - Bronx Borough President Rubin Diaz, Jr. with Board member Nancy Indelicato presenting the IHCC-NY, Inc. Poser 2019 at his Italian Culture Month Celebration
November 6
Live From Italy: Dante Meets Ulysses: A Journey Through the XXVI Canto of the Inferno
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Contact: 718-273-7660; info@casa-belvedere.org for more information.
https://casa-belvedere.org
(Saturday) 9:30am
Presented by Prof. Ludovica Verdilio. Please call for more information.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum’s 33rd Annual Fundraiser Luncheon
Admission: $60; Remote Luncheon on Zoom
Contact: Fran Cicero 718-442-1608 facfad24@verizon.net
November 6 (Saturday) 11:00am-3:00pm
Honoring Nancy DiFiore Quinn, Order Sons of & Daughters of Italy in America National Immediate Past President; Anthony Naccarato, New York State Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Immediate Past President; Alfred V. Saulo, A.L.A. Architect; Giorgio Bortoli, Artist and Sculptor; Richard Evergreen, Garden Club; Susanne Quinn, President. Special Tribute to Anita Garibaldi in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of her birth. Musical performance by Graziana Maria Lazzaro, Italian-American vocalist. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Italian Welfare League’s Annual in New York Luncheon
METROPOLITAN CLUB
1 East 60th Street, Manhattan
Admission: $300 (subject to change) by invite, new guests ok
Open to the public
Contact: Joan Prezioso 212-861-8480 info@italianwelfareleague.org
November 6 (Saturday) 12:00pm
Annual luncheon gala includes auctions, a raffle and presentations of awards to honorees. This year, celebrating the 101st anniversary. The event benefits the IWL’s “I Nostri Bambini” program—a grant program for children of Italian-American heritage with special needs. For more information, please visit our website: www.italianwelfareleague.org. Sponsored by Italian Welfare League.

November 7
Italian American Museum Ambasciatore Award and Luncheon
THE CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB
Woodbury-Syosset, NY
Admission: TBA
Contact: info@italianamericanmuseum.org
(Sunday)
Over the years, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee has been invited by our Honorary Board member and colleague,
IHCC-NY Honors Dr. Aileen Riotto Sirey, Founder and Chair Emerita of the National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW) at the Mother Italy Statue at Poses Park, Hunter College

Uff. Joseph Scelsa, Ed.D., Founder and President of the Italian American Museum, to nominate a member to receive a recognition with the Ambasciatore Award. This year, Board member Rosa Casiello O’Day has been nominated for this prestigious award. Rosa is most known for her involvement on the IHCC-NY, Inc. Board from its earliest days, and as a close collaborator in the field of education, a NYC Principal and now professor at NYU. Rosa is a proud Italian American daughter with strong Italian roots, a sister, mother and friend to many, we feel she will represent us well. In addition to all this, she has been a devotee of Federico Fellini and Dante 700! Please join us in congratulating Rosa Casiello O’Day, in this Salute to Rosa and to support the I-AM Museum. Details will be forthcoming. Sponsored by The Italian American Museum.

**November 10**

**All things Anita**

420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: $10; Members: free; open to the public

Contact: Amanda Seaman 718-442-1608 aseaman@garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

This exhibit chronicles the amazing life of Anita Garibaldi. The story of this valiant woman, from her birth in rural Brazil to her tragic death in Ravenna, is revealed through rare photos, artifacts and written history. Come to know Anita and her critical contribution to the creation of modern Italy. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

**November 10-13**

25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor (between 5th & 6th Avenues), Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: 212-642-2094

(Building management required people attending events to pre-register with the Calandra Institute). Be prepared to show a photo ID to the building’s concierge.

Italian American Studies Association Annual Conference “Diversity in Italian American Studies: The Status of Race, Gender and Sexual Orientation in Uncertain Times” The global pandemic year further opened an unhealed wound; that is, inequality that persists in the postmodern world. We witness, experience or are participants in bias demonstrated towards others due to race, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion, political divide, and wealth distribution. This lack of equal treatment is hardly a new problem; as Langston Hughes wrote in 1926, “I, too, am America.” Philosophers, social scientists, historians, religious leaders, and others too have long studied the insidious effects of prejudice in its many forms. In 1912, Corrado Gini, an Italian sociologist and demographer, developed a statistical technique to measure economic inequality. Still used today, the Gini Index (or Gini Coefficient) quantifies how the distribution of wealth varies from country to country and
shows how each individual country stands internally regarding income equality - the higher the value, the greater the inequality. The conference will take place both on Zoom and in person (Covid restrictions permitting). Sponsored by the Italian American Studies Association in conjunction with the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute.

**November 11-12**

**International Conference: Citizenship and Nationality: A Diachronic Perspective**

CENTER FOR ITALIAN STUDIES, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco 631-632-7444

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(Wednesday) Time to be announced Author of The Shadow King (NY Times, Time, NPR selection of Best Book of the Year). Offered as an event in the Dean of Arts and Sciences Sir Run Run Shaw Lecture Series, in collaboration with the D’Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies and the Department of English.

**Richard Nasti Lecture Series Event**

Date and Time to be announced

Zoom Presentation by Valentina Giannella, Italian Journalist and Author of We are All Greta. A worldwide best selling book that aims to explain climate change and the relevant scientific facts to children that also help parents answer their children’s questions about the challenges we’re all facing to save our planet. In the author’s own words: “The title of the book was inspired by a young Chinese girl who was holding a sign during the Global Climate Strike in Hong Kong that read: My name is Greta. I realized that Greta Thunberg has not only the power to raise awareness on such a vital matter, but also to create a sense of identity amongst young people all over the world.” Details / Link for accessing the zoom presentation will be announced on www.stonybrook.edu/italianstudies

**November 17**

**Presentation by Novelist, Maaza Mengiste**

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(Thursday, Friday) 9:30am-5:00pm

Organized by the Center for Italian Studies, Dr. Ludovica Rossi Purini, and Dr. Loredana Polezzi, D’Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies. Program details to be announced.

**Wreath placed at NYC Dante Park, near Lincoln Center in honor of the 700th Anniversary year dedicated to Dante Alighieri.**
Center for Italian Studies Cinema Club Co-hosted with the D’Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies. HOLLYWOOD DREAMS ITALIAN CENTER FOR ITALIAN STUDIES, STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY Contact: 631-632-7444

An opportunity to discuss and view together selected films featuring Italy as the setting. Bi-Monthly Screenings in the Center for Italian Studies, Library E4340 Program and Schedule to be Announced.

November 13–20 TBC
New Italian Cinema Events (N.I.C.E)
In New York.
Venues: TBC
For more information about the Festival, please visit:
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November 20
Dante 700: A Theatrical Presentation
8711 18th Avenue (Cristoforo Colombo Boulevard), Brooklyn
Admission: free; open to the public
Contact: Jack Spatola 718-259-2828; Fax: 718-236-4405
gi.spatola@fiaobrooklyn.org
(Saturday) 10:00am
Our Italian Language Students will perform vignettes highlighting Dante's rich contributions to the Italian Language via his nationally embraced literary genres; ie: poetry, fiction, drama.
Sponsoring Organization: Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn, LTD. FIAO, Il Centro.

December 31
Constantino Brumidi Lodge #2211, OSDIA President Sabrina Savino New Year’s Eve Gala
2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park
Contact: Karen 631-539-9113

December 31 (Friday) 8:00pm-1:00am

December 31
Italian Charities of America New Year’s Eve Gala
Admission: $75
Contact: 718-478-3100; Fax 718-478-2665 for tickets and more information
http://italiancharities.org/

December 31 8:00pm-2:00am (Doors open at 7:00pm)
Join us for our annual New Year’s Eve Celebration in bringing in the new year! The celebration is complete with a wonderful Italian hot buffet dinner, a champagne toast, one complimentary glass of wine, desserts, coffee/tea and a live DJ spinning a variety of music all night. Noise makers for the tables! There will be a 50/50, door prizes and additional beverages, liquor, wine and beer are available for purchase. You are welcome to pay at the door or you can purchase tickets in advance. Sponsoring by Italian Charities of America, Inc.

Dr. Berardo Paradiso, President, IACE, Mayor Bill de Blasio and 2021 da Vinci Awardee from the IHCC-NY, Inc. gather to celebrate Dante 700!

Dante Park in New York City
Students from La Scuola d'Italia, NYC, gather with Mayor Bill de Blasio and the day's coordinator Uff. Mico Licastro. Poetry readings by students were delightful. March 25, 2021

Students from La Scuola d'Italia gather at Dante Park for Dante 700!

The Italian American Review, the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute’s biannual, peer-reviewed journal published by the University of Illinois Press, features scholarly articles about the history and culture of Italian Americans, as well as other aspects of the Italian diaspora. The journal embraces a wide range of professional concerns and theoretical orientations in the social sciences and cultural studies.

For more information, or if you are interested in submitting an article for consideration, go to calandrainstitute.org. Under the publications menu, click on Italian American Review.
Association of Italian American Educators

Celebrates 24th Year Anniversary:
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AIAE in its mission to reach out to 630,000 United States educators of Italian descent for enhancing the Italian American image and presence in academia recognizes outstanding educators, community leaders, and entrepreneurs of Italian heritage. AIAE is also proud of its 23 years of Programma Ponte Scholarships in Roma, and now also in Pisa has awarded 365 scholarships to the most deserving High School seniors & college students. AIAE thanks its President Cav. Josephine A. Maietta for her enormous energy, passion and leadership.

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AIAE Annual Lecture Meeting- September
Location and Time TBA Hofstra South Campus

Columbus Parade Huntington
Long Island October 10-2021 at 11:30am Main St./Town Hall
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Members of the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY, Inc. celebrate the 700th Anniversary Year of Dante. Some of those gathered were: William Russo, Rosa Casiello O’Day, Lucrezia Lindia, Joseph Sciame, Josephine Maietta, Maria Marinello, Anthony Tamburri and Mico Licastro.
March 25, 2021

Board Members of the IHCC-NY, Inc. gather with Mayor Bill de Blasio at Dante Park in recognition of Dante 700!
March 25, 2021
Cav. Dr. Anthony Tamburri, Uff. Mico Licastro, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Comm. Joseph Sciame and Deputy Consul General Silvia Limoncini at Dante statue near Lincoln Center

July 2021 - IHCC-NY, Inc. Board of Directors, join Comm. Joseph Sciame, President/Chair, in the presentation of award and flowers to Deputy Consul General Silvia Limoncini at th Mother Italy Statue at Pose Park, Hunter College, CUNY.

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TOWER OF VENICE - A work of art created by Italian sculptor Giorgio Bortoli, this will be a gift donated to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Fall 2021. Display will be at 420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

July 2021 IHCC-NY, Inc. President/Chair Comm. Joseph Sciame presents 2019 thematic poster to Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York, and the annual kickoff ceremony honoring Columbus Day weekend
The Sons of Italy Foundation®

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The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) was established in 1959 by the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® (OSDIA), the largest and longest-established national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States. The SIF’s purpose is to support and develop educational, cultural, and other philanthropic programs for the benefit of all Americans, especially those of Italian descent. During their combined histories, the SIF and OSDIA have contributed more than $165 million for scholarships, medical research, cultural projects, disaster relief efforts, veterans’ causes, and other special projects. OSDIA has tens of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and D.C.
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THEME POSTERS AS SEEN BY YEAR

Below is a chronological listing representing the array of themes designed throughout the 42 year history of the IHCC-NY, Inc. to celebrate Italian heritage:

2021 DANTÉ 700! Celebrating the Genius of Dante; The Great Poet Who Unified Through Language.
2020 Fellini 100!
2019 Matera 2019: European Capital of Culture,
   Past, Present, Future
2018 A Salute to Italian Women in America: Breaking Barriers...
   From Ellis Island to The Present
2017 Celebrating Italian Americans in Cinema and Theater:
   Saluting Actors & Directors
2016 Celebrating 40 Years of Italian Culture in America
2015 Italian Creativity: Celebrating 50 Years of Science and Technology;
2014 Celebrating the Italian American Experience Legends and Icons in Sports
2013 Year of Italian Culture in the United States
2012 Amerigo to America: Amerigo Vespucci 1452-1512
2011 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy
2010 Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician
2009 Galileo Galilei: Father of Modern Astronomy
   Giuseppe Perosino: Italian American Crime Fighter 1860-1909
2008 Andrea Palladio: Architect for the Ages 1508-1580 Antonio Meucci:
   The True Inventor of the Telephone 1808-2008
2007 Giuseppe Garibaldi: Eroe dei Due Mondi/ Hero of Two Worlds 1807-2007
2006 Celebrating the Italian Genius: The Leonardo DaVinci Legacy
2005 Giuseppe Mazzini: The Political Idealist of the Italian Struggle for Independence
2004 Amerigo Vespucci
2003 Focus on Italian Opera
2002 Constantino Brumidi: Artist of the United States Capitol
2001 Giuseppe Verdi: A Tribute to Italy’s Patriotic Composer
2000 Italy in the Year 2000: Italian Heritage and Cultural Roots at the Threshold of the New Millennium
1999 The Italians of New York: Five Centuries of Struggle and Achievement
1998 New York City at 100: Italian Americans Commemorate the Immigrant
   Experience (Patria e famiglia)
1997 The Voyages of Giovanni Caboto: 500th Anniversary
1996 Italy and its Regions (L’Italia delle Regioni)
1995 Guglielmo Marconi: Centennial of the Radio
1994 Italian Americans in Law: From Beccaria to Scalia
1993 The Legacy of Italy’s Artistic and Cultural Contributions to the World
1992 Cristoforo Colombo 500th Anniversary: The Legacy Lives On
1991 Italian Americans: The Legacy of Cristoforo Colombo
1990 William Paca: Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Jurist, 3 times
   Governor of the State of Maryland
1989 Italians Reaching Out: Antonio Meucci, Inventor of the Telephone,
   Mother Cabrini, Missionary of the Immigrants
1988 Lorenzo Da Ponte/Academia
1987 Year of the U.S. Constitution: Mazzei and the Italian Contribution
1986 Year of Lady Liberty
1985 Building America
1984 Year of the Etruscans
1983 Italian Culture Week
1982 Italian Culture Week
1981 Italian Festival of the Arts
1980 Italian Culture Week
1979 Italian Culture Week
1978 Italian Week, Board of Education of New York
1977 Italian Culture Week
1976 Italian Culture Week

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(Activities listed in Calendar of Events)

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An array of learning opportunities is available to foster Italian language acquisition for toddlers, children, teens, and adults. The following organizations are offering classes from basic to advanced level skills:

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**2021 IHCC Essay Contest Winners**

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee is pleased to announce the 2021 IHCC Essay Contest winners co-sponsored by the Societa’ Onoraria Italica:

**Italian Category** — Sebastian L. Schonfeld from Fox Lane High School, NY
  teacher Vittoria Buzzetto

**English Category** — Harry Finnergan, from Don Bosco Preparatory High School, NJ
  teacher Karen McSherry

The recipients of the awards will be celebrated at the Annual Italian Heritage Month Kickoff in October.

Submitted by Lucrezia Lindia, Chair of the IHCC Essay Committee
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Michele Giamapaolo  
*Designer of the 2021 IHCC-NY, Inc. Poster*

Michele Giamapaolo, is currently studying architecture at the Politecnico of Milan. Since an earlier age, he has always had a passion for drawing and the visual arts, which is now evidenced in his graphic and architectural design. Having grown up in both his hometown of Ancona and in New York City, Italian culture and its heritage outside Italy is a theme very dear to him. He has been able to participate and to help spread the word about this year’s Italian Culture and Heritage Month by creating the thematic poster of Dante 700!

Molte grazie to Michele Giamapaolo!

**REFLECTIONS BY THE 2021 POSTER DESIGNER**

I am Michele Giamapaolo and since I was a child, drawing has been my favorite pastime, starting with tracing cartoon characters up to the creation of characters and scenes from my imagination. Since then, I have used different methods and found new sources of inspiration, but that desire to portray something from my mind has always remained.

During the five years I lived in New York, thanks to my art professors, I was able to explore other visual arts as well as hone my skills. Thus, my interest in drawing was strengthened and I continued to practice at all times of the day on whatever notebook, handkerchief, and free piece of white paper I could find.

After returning to Ancona, my hometown, and having chosen a scientific high school, I continued to practice drawing mainly on an individual level. The five years of high school nevertheless provided me with a great foundation on the history of Italian art by introducing me to important works, characters and inspirations of our heritage. In this period, I also had the first opportunity to design advertising posters for some events in my city, thanks to which I learned how to apply my knowledge to the field of graphics, which immediately fascinated me.

This year 2021 to celebrate the annual theme “Dante 700” of the Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York, Board Member Cav. Josephine A. Maietta asked me to create a theme poster which will be distributed to schools, associations, organizations etc.

I am completing my degree course in Architectural Design at the Politecnico di Milano, where I am able to explore my passion for graphic design and combine it with my other more scientific and technical one.
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