

The Joys of Learning

ITALIAN



**Che gioia
imparare
l'italiano!**

"Nel mezzo del cammin di
nostra vita..." - Dante Alighieri

"Chi mira più in alto si differenzia
più altamente." - Galileo Galilei

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A Message from the President/Chairperson

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 47th 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: **THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN.**

The IHCC-NY, Inc. annually recognizes significant themes and for 2023 the Board members felt strongly that the topics should be "The Joys of Learning Italian." With research and vigor, stimulated by a full sense of professionalism, the Board helped to create with the artistic input of Hayley DiRico of Arland Printing in New Hyde Park, a poster that is a learning tool, that not merely for language learning but for heritage and culture. It is anticipated that for 2023, teachers and all interested parties will be using the poster and bookmarks as a teaching moment in many ways. A special thank you to the Marketing Committee led by Rosa Casiello O'Day for the poster and to Nancy Indelicato for the bookmarks. There input on these collaborative pieces is essential annually.

We happily continue our tradition of sharing valuable and significant cultural information with the publication of this magazine booklet for the 47th year. Our many programs and cultural collaborations celebrate our "Italianità."

At this time, we 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 2023, all of which can be found as well on our web site. Our publications are provided through the generosity of benefactors, among whom are: the Gambelli Foundation, the Columbus Citizens Foundation, the John D. 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, 2023. And a special thank you to Cav. Dr. Anthony J. Tamburri and Cav. Joan Marchi Migliori for going beyond in making this Booklet possible.

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 - # 47!

Grazie a tutti e buon proseguimento!

Comm. Joseph Sciamè
President/Chair

Mese della Cultura Italiana
Italian Heritage and Culture
Committee of New York, Inc.

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A Brief History of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York

More than four and a half 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.



October 2022 – Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson joins IHCC-NY, Inc. President Sciamè with Nancy Indelicato, Board Member

New York's Italian Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate its forty-seventh anniversary this year, 2023. 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 of outstanding leadership, leaving an important legacy that continues to this day. He

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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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presently serves on the board as a consultant and adviser. In January 2007, then Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciamè, 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 Washington Square Park in honor of the 100-year anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Garibaldi;
- organized a special anniversary gathering on the occasion of the 200th birthday of Antonio Meucci, inventor of the telephone;
- mounted an international art exhibit from Palermo, Sicily, of works by Rosa Ponte Fucarino; and partnered with the Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical America in the 500th 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

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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 (NOLAW) 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 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

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October 2022 – Italian Charities of America dinner with Hon. Donovan Richards, Borough President of Queens and Dr. Donna Chirico, President of ILICA



October 2022 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson at Bronx Zoo



October 2022 – Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson with Deputy Consul General Cesare Bieller.

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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 Sciamè, 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 1, 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 Franchisini, Italian Minister of Culture Dario, proposed to establish an annual national Dantedi' (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
- participated at the New York Italian Charities of America on October 24, 2021 honoring Joan Migliori, IHCC-NY, Inc.

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Recognized Board

Members and Friends

For Columbus Day Weekend

2019 Stephen A. Briganti

2018 Aileen Riotto Sirey, Ph.D.

2017 Angela Pictropinto

Chimera and Anton

Evangelista

2016 Francesco Genuardi,

Minister & Consul General

2015 Elisabetta Calello

2014 Cav. Anthony Julian
Tamburri, Ph.D

2013 Joseph Di Pietro

2012 John Mustaro

2011 Nancy Indelicato

2010 Cav. Joan Marchi

Migliori

2009 John De Santis

2008 Cav. Dott. Berardo
Paradiso

2007 Helen and Jack Como

For Mother's Day Weekend

2023 Giorgia DeParolis

2021 Silvia Limoncini,

Deputy Consul General

2019 Chiara Saulle,

Deputy Consul

2018 Isabella Periotto,

Deputy Consul

2017 Ann Prisco, Ph.D.

2016 National Organization
of Italian American
Women

2015 Natalia Quintavalle,

Minster&ConsulGeneral

2014 Lucia Pasqualini,

Vice Consul

*Deceased

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Board Member

—attended the Italian American Museum Annual Awards Luncheon on November 7,

2021 honoring Rosa Casiello O'Day, IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member

—visited Washington, DC on November 21, 2021 with Cav. Mary Ann Re, Ph.D., IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member as

meetings held at the Italian Cultural Institute, DC for collaborative exchange

—presentation of da Vinci Award 2021 to Prof. Luigi Ballerini on December 1, 2021 owing to pandemic issues

—in March 2023 La Vinci Award to Antonio Giordano, M.D., President, Sbarro Health

Medical Organization and a Gala Dinner at Il Gattoparo Restaurant

—saluted Giorgia De Parolis, UN Italian Diplomat for Mother's Day at Mother Italy Statue in May 2023

—expended many hours of deliberation and review for October 2023 Theme of "The Joys of Learning Italian"

—mourned the loss in 2023 of two long time Board Members: Cav. Prof. Mario Fratti and Uff. George Altomare

The IHCC-NY, Inc.'s role in concert with the Office of the

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.

2023 Official Events and Proclamation Ceremonies

BRONX

Bronx Borough President's Annual Italian Heritage Celebration
October 12, 2023 (Thursday)
5:30pm – 9:00pm
The Bronx's Annual Italian-American Heritage and Culture Celebration honors individuals of our city and communities who contribute to keep the Italian-American culture alive through literature, culture, visual arts and government for future generations. The Bronx Zoo - Schiff Family Great Hall
2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx
Telephone: (718) 590-3547 or
Admission: Free; open to the public
Contact: Sonia Malave, email: SMALVE@BRONXBP.NYC.GOV or Cecilia Hernandez, email: CHERNANDEZ&BRONXBP.NYC.GOV

BROOKLYN

October 1 (Sunday) 12 noon:
Brooklyn Columbus Parade Brunch at Sirico Caterers in honor of the 2023 Parade.
Grand Marshals
Ministro PL Fabrizio Di Michele, Consul General of Italy in New York
NYC Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair of the NY City Finance Committee
Principal Helen Stern, Public School 177
Hon. Frank R. Seddio, Principal Attorney at Seddio & Associates
October 7 (Saturday)
11:00 am: Pre-Parade Mass at St. Athanasius RC Church
1:00 pm: Parade Route at 61st Street & 18th Avenue to Reviewing Stand at IL Centro, 8711 – 18th Avenue

Brooklyn Italian Heritage Celebration
at FIAO IL Centro on
Tuesday, October 24th
from 6:00pm to 8pm.

QUEENS

Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens, Inc.
The 46th Annual Queens Columbus Day Parade
October 7 (Saturday) Assembling:

11:00am, Parade begins at 12:00pm
Kaufman Studios, 34-12 36th Street, Astoria
Parade route: Steinway Street left to 30th Avenue right to 33rd Street, ends at reviewing stand on Astoria Blvd. and 32nd Street, Columbus Triangle.
This year's Grand Marshal is Clemente Lopes, Principal Intermediate School 10. Please Join is or come out to cheer us on! Parade Chairman: Judge Jerry Iannece, President: Joseph Di Pietro, Executive Director: Angie Markham. To participate please complete the attached questionnaire and remit by mail or fax or email to italianfederation@gmail.com.
Sponsored by FIAO of Queens, 20-12 21st Avenue, Astoria
Contact: 718-204-2444; Fax: 718-204-9145 Italianfederation@gmail.com

Queens Borough Ceremony
October 25, 2023
St. John's University, 8000 Utopia Parkway
D'Angelo Center, Borough
President's salute to Italian Heritage & Culture
Registration: 6:30pm
Ceremony: 7pm
Suggested Donation: \$10 p/p
Contact: Office of Community Relations
(718) 990-1941

NEW JERSEY

The Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day Parade and Italian Heritage Committee Inc.
September 20 (Wednesday) Day
Flag Raising at 11:00 AM
Nutley Town Hall, Chestnut Street, Nutley, NJ, Inc.
The Gala Honoree Dinner 6:30 PM at Nanina's in the Park.
Honoring outstanding awardees and a fun filled evening.
540 Mill Street, Belleville, NJ
Info: Susan la Morte
Email: srl675@gmail.com



2023 - Ambassador Mariangela Zappia and Comm. Joseph Sciamme at NY's Columbus Statue at the Circle in preparation for the visit of Prime Minister Meloni of Italy on September 19, 2023.



2023 – Prime Minister of Italy Giorgia Meloni, in historic visit while in New York for UN visit, walks to Columbus Circle Statue to honor the month's celebration on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

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.

Prior Recipients to 2023:

Antonio Giordano, M.D.
President, Sbarro Health Research Organization

Prof. Luigi Ballerini, Poet

Stephen A. Briganti
President/CEO, Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

Martin Scorcese
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

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Cav. Anthony Brusco
Senior Vice President
Applied Graphics Technology

Cav. Professor Mario Fratti
Tony Award winning
Playwright of *Nine*



“In the heart of Central Park there is an angel. It is the Angel of the Waters statue, which appeared on the Bethesda Fountain on May 31, 1873.

It has since earned a place among the city's icons—a deserved place for its classical beauty, although not everyone knows that it is much more: a symbol of love, harmony, healing, and rebirth, as the historical motivation for its creation affirms.” This is the story from Maria Teresa Cometto about the angel and the artist who created it.



The Giovanni Schiavo Series is, to echo its namesake, ‘an attempt to rescue from oblivion,’ the work of the founders of Italian American and Italian Diaspora

studies as an academic discipline. Originally published in 1976, this is a reintroduction to the work of Giovanni Schiavo and to the scholarly pursuit and consideration of Italian contributions to the American project.

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Enrico Fermi Cultural Center,
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NY 10458
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2023 Calendar of Events

September 6, 2023

WRIHU Radio Stratford University Celebrating the Joys of Learning Italian

<http://streamwrhu.net/newPlayer/?live/newPlayer/?live=>

September to November (Saturdays) 12:00–2:00pm, (Sundays) 7:00am
Radio Producer and Host. Cav. Josephine A. Maietta
Guests: Students, teachers, and supporters of “The Joys of Learning Italian”
Theme chosen by IHCC for the month of October.

September 10 - 19

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum's Italian Language Courses Fall 2023 Semester

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island

Tuition Fee: \$225.00 for non-members and \$210.00 for members and must be paid in advance. Visit our website for registration and payment options.

Contact:

Stephanie Lundegard
Email: slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
Phone: (718) 442-1608
Call to register.

www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/italian-language-classes
www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/upcoming-events



(Sunday) Classes begin
Classes are held at the Museum. Have you been thinking about learning Italian? Benvenuti! Learn Italian at one of the oldest Italian American cultural centers in the US. The fall semester begins September 2023 with 90-minute classes for students of all levels of proficiency. For your safety, we follow all NYC CDC guidelines. Register for spring in January 2024. Levels and date/time will stay the same only starting dates will change.

Fall Semester Classes:

10-week courses
September 11 (Monday)

1:00pm–2:30pm
Italian language Level 1 class:

Diane De Bernardo
September 10 (Sunday)

11:30pm–1:00pm
Italian language Level 2 class:

Prof. Louis Leonini
September 19 (Tuesday)

11:30am–1:00pm
Italian language Level 3 Class:

Rose Frisari
September 11 (Monday)

5:00pm–6:30pm
Advanced Italian Class:

Bartolomeo Regine

September 12 and 26

La Commedia di Dante in Italiano Group Reading

THE JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF QUEENS
COLLEGE/CUNY
25 West 43rd Street, 17th
Floor, Manhattan

Admission: Open to
the public



Fee: Free

Contact: Dante in Italiano

Phone: (212) 966-3245

Email: [danteinitaliano@yahoo.com](mailto:danteinitaliano@yaho.com)

(Tuesdays) 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Discussion twice monthly for one hour. Dante in Italiano is back in person from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on September 12 and 26, 2023, starting with Purgatorio Canto IX, line 88. Since 2018 we have been reading each canto aloud followed by paraphrasing in standard Italian and engaging in freewheeling discussion. Members of academic, visual arts, music, opera, publishing communities and native speakers particularly welcome. All sessions 100 percent in Italian. Sponsored by The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute of Queens College/CUNY.

September 15

CCF Presents:

Welcome

Back to the

Townhouse

Jessa V. & The

Fringe—Sounds of

Italian Summer and

Autumn in New York

COLUMBUS CITIZENS

TOWNHOUSE

Admission: Open to

the public

Fee: \$55.00; RSVP

online see link below.

Reception begins at 6:30PM

<https://ccfdn.typeform.com/jessa?typeform-source=columbuscitizens.org>

www.ColumbusCitizens.org/Events



(Friday) 6:30pm

Celebrate with us at the Townhouse as we welcome rising NYC vocalist Jessa V. Salerno for our first event of the fall season. Please enjoy this wonderful opportunity to reunite following our summer vacations and our summer building improvements over great cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with fellow Members.

September 16

The Garibaldi-Meucci Museum's Events

A Tribute to American Music by William Castello

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island

Tuition Fee: \$10.00 for public and \$5.00 for members.

RSVP and buy tickets online at <https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/event-info/tribute-to-american-music-by-bill-castello-part-1-3>
Phone: (718) 442-1608

<https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/upcoming-events>

Begins September 16 (Saturday) 6:00pm

Music holds memories, and every generation has its own soundtrack. With more than 2,500 portraits by Bill Castello, music clips from hundreds of artists, and video memories everywhere, this series is presented in three parts: Part 1, The Roots of American Music through the Jazz Era



September 16 (Saturday)
6:00pm
Part 2, Rock and Roll (Blues, Gospel, Jazz, R&B, Surf British Invasion, and Classic Rock and Roll) September 30 (Saturday) 7:00pm
Part 3, Modern Rock and Pop (Disco, Country, Rap, Metal, Punk, and Millennium Music) October 30 (Tuesday) 7:00pm
Shows will be either inside or on the lawn, depending upon weather and time of sunset (outdoor only). Rain dates will be announced.


St. Rocco's Meet and Greet Luncheon



ST. ROCCO'S BAKERY
4 St. Rocco's Pl., Glen Cove, NY

Admission: Open to the public. 
Fee: \$40.00 for Members; \$45.00-\$50.00 for Non-members
RSVP online at <https://www.noiaw.org/event/the-st-roccos-meet-and-greet-luncheon/>
Contact: NOIAW
Phone: (212) 642-2003
Email: khebert@noiaw.org
<https://www.noiaw.org>
<https://givebutter.com/stroccos>

(Saturday) 12:30pm–3:30pm
(Rain date Saturday 9/24/2023 12:30pm–3:30pm)
Join NOIAW's Long Island Network at the quaint St. Rocco's Bakery in Glen Cove for a social afternoon with fabulous panini, amazing desserts, and creative beverages! Family owned and operated, St. Rocco's Bakery makes more than fifty varieties of world-class bread and Italian pastries, including the finest cannoli cream and the best gelato. The owners will provide a brief history of the bakery and the Feast of St.



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Washington*

The Ambassador

Prot. n. 3895
September 6, 2023

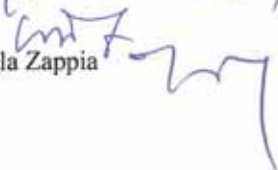
Cari Amici, dear Friends,
Supporters of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York,

I wish to congratulate you for your strong commitment and for the many interesting initiatives celebrating the Italian Heritage and its significant cultural contribution to the world.

This year's theme, *The Joys of learning Italian*, matches very much with the message I have been spreading throughout my tenure in the United States. There is an extensive appreciation of Italian language, culture and way of life. This leads to a shared "Italian spirit" that crosses our national boundaries and provides a tangible connection between our peoples.

During the past few years, a strong link between the Italian language and Made-in-Italy products has become increasingly evident. Italian is the second most used language in the commercial world, synonymous with beauty and excellence. Language programs in the U.S. are poised for expansion through the affirmation of a more interdisciplinary approach in teaching and learning.

The future of a peaceful and prosperous society lays "where cultural and linguistic diversity is viewed as an invaluable asset that enriches the lives of all", as affirmed by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL). I would like to thank President and Chairman Joseph Sciame and the entire Board of Directors of IHCC-NY for selecting this wonderful theme and wish you the best for a successful Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

With my highest appreciation,

Mariangela Zappia

Rocco. RSVP below.
Sponsored by National Organization for Italian American Women.

September 18 - October 27
Exhibition on view at the IIC NY
"The Grand Italian Vision. The Farnesina Collection"

ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

686 Park Avenue,
New York
Admission: Free and open to the public



Monday through Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm
"The Grand Italian Vision. The Farnesina Collection" is an enthralling journey through the history of Italian art from the 1900s to the present day, by means of 71 works selected from the extraordinary art

collection at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic. The only public institution in the world to have its own art collection, built up with passion and steadfastness since the end of the Nineties, it has created today's dynamic collection that bears witness to the wealth of a cultural heritage, dwelling within the spaces of the Palazzo della Farnesina in



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New York
The Consul General

New York, July 21, 2023
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Comm. Joseph Sciamè
President/Chair
Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc.

Dear President Sciamè and members of the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY,

I would like to commend you for your dedication to promoting Italian culture and heritage in New York, especially during the month of October when we celebrate the Italian Heritage in the United States. As you prepare for the 47th anniversary of this important celebration in New York, I wish to reconfirm my admiration for your work and commitment.

Allow me to warmly praise you and the Committee for the choice of this year's theme. *La lingua italiana* is a crucial component of the Italian heritage and identity. Through the language we can discover and understand our roots. This is the very essence of the Italian heritage that we can collectively pass on to our children and grandchildren.

I also recognize in this year's theme: *The Joys of Learning Italian*, an important thread which embraces all areas in which Italy has excelled in and given a significant contribution to the world.

I look forward to supporting the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee's activities in October and coordinating with you to that end.

My kindest regards,


Fabrizio Di Michele

Rome, a setting for exhibition activity worthy of any museum. Visions that range from a twentieth-century awareness to the drive towards modernity. The public is invited to experience these works directly, without any academic rigidity, letting itself flow along with the "grand Italian vision" through an exhibition project spread in different institutional places in New York.

September 19
Opera Dinner!
"Desperate Tenors Sing with Passion!"

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
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79 Howard Avenue, Staten
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Pay online at <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/09-19-opera-dinner-desperate-tenors-sing-with-passion/>
Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Tuesday) 6:00pm to 9:30pm
Held in the Galleria with a View. Discussion and video presentation by Opera

Educator Lou Barrella, with special guest performance by Mezzo Soprano Christina Lamberti. Come enjoy great food and the company of opera lovers! The presentation by Lou Barrella highlights some of opera's greatest arias sung by a variety of "anguished" tenors.

September 20

**The Nutley-Belleville
Columbus Day
and Italian Heritage
Committee Inc.
The Gala Honoree
Dinner**

540 Mill Street, Belleville,
NJ

Fee: Adult full \$125.00,
Child \$62.50

Info: Susan la Morte
Email: srL675@gmail.com

(Wednesday) 6:30pm at
Nanina's in the Park.
Honoring outstanding
awardees and a fun-filled
evening.

October 8
The Nutley-Belleville
Columbus Day Parade
(Sunday) at 9:00am. The
Belleville Chapter of UNICO
and the Federation of Italian
American Societies of New
Jersey at the Belleville Town
Hall, Washington Avenue,
Belleville, NJ.
(Wednesday) at 11:00am Flag
Raising of the Nutley Chapter
of UNICO Annual Columbus
Day Parade beginning at
1:30pm at the Nutley Town
Hall, Chestnut Street, Nutley,
NJ. Inc. The parade route starts
at Belleville High School and
proceeds North on Franklin
Avenue and ends at Nutley
High School. Honoring
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Sponsored by The Belleville



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The Phillip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series in Italian American Studies
The Sicilian Puppet Theater of Agrippino Manteo (1884-1947): The Paladins of France in America, JoAnn Cavallo, Columbia University
JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094
Admission free and open to the public



(Wednesday) 6:00pm
Sicilian puppet theater (opera dei pupi) was a predominant form of cultural expression for working-class people on the island from the early 1800 until the proliferation of television in 1950s. This form of dramatic prose theater also flourished in diasporic Italian urban communities in Argentina and the United States. Agrippino Manteo's scripts, examined for the first time in this study, exemplify the rich narratives of the Paladins of France as dramatized on the traditional opera dei pupi stage. The alternating episodes of love, enchantment, adventure, and warfare invite us to relive the emotions of knights and damsels who share the stage with wizards, fairies, and giants. The Sicilian Puppet Theater of Agrippino Manteo (1884-1947) (Anthem

State of New York
Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State is home to one of this nation's largest populations of Italian-Americans, and we are proud to join with individuals of Italian ancestry in celebrating the 47th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month, honoring the cultural, intellectual, and artistic legacy the people and nation of Italy have given us; and

Whereas, for millions of immigrants, the gateway to America was Ellis Island where they took their first steps on American soil, and New York State was the welcoming site for many from Italy who arrived in our country with knowledge and talent they generously shared with people of all backgrounds; in building new lives in a new country to call home, Italian immigrants also affirmed their ancestral identity through what they held in common – their culture, heritage, and history – and especially their language; and

Whereas, this year's celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month is highlighted by the theme, "The Joys of Learning Italian," a fitting subject in that this annual observance was inspired by a group of educators of Italian language who formed the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee in 1976; these dedicated scholars remain at the forefront of preserving and expanding interest in spoken Italian, and honoring the language as expressed through written works, films, plays and operas, and other musical art forms, as well as encouraging a love for the language and promoting fluency and the ability to communicate among Italian and non-Italians alike; and

Whereas, one of the most beautiful Romance languages, Italian is rich and harmonious, and its study entails discovering interesting nuances – from its vocabulary, etymology, and grammar – to deciphering its unique expressions, dialects, and figures of speech found in different regions of Italy; for many people who wish to search and connect with their ancestral roots, speaking Italian makes travel through Italy a fuller experience and fosters an appreciation of daily Italian life where the language is integral to business and economics, science and technology, art and academics, sports and entertainment, fashion and food – all part of the joy found in the Italian spirit; and

Whereas, most important, the Italian language unfolds thousands of years of history and heritage and, for younger generations, it provides a bridge to their cherished ancestors; the legacy of Italian culture and heritage is timeless, and this year's celebration proudly highlights the value of studying, learning, speaking, and embracing the Italian language for the community of Italians here in America and those in their familial homeland; and

Whereas, we are thankful for the Italian immigrants who gave the world a symphony of language, and whose written, spoken, and performed works have added to New York State's reputation as a center of international culture; throughout the month of October, we celebrate the beauty of the Italian words and spirit embodied in various genres of art, music, and literature which remain an inherent part of our existence and whose impact is visible in a lifestyle that reflects the unique and distinctive "Italian" design; and

Whereas, in celebrating "The Joys of Learning Italian," we honor the contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans throughout the centuries, and express gratitude for their lyrical language, their cultural gifts, and their intellectual contributions, all of which have enriched our society – and we proudly join to honor this celebration of the Italian legacy bestowed upon all the world.

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

in the Empire State.

Done under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twelfth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh

Press, 2023) reconstructs the history of the Manteo family marionette theater in New York City across seven decades and three generations, provides translations of eight selected plays and 270 summaries, and offers comparative analyses uncovering the creative adaptation—from Italian Renaissance masterpieces of chivalric poetry, to nineteenth-century prose compilations,

to theses opera dei pupi dramatizations.

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ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA.
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Website: www.italiancharities.org

(Wednesdays) 6:30pm to 8:00pm EST and ends on December 13 (skipping November 22).
This course is for students


 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Jersey is proud of its rich ethnic diversity and its status as a gateway for generations of immigrants coming to this country to find freedom and opportunity; and
WHEREAS, Americans of Italian ancestry come from various walks of life but share a common cultural heritage; and
WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is currently home to more than 1.5 million Italian Americans who are an integral part of the ethnic diversity that the Garden State thrives on; and
WHEREAS, Italian Americans have made significant contributions to New Jersey's social, cultural and economic fabric through their rich heritage; and
WHEREAS, this month, the Italian American community is celebrating its heritage and critical role in the establishment and growth of our country and State;
NOW, THEREFORE, I Phillip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2023
AS
ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH
in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States.



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 GOVERNOR

who have never studied Italian before or who would like to continue working on and practicing the fundamentals of the Italian language. In this course we will learn about, work on, and practice Italian grammar, reading, writing, and spoken communication. Grammar lessons will include: nouns and adjectives and noun-adjective agreement, the

present tense, the past tense, the imperfect tense, simple prepositions, possessive adjectives. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Sponsored by Italian Charities of America. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org


September 23
Sicilian Conversation Online Course 
 VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM. REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.ITALIANCHARITIES.ORG.
 Cost: \$200.00 
Contact:
718-478-3100;
Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email:
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Website:
www.italiancharities.org

(Saturday) 9:00am to 10:30pm EST and ends on Saturday, December 16 (skipping November 25)

This course is designed for anyone who has already taken any of our Sicilian Language courses (Sicilian Language Level 1, Level 2 or even Level 3) and needs to improve and practice speaking Sicilian as well as improve pronunciation. If you already speak Sicilian and need to improve or practice more, than you are also welcome to take this course. A native Sicilian instructor will be teaching this course and will guide you through proper pronunciation when speaking and push everyone to have conversations through exercises. Exercises will include reading, writing, and speaking Sicilian in a friendly virtual group setting. The aim is to make everyone more confident and more fluent in speaking Sicilian. The course will be offered virtually and will consist of eight lessons. Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

Sicilian Level 1 Language Online Course Saturday Mornings 

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Website:
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(Saturday) 9:30am to 11:00am EST and ends on December 16

(skipping November 25)
 Our Sicilian Level 1 language course is designed so that anyone who is interested can learn from a beginner level, and no prior knowledge is necessary. This course will incorporate aspects that connect the Sicilian language to its people, history, culture, and arts. Weekly course assignments will be offered to practice content learned in each lesson. This course is taught by a professor who is a native Sicilian speaker. As always, our courses are in a judgment-free atmosphere for your comfort. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website:
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 Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

**Sicilian Level
 2 Online
 Language
 Course**



Cost: \$200.00
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 Email:
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 Website:
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(Saturday) 11:15am to 12:45pm EST and ends on Saturday, December 16 (skipping November 25)
 Our Sicilian Level 2 language course is for students who have already completed our Sicilian Level 1 course or have a good sense of the basics of the language. This course starts with a review of important aspects of Level 1 and then continues to dive deeper into the language with grammar,



**OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
 STATE OF NEW YORK**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York is hosting the 47th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month and celebrating in 2023 the “Joys of Learning Italian,” a language of enlightenment embracing centuries of history, tradition, values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the IHCC-NY has sponsored exhibits, concerts, seminars and many more public events to broaden understanding of the historic contributions of Italians and Italian Americans, and promote a deeper appreciation of Italian culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the “Joys of Learning Italian” celebration promotes discovery of the Italian spirit in the fields of business, technology, art, opera, literature and architecture, as well as in food, fashion and sports, and further contributes to reconnecting with family, lasting friendships, and the cultivation of *sprezzatura*, the effortless style that has marked the Italian character over many centuries; now let it be

PROCLAIMED, that State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli does hereby congratulate and applaud the IHCC-NY’s officers, board, members and supporters for their outstanding service; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that on this 1st day of October, two thousand twenty-three, Comptroller DiNapoli does join with the people of New York in recognizing Italian Heritage and Culture Month, and wishing the Committee continued success in its important work.




**Thomas P. DiNapoli
 State Comptroller**

continuation of pronouns, and the imperfect, past, and future tenses. This course will also incorporate aspects that connect the Sicilian language to its people, history, culture, and arts. Weekly course assignments will be offered to practice content learned in each lesson. This course is taught by a professor who is a native Sicilian speaker. As

always, our courses are in a judgment-free atmosphere for your comfort. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website:
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**September 24
 Sicilian Level
 3 Online
 Language
 Course**

Cost: \$200.00
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 Email:
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Proclamation

FROM
SENATOR GEORGE M. BORRELLO

WHEREAS, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York is hosting the 47th Anniversary Celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York; and

WHEREAS, since 1976 the IHCC-NY has sponsored a wide variety of exhibits, concerts, seminars and other public events to increase our understanding of the historic contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to our culture, and to promote a deeper appreciation of the Italian heritage and legacy; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York has announced its cultural theme for fall 2023: *The Joys of Learning Italian*. The theme exemplifies one of the fundamental missions of the IHCC-NY, that is, to promote the study of the Italian language; and

PROCLAIMED, that State Senator George M. Borrello does hereby congratulate and applaud the IHCC-NY's officers, board, members and supporters for their outstanding service; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, that on this 1st day of October, two thousand twenty-three, Senator Borrello does join with the people of New York in recognizing Italian Heritage and Culture Month, and wishing the Committee continued success in its important work.

October 1, 2023
DATE



George M. Borrello
SENATOR GEORGE M. BORRELLO
57TH SENATE DISTRICT

Website:
www.italiancharities.org

(Sunday) 9:30am to 11:00pm EST and ends on Sunday, December 17 (skipping November 26)

Our Sicilian Level 3 language course is for students who have already completed our Sicilian Level 2 course and are confident to advance. This course starts with a review of

important aspects of Level 2 and then continues to dive deeper into the language with grammar, past perfect tense, and more. Our Level 3 course will be focusing on reading, writing, and conversation skills. This course will also incorporate aspects that connect the Sicilian language to its people, history, culture, and arts. Weekly course assignments will be offered

to practice content learned in each lesson. This course is taught by a professor who is a native Sicilian speaker. As always, our courses are in a judgment-free atmosphere for your comfort. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website:
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An Afternoon with Lorenzo Da Ponte



THE BASILICA OF ST. PATRICK'S OLD CATHEDRAL

The corner of Mott and Prince Streets, New York

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Open to the public.

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Admission, \$30 VIP

first three rows. For tickets follow the following link,

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(Sunday) 3:00pm

The world-renowned Opera Carlo Felice from Genoa, Italy, presents an exclusive one-time performance featuring musicians performing handpicked pieces written by Lorenzo Da Ponte, Mozart's close friend and librettist. Sponsored by Opera Carlo Felice Genoa, Lorenzo Da Ponte Institute, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), Friends of the Erben Organ, The Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, The NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) in partnership with the City Council, The New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the office of the governor and the New York State Legislature.

Italian Conversation Online Language Course



Cost: \$200.00

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Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email:

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Website:

www.italiancharities.org

(Sunday) 11:15am to 12:45pm EST and ends on Sunday, December 17 (skipping November 26)

This course is for students who have previously taken our Italian Level 1 and Level 2 courses or have equivalent knowledge. This twelve-week course is for students who wish to continue their study of Italian by practicing with conversation. In this course, we will work on and practice Italian grammar through reading (out loud), writing, and practicing dialogue. As always, our courses are in a judgment-free atmosphere for your comfort. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org
Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

September 25

Introduction to Napoli: Language and Culture Online Course



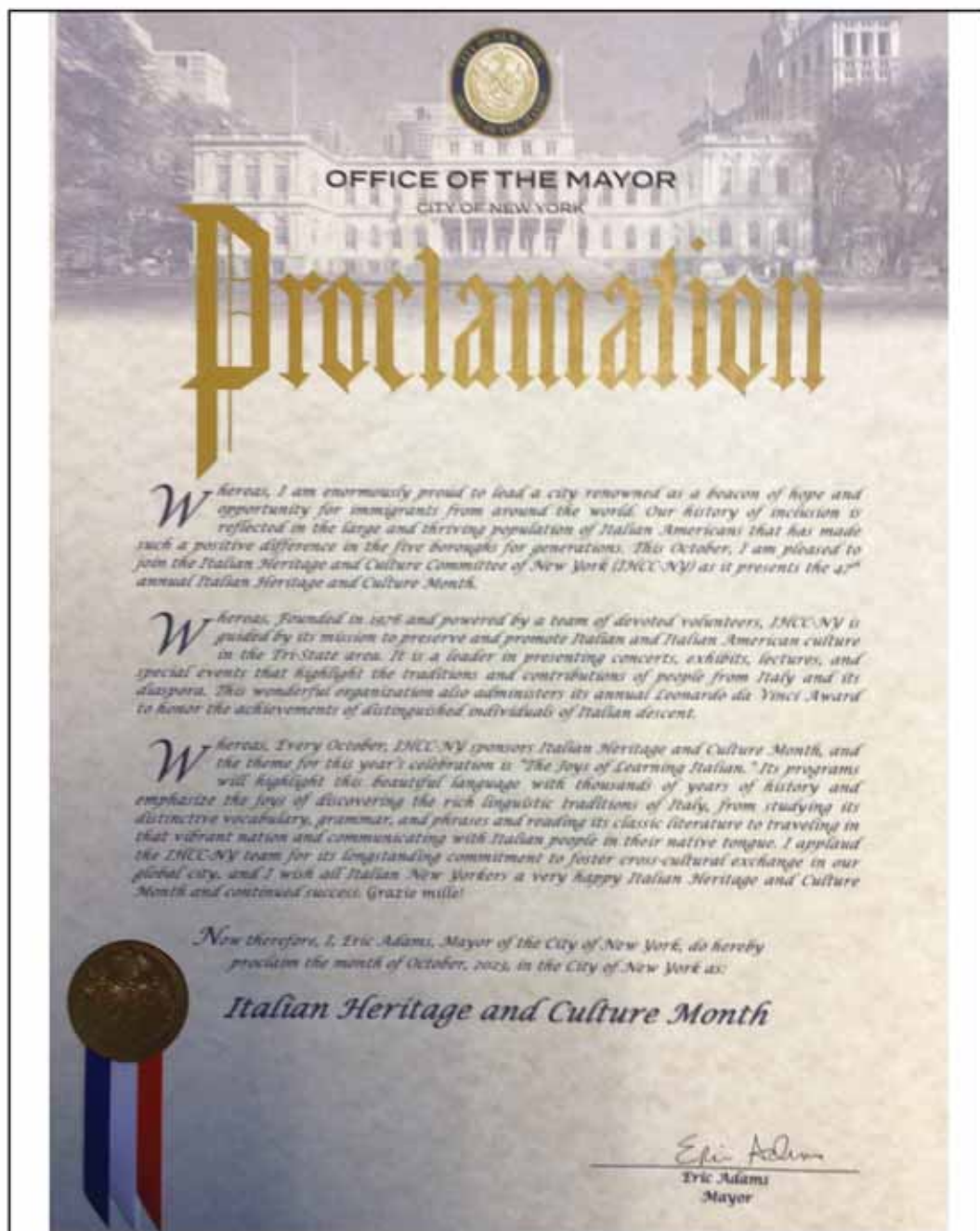
ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA



Cost: \$185.00
Contact: 718-478-3100;
Fax 718-478-2665 for more information
Email: info@italiancharities.org
Website: www.italiancharities.org

(Monday) 6:30pm to 8:00pm EST ending on Monday, Dec. 11 (skipping November 20 and 27)

Join us on this exciting adventure of learning the Neapolitan language from a beginner's level. We will dive into the language along with Neapolitan culture by learning



about its people, history, culture, arts, and music. Our Neapolitan language and culture course is designed so that anyone who is interested can learn from a beginner level with no prior knowledge necessary. This course is taught by a native Neapolitan professor and is in a judgment-free atmosphere for your comfort. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of ten lessons.

Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org

Cooking Classes
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE



79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: Adults \$70.00 members; \$75.00 non-members;



Children \$40.00; \$45.00
Prices subject to change.
Phone: (718) 273-7660
Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

Children's Class 4:00pm; Adult Class 7:00pm (Mondays)
Children will make Nutella or jam crepes! Adults will be making homemade Manicotti Quattro Formaggi in a Pink Creamy Sauce!



CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

COMMENDATION

PRESENTED TO

ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK

Italian American communities in New York City and across the country; for four decades of outstanding work to represent and support for its commitment to increasing representation of Italian Americans in higher education; for producing public programming and publications that share the history of Italy and the Italian diaspora; for promoting the importance of the Italian language, history, and culture in higher education; for highlighting the contributions of Italian American immigrants, leaders, and scholars; and for its tremendous contributions to the City of New York.



BRAD LANDER
COMPTROLLER
OCTOBER 2023



this performance of Italian music. Performers: Cecilia Molinari, mezzo-soprano, and Claudio Marino Moretti, pianist. Reception to follow. Production and presentation by Fondazione Teatro Carlo Felice di Genova; Italian Academy, Columbia University. Seating is limited and first come, first served. Priority will be given to those who register in advance. We have a limit of two (2) reservations per person. Check-in begins thirty minutes before the event, and early arrival is suggested. Walk-ups will be admitted, space permitting, from 6:50pm. Sponsored by The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, Columbia University

**Imported from
Italy: Opera in
the US before
1850**



**THE ITALIAN ACADEMY
OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY**
1161 Amsterdam Avenue
(south of 118th Street) New
York, in Butler Hall.
Admission: Free and
open to the public.



(Monday) 5:00pm
Join us in celebrating a new book: Italian Opera in the United States, 1800–1850: At the Origins of a Cultural Migration, a collection of essays from a conference produced by the Italian Academy in 2018 (Lorenzo Da Ponte and the Birth of Italian Opera in New York). Sponsored by The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America, Columbia University

**Concert-Recital
by Cecilia
Molinari: Two
Centuries of Italian
Music**

**THE ITALIAN ACADEMY
OF COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY**
1161 Amsterdam Avenue
(south of 118th Street)
New York



Admission: Open to the public; Free; register in advance to reserve a spot at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recital-by-cecilia-molinari-two-centuries-of-italian-music-tickets-690865075037?utm_campaign=social&utm_content=attendeeshare&utm-



medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshecopyurlitacademy@columbia.edu

(Monday) 7:00pm; check-in begins 6:30pm
The Teatro Carlo Felice—among Italy's foremost opera houses—comes to Columbia U. with a leading mezzo for

Celebrating the Joys of Learning Italian



COLUMBUS FOUNDATION TOWNHOUSE
 8 East 69th Street, NYC
 Admission: Open to the public
 Fee: \$\$ See website for prices.
 Contact: J. Belli
 (646) 320-0372
<https://columbuscitizens.org/Home>



(Monday) 6:30pm
 For more than twenty-five years, students have enjoyed learning the Italian language and culture at the Columbus Foundation Townhouse. For more information, please contact italiancultura92@gmail.com

September 26
Pete Panto Commemorative Ceremony



SAINT CHARLES CEMETERY IN FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND

Admission: Free and open to the public
 RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094



For information visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Tuesday) 2:30pm
 We will meet at Saint Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale, Long Island to inaugurate the recently installed tombstone of assassinated dock worker and labor activist Pietro “Pete” Panto (1910–1939). The Calandra Institute led a successful fund-raising campaign to commission the tombstone for Panto’s previously unmarked grave. We believe that the simple act of placing a headstone on Panto’s

grave is appropriate given this Italian American working-class hero’s sacrifice on behalf of laboring people. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY



THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

Proclamation



In celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month, the New York City Council is proud to honor the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. for its many years of outstanding service and achievements; and

WHEREAS: *The story of the Italian people is an essential part of the narrative of the United States. New York City, the proud home to the largest Italian population outside Italy, has been built, shaped and strengthened by Italians and Italian Americans for centuries. Today, Italy’s lasting influence is seen throughout the five boroughs; and*

WHEREAS: *For the past 47 years, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York has worked tirelessly to foster a greater awareness and appreciation for this enduring legacy through concerts, exhibits, lectures and many other special events; and*

WHEREAS: *In addition to sponsoring annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month activities, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York promotes the study of Italian culture among all ethnic groups, fosters pride in Italian Americans about their own rich history, encourages positive portrayals of Italians and Americans of Italian descent in the media and for the general public; and*

WHEREAS: *The theme of this year’s Italian Heritage and Culture Month, “The Joys of Learning Italian,” reflects one of the fundamental missions of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York: to promote the study of the Italian language. Learning Italian is a deeply rewarding and joyful experience. The language carries a musical quality, its rhythm and melody like an aria to the ear. The study of Italian also unlocks an entire world of culture, history, and art; and*

WHEREAS: *The beauty of the Italian language is evident both in our daily lives and on the page. Italian literature opens a treasure trove of masterpieces, from early literary lions like Dante, Petrarch, and Calvino to contemporary authors, like Elena Ferrante, Andrea Camilleri, and Niccolò Ammaniti. An immersion in Italian literature in its original form not only enhances the pleasure of reading but becomes a fulfilling intellectual pursuit; and*

WHEREAS: *The joys of learning Italian not only include reading and understanding the language but also expression and communication through the Italian spoken in daily life, whether discussing business, technology, opera, art, architecture, sports, fashion or food. Italian heritage, ultimately, encompasses more than linguistic proficiency; it is a journey of self-discovery, cultural appreciation, and the embrace of la dolce vita; now, therefore*

BE IT KNOWN: *That the New York City Council is proud to honor*

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc.

for fostering a greater awareness and appreciation for the extraordinary roles that Italians and Italian Americans have played in shaping New York City and the world.

Signed this 1st day of October in the year Twenty-Two-Three.



ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
 Speaker
 For the Entire Council

Cinema Sotto le Stelle Funny Face



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York
 Admission: Open to the public, Free for members, non-member



Donation Suggestions
 \$10.00 - \$30.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660
 Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Tuesday) 7:00pm
 Introduced by Grazia D’Annunzio

Office of the President
Borough of Queens
City of New York

Proclamation

Greeting:

- Whereas:** for centuries, the people of Italy have been on the forefront of major advances in art, culture, philosophy, science, and countless other important endeavors; and
- Whereas:** the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. has been a leader in the effort to acknowledge and applaud these many advances; and
- Whereas:** the work of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York includes its facilitation of the annual celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York, an event that will celebrate its 47th anniversary in October 2024; and
- Whereas:** this year's celebration of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate the many joys of learning the Italian language; and
- Whereas:** Queens is home to tens of thousands of Italian Americans who greatly contribute to the rich cultural tapestry that makes up our borough; and
- Whereas:** Queens greatly looks forward to celebrating Italian Heritage and Culture Month in October 2024; and
- Whereas:** on behalf of the 2.4 million residents of Queens, "The World's Borough," we salute the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. for its outstanding work to facilitate the celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month and to educate the wider community about the greatness of Italian heritage and culture.

Now therefore I, Donovan Richards Jr., President of the Borough of Queens in the City of New York, do hereby present this proclamation to

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc.

in recognition of the 47th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York.

Done at Queens Borough Hall, New Gardens, in the City of New York, on this first day of October in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

Donovan Richards Jr.
President of the Borough of Queens

to a discernable Italian art tradition—or for that matter to Italian American aesthetic practices more specifically—vary across the exhibition, ranging from the explicit to the suggestive to the nonexistent. A dynamic tension operates in which a usable past is employed to create not only art of the moment but a reimagined and reconfigured ethnic sensibility. Ultimately such creative diversity is predicated on a heterogeneity of experiences, sensibilities and understandings that serve as inspiration for transformative acts of beauty. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY

Italian Charities of America Courses Italian Level 2 Online Language Course

Cost: \$200.00

Contact:

718-478-3100;

Fax 718-478-2665

for more information

Email:

info@italiancharities.org

Website:

www.italiancharities.org

(Wednesday) 6:00pm to 7:30pm EST and ends on Wednesday, December 20 (skipping November 22)

This course is for students who have completed our Italian Level 1 course or wish to continue their study of Italian and to move beyond the present, past, and imperfect tense. In this course, we will learn, work on, and practice Italian grammar, reading, writing, and spoken communication of our writing. Grammar will include: the present progressive, future/conditional, reflexive verbs,

September 27

Exhibition

Opening

**A Legacy of Making:
21 Contemporary
Italian American
Artists**

JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE



25 West 43rd Street, 17th
Floor, Manhattan

Admission: Free and
open to the public
RSVP by calling (212)
642-2094

For info, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

Curated by Joanne Mattera and
Joseph Sciorra.



(Wednesday) September 27
thru January 12, 2024.
Gallery hours: Monday–Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

The work of the twenty-one
artists in A Legacy of Making
featured in this exhibit offers
a richness of form, medium,
subject matter, color, and style
that is a delight and a revelation
to behold. Connections

impersonal verb construction (an absolute necessity of Italian communication!), subjunctive, complex prepositions, direct-object pronouns, and indirect-object pronouns. The course will be offered virtually on ZOOM and will consist of twelve lessons. Sponsored by Italian Charities of America Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org

Italian Charities of America Events
The Padrone Act of 1874: Virtual Presentation
Italian American Speaker Series featuring Michael A. Santo, Esq.



VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

Admission: FREE

Contact:

718-478-3100;

Fax 718-478-2665

for reservations and more information

Email:

info@italiancharities.org

Website:

www.italiancharities.org



(Wednesday) 7:00pm–8:30pm

Join us for a virtual presentation with Michael A. Santo, Esq., who will discuss the topic of the padrone system that took place in the United States during the late 1800s, particularly involving Sicilians, Italians, and other ethnicities. The padrone system consisted of contract labor and assistance where both business and plantation owners paid for immigrant workers' passage in exchange for a commitment of work for a predetermined amount of time. Sicilian middlemen, padroni frequently arranged these terms, recruiting laborers from their home villages

and charging the worker and employer a fee. Mr. Santo will explain how the padrone system led to exploitation and abuse and terrible living conditions for Sicilian and Italian workers. Many padroni acted more like slave holders than managers, and this system began to take on aspects of human and child trafficking.

He will discuss how the US and Italy worked together on this issue resulting in The Padrone Statute, which was passed in 1874, forbidding the enslaving, buying, selling, or using Italian and Sicilian children as workers. However, thousands of immigrants remained tied to labor contracts for years after. Mr. Santo will also talk about

how today a similar system is occurring in the US with South American immigrants whereby many become victims of abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org Sponsored by Italian Charities of America



Office of the Manhattan Borough President
City of New York

Proclamation

Whereas: *We are proud to acknowledge those organizations and individuals that are committed to improving our city and enriching the community; and*

Whereas: *the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York has celebrated Italian culture and heritage for more than three and a half decades with special events, concerts, exhibits, and lectures; and*

Whereas: *Italian Heritage and Culture commemoration began in New York City in 1976 as a week-long series of events but was later expanded to the month of October to coincide with Columbus Day celebrations this October will mark the 46th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York; and*

Whereas: *with New York being the largest Italian city outside of Italy, this celebration is an ideal way to highlight excellence and innovation in all areas of pursuit by Italian Americans in greater New York, enabling Italian American organizations to collaborate with the Italian Consulate; and*

Whereas: *the Joys of Learning Italian are multifaceted. There is the JOY of discovering the nuances of the Italian language, learning its alphabet, vocabulary, grammar, and accent; and*

Whereas: *this year's theme we are affording all recognition of the importance of the study, learning, speaking and a fuller appreciation of the Italian language;*

Now Therefore, **I, Mark Levine, do hereby commend the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York for contributions to the City and proclaim October 2023 as,**

"Italian Heritage and Culture Month"
in the Borough of Manhattan.



Mark Levine
President, Borough of Manhattan



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Manhattan to be affixed.

Vanessa L. Gibson

President of the Borough of
The Bronx

Presents this

Proclamation

Whereas:

New York's Italian Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate its forty-seventh anniversary this year, and;

Whereas: *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, and;*

Whereas: *This year, on behalf of Comm. Joseph Sciame, President/Chair, and the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY, Inc. have deliberated long and hard, and it was determined that the theme this year is THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN. The joys of learning Italian are many. There are the JOYS of discovering the beauty of Italian, its vocabulary, grammar, and phrases; the JOYS of reading its literature; of communicating through the spoken word, with all its richness; and the JOYS of travel to Italy and communicating with friends and family in their own tongue, and;*

Whereas: *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, and;*

Now, therefore, I, Vanessa L. Gibson, President of the Borough of The Bronx, on behalf of the more than 1.4 million people who call this borough home, do hereby proclaim, the month of October 2023, as,

"ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

Vanessa L. Gibson

Vanessa L. Gibson

September 28

Italian
Charities of
America Courses
Sicilian Level 1
Language Online
Course Thursday
Evenings

Cost: \$200.00

Contact:

718-478-3100;

Fax 718-478-2665



for more information

Email:

info@italiancharities.org

Website:

www.italiancharities.org

(Thursday) 6:00pm to 7:30pm
EST and ends on December 21
(skipping November 23)

Our Sicilian Level 1 language
course is designed so that
anyone who is interested can

learn from a beginner level,
and no prior knowledge is
necessary. This course will
incorporate aspects that
connect the Sicilian language
to its people, history, culture,
and arts. Weekly course
assignments will be offered
to practice content learned
in each lesson. This course is
taught by a professor who is
a native Sicilian speaker. As

always, our courses are in a
judgment-free atmosphere for
your comfort. The course will
be offered virtually on ZOOM
and will consist of twelve
lessons. Sponsored by Italian
Charities of America
Register on our website:
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Italian
Charities
of America
Courses

Out of Rushmore's
Shadow: The Luigi
Del Bianco Story

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
8000 Utopia Parkway,
Queens, NY

Admission: Open to
the public; Free

Contact: Susan

Damiani, Director of Gift
Planning

Phone: (718) 900-7562;

(718) 996-7486

Email:

damianis@stjohns.edu



(Thursday) 1:00pm

Learn about the events of the
Mt. Rushmore carving and the
true chief carver. Luigi Del
Bianco's grandson Lou Del
Bianco will speak about his
grandfather's accomplishments
and the struggle to have Del
Bianco name recognized by the
Mt. Rushmore directors. Room
location TBA. Parking at the
entrance. Sponsored by Dr.
Marilyn Verna, The McCallen
Society, Prof. Annalisa Sacca of
the Italian Studies Program.

September 30

The Grand
Opening of The
Enrico Caruso
Gallery at Casa
Belvedere

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island, New York



Admission: By invite only.
 Contact: 718-273-7660
 Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Saturday) 1:00pm–4:00pm
 Hosted by the Italian Cultural Foundation In honor of Commendatore Aldo Mancusi. This is a private event, by invitation only!

Italian American Society of CT to Host First Annual La Festa ItaliAmerica



ELM RIDGE PARK
 Veterans Memorial Amphitheater,
 Rocky Hill, C
 Admission: Free,
 open to the public.



(Saturday) 12:00pm–6:00pm
 Enjoy great food, artwork, and a fabulous car show at the first annual La Festa ItaliAmerica. Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra vocalist entertainers. See a display of regional artwork, Andrea Doria lifeboat #1 and Bell. The Mayor of Rocky Hill, Lisa J. Marotta; Pres. Morris Borea Esq.; Vice Pres. Paul Pirrotta from the Italian American Society of Connecticut will be in attendance.

October 1 Italian Heritage and Culture Month Exhibit in Our Special Exhibit Room



AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM
 1227 Central Avenue,
 Albany, NY
 Admission: Open to the public; Fee: \$5.00 seniors; \$2.00 students; children free.
 Contact:
 Prof. Cav. Phillip J. Novo




PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Celebrating the proud, rich, and colorful Italian tradition, the month of October is recognized as Italian Heritage and Culture Month. Staten Island is home to more Italian-Americans than any other County in the United States of America; and

Whereas: This year's theme, "The Joys Of Learning Italian," incorporates thousands of years of rich and beautiful history, beliefs, and values. The theme will afford a recognition of the importance of the studying, learning, and speaking, as well as a fuller appreciation of the Italian language; and

Whereas: For over four decades, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York has celebrated the cultural contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans through special events, concerts, songs, and lectures; and

Whereas: Staten Islanders of all ethnic backgrounds applaud Italian-American New Yorkers for their contributions to our culture,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VITO J. FOSSELLA

President of the Borough of Staten Island, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the City and State of New York, do hereby proclaim the month of October as

ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH
in the Borough of Staten Island.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Staten Island this first day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three




Vito J. Fossella

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
 BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
 CITY OF NEW YORK

Phone: (518) 435-1979
 Email: info@americanitalianmuseum.org
www.info@americanitalianmuseum.org

(Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) 12:00pm–2:00pm
 An exhibit of the contribution of Italian Americans and examples of the Joys of Learning Italian. Visit the American Italian Heritage Museum all year round, and

every year in Albany.
 Sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Museum

October 2 Cooking Classes

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
 79 Howard Avenue,
 Staten Island, New York
 Admission: Open to the



public; Adults \$70.00 members; \$75.00 non-members
 Children \$40.00 members; \$45.00 non-members.
 Prices subject to change.
 Phone: (718) 273-7660



(Monday) Children's class 4:00pm; Adult class 7:00pm
 Children will make Monkey Bread! Adults will be making Corn Brûlée!



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

ANTONIO REYNOSO

Brooklyn Borough President

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

It's a joy to discover the beauty of the Italian language. It's a joy to delve into the rich stories of Italian literature. But more than anything, it's a joy to write to you for the second year in a row to congratulate the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York (IHCC-NY) for their excellent work promoting the study and celebration of the Italian language!

Grazie mille to the IHCC-NY for their commitment to keeping the vivid history, traditions, and spirit of Italian heritage alive throughout Brooklyn. The IHCC-NY is invaluable to fostering a strong pride in the contributions of our Italian community here in Brooklyn, a borough made beautiful by the patchwork of cultures and languages that comprise it.

I'm honored to celebrate the IHCC-NY's 47th year of impactful and wondrous events and programs in our borough. We are thrilled to celebrate with you yet another year of joyous and excellent work and are even more excited to welcome the many more years to come.

Ciao,

Antonio Reynoso
Brooklyn Borough President

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October 3

**Limoncello
Night: Paint &
Sip!**



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to
the public; \$75.00 for
members, \$80.00 for
non-members. Prices
subject to change.



Phone: (718) 273-7660

Website:

[https://casa-belvedere.org/
calendar/](https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/)

(Tuesday) 7:00pm

During this fun event, you
will learn how to make
limoncello, an Italian lemon
liqueur produced mainly in
Southern Italy, especially in the
region around the Sorrentine
peninsula and the Amalfi coast.
The two-hour guided paint-
and-sip experience includes

supplies and instruction to
decorate your own glass bottle
with designs from the Italian
Amalfi coast. Hosted by Ciao
and Cello.

**Fall 2023
Lecture Series
Italian Opera: A
Reflection of Life!**



GARIBALDI MEUCCI
MUSEUM
420 Tompkins Ave.,
Staten Island

Admission: Members

\$140.00 / non-
members \$155.00.



Checks are accepted, visit our
website for payment info.

Contact Stephanie

Lundegard

Email: [slundegard@](mailto:slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org)

garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

Phone: (718) 442-1608

Website: [https://www.](https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/opera)

[garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/
opera](http://garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/opera)

(Tuesdays) 1:30pm–3:00pm

Starting October 3–November 14

The series is conducted by an
opera educator, Lou Barrella,
M.A. This seven-week class
will elicit an appreciation for
both seasoned opera lovers and
newcomers alike. It intends to
excite the appetites of all those
who especially love Italian
opera by gaining insights into
the minds and souls of the
composers whose works still
affect us today. Now in its
fourteenth season, this is not
a repeat course. All sessions
are new and there is no
prerequisite for new comers.

- October 3: Prep for Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera Part 1
- October 10: Prep for Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera Part 2
- October 17: MET Opera Dress Rehearsal of Un Ballo in Maschera
- October 24: The Humanity of Royalty in Opera
- October 31: Defiant Requiem
- November 7: Remembering the Amato Opera
- November 14: Showoff Sopranos BONUS: Seats at the MET Opera Dress Rehearsal of Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera on Tuesday, October 17. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

October 7

Italian Charities of America, Italian Night Dinner Dance



ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA

83-20 Queens Blvd.,
Elmhurst, NY

Admission: \$25.00 per person. Pay at the door, or purchase tickets in advance.



Phone: 1 (718) 478-3100

Email:
info@italiancharities.org

(Saturday) 8:00pm–12:00pm. Doors open at 7:00pm. Every October we set aside one of our Saturday Night Community Dances for our Annual Italian Night Dinner Dance. We hold this special dance in honor of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, which is recognized throughout the US. The whole month of October is set aside to recognize and celebrate the millions of Americans that claim their Italian roots and to reflect on their family's history, traditions, values, and immigration stories and the countless contributions their ancestors have given to this country and that we continue to contribute. Join us in this celebration and come to the Italian Night Dinner Dance that features well-known Italian music and all your favorite dance hits.

Lecture Please Unsubscribe, Thanks



GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island

Fee: \$10.00 for members and non-members \$15.00



Contact:

Stephanie Lundegard



Office of the Executive

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WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

the County of Nassau is proud to recognize those outstanding individuals and organizations that have rendered significant contributions for the enhancement of our region and the betterment of our residents; and

the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, has proudly maintained the traditions of their heritage, and worked diligently on behalf of causes and ideals which uphold the principles of human decency and brotherhood which is reflected in this year's theme, Celebrating The Joys of Learning Italian; and

Italian Heritage and Culture Month affords us an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful and multifaceted contributions Italians and Italian Americans have made to the economic, social and cultural enrichment of our county and their local communities, earning the respect and admiration of all Nassau County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce A. Blakeman, Nassau County Executive, proclaim October 2023 as:

Italian Heritage & Culture Month

in Nassau County and in fitting recognition of the contributions that Italian Americans have made to Nassau County.





Bruce A. Blakeman
County Executive

Email: slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
Phone: (718) 442-1608
https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/

(Saturday) 3:00pm
Julio Vincent Gambuto, author and producer of the movie Team Marco, recently shown at the museum, will give a presentation of his new book Please Unsubscribe, Thanks. You can RSVP on our website.

October 8
Italian Culture Celebration



CINEMA ARTS CENTRE
423 Park Avenue,
Huntington, New York
Admission: Open to the public

Fee: Event: \$40;
Member \$30 (Film only \$15.00,
Member \$10.00)

Contact: Dylan Skolnick;
Phone: (631) 423-7610



E-mail Address: info@cinemaartscentre.org
James Albano;
email address:
jalbano4@yahoo.com
Phone: (631) 889-6260
Web Address:
CinemaArtsCentre.org

(Sunday) 12:30pm
Reception and Italian music performed by Mafalda Minnozzi with guitarist Paul Ricci, followed by a tribute to

The Nassau County Legislature 
Citation

Whereas, IN OCTOBER 2023, THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. WILL BE PROUDLY CELEBRATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH IN NEW YORK; AND,

Whereas, THIS YEAR'S THEME, "THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN" CELEBRATES THE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY, VALUES, BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND HELPS TO PROMOTE THE JOY OF DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF ITALIAN, ITS VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND PHRASES, THE JOY OF READING ITS LITERATURE, AND THE JOY OF BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE NATIVE LANGUAGE OF OUR ANCESTORS; AND,

Whereas, THE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN ITS MISSION TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE MANY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIANS AND ITALIAN AMERICANS.




Now, Therefore, We, the Members of the Nassau County Legislature
 on this **23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023**
 do hereby present this citation to the:

**ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURE
 COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC.**
 CELEBRATING THE 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH - 2023



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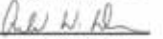

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Federico Fellini with a showing of his award-winning film 81/2, discussion to follow. Sponsored by Cinema Arts Centre Huntington

Cristina Fontanelli Love, Italian Diva Style

TRIAD THEATER
 158 West 72nd Street, NYC
 Admission: Open to the public,



Fee: \$55.00 Prem. + \$7.60 fee, Main Flr. \$35.00 + \$5.20 fee, Mezz. \$25.00 Balcony + \$4.00 fee.
<https://www.instantseats.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.event&eventID=34BE3C7F-AFCS-308F-7F8D7448697976C2>

(Sunday) 7:00pm
 Cristina Fontanelli, an award-



winning singer, actor, and PBS-TV host for Andrea Bocelli, lets down her "Italian hair" to examine the Italian, the Italian American and the American Songbooks for all aspects of love Italian style—passion, melody, meaning, FUN. From Sinatra to Sondheim, from Arlen to Modugno to Broadway hits, this vocal genius brings her special form of entertainment

to the NY nightclub scene. Cristina has become a well-known personality through her recordings, her appearances on TV, radio, in concert, nightclubs, and opera, and through her acting debut on network television. Please note: The venue has a two-beverage minimum per person. Sponsored by Cristina Fontanelli

October 10

When Things Happen-Book Presentation by Italian writer Angelo Cannavacciuolo (Rutgers University Press, 2023)



ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
 686 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: Free and open to the public
 Please RSVP at iicny.rsvp@gmail.com Subject: When Things Happen



(Tuesday) 6:00pm
 The author Angelo Cannavacciuolo will be in conversation with: Gregory Pell, Translator and Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures Hofstra University and Alane Salierno Mason, Vice president and Executive Editor, W.W. Norton & Company and Founder Words Without Border.

October 11 Piano Concert - Francesca Ferraro



ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
 686 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: Free and open to the public

Please RSVP at iicny.rsvp@gmail.com Subject: Piano Concert – Francesca Ferraro (Wednesday) 6:00pm



October 12
The Phillip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series in Italian American Studies



Spaghetti Sissies: Queering Italian American Media
Julia Heim, Univ. Pennsylvania and Sole Anatrone, Vassar College

JOHN D. CALANDRA
 ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE, QC/CUNY
 25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
 RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094



Admission: Free and open to the public
For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Thursday) 6:00pm
 Through consistent filmic representation, the image of Italian Americans has become a set of immediately recognizable characters: the hyper-macho blue collar greaser, the anti-intellectual GTL Guido, the child obsessed mamma, and the heteronormative Mafia family. The rhetorical and literal loudness of these characters drowns out other possible embodiments of Italian American identity that do not conform to these explicitly heterosexual modes of being. Spaghetti Sissies (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023) fills that void, foregrounding the importance of representation

Office of the County Executive
 Westchester County, New York

Proclamation

Whereas

A great county is only as great as those cultural organization and its members, who give exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in programs and services, through unique personal and professional achievements, or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry. History has often taught us that the merit of any society can and will be measured by the actions of those organizations, that, by way of unparalleled exhibitions of diligence and conviction to humanity, inspire those of us fortunate enough to bear witness; and

WHEREAS

The Board of Directors of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York (IHCC-NY, Inc.) has chosen "THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN" "JOYS," as the theme for the forty-seventh (47th) anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York, and

WHEREAS

A group of educators of Italian language began this all-volunteer committee, in 1976. Throughout the month of October 2023, IHCC-NY, Inc., will be celebrating the "JOYS" and awarding the committee's Leonardo da Vinci honor to an individual or group who has excelled in promoting the Italian language; and

WHEREAS

The Italian Language is widely considered as one of the world's most romantic languages. This is due in part, to the history and culture of the Italian Language combined with its easily recognizable rhythm. It originated in Latin, and began after the Fall of the Roman Empire; and

WHEREAS

The Italian Language has a long history of beautifully written prose, poetry, literature and operas. From prose, such as "Decameron" to poetry, such as "Non sono in queste rive," and the famous opera, "Aida," the Italian Language exudes love: Love of Italian culture and heritage and humanity; and

WHEREAS

It is my great honor to recognize the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., as an important Italian Cultural Organization in New York, thanking them for their vision, leadership, dedication and commitment to the preservation and promotion of Italian language, heritage and culture; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, do declare October 2023, to be **Italian Heritage and Culture Month** in Westchester County and encourage all of its citizens to join in this cultural observance.

Westchester County
 George Latimer, Westchester County Executive

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 22nd Day of August, 2023

Westchester County Executive

and rethinking the historical narratives and cultural stereotypes surrounding Italian American identities.

Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America, Inc. Annual Awards Dinner - 114th Anniversary



RUSSO'S ON THE BAY
 162-45 Crossbay Blvd.,
 Howard Beach, NY
 Phone: (917) 544-2202
 Email: ppetrosino@petrosinousa.org
 Info: GIA Giornale
 Italo Americano
jlcl@giamondo.com

(Thursday) 6:30pm
 Honoring outstanding leaders in our community. Ent. Johnny

Mandolin & DJ "La Dolce Vita." Sponsored by Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America President Bob Fonti.

Hofstra University Fall 2023-Lectures Series Italian American TV and Film Writers
 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY



Westchester County
Board of Legislators

Proclamation

Whereas THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH MANY OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS COMPRISED OF DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN WHO GIVE OF THEIR TIME, TALENT, AND ENERGY TO MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO LIVE AND WORK; AND

WHEREAS, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC., IS COMMEMORATING THEIR 47TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE BY CELEBRATING WITH THE THEME: "THE JOY OF LEARNING ITALIAN;" AND

WHEREAS, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. RECOGNIZES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD BY THOSE OF ITALIAN HERITAGE IN THE FIELDS OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE LITERATURE, IN THE YEAR OF 2023, THE COMMITTEE IS RECOGNIZING THE "JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN;" THE THEME EXEMPLIFIES ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL MISSIONS OF THE IHCNY; THAT IS, TO PROMOTE THE STUDY OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE. IMPORTANTLY, THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE ENFOLDS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY, TRADITIONS, VALUES, BELIEFS, IT IS A TRUE BRIDGE TO ITALIAN HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND EXPERIENCE; AND

WHEREAS, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC., RECOGNIZES THAT THERE IS THE JOY OF DISCOVERING THE NUANCES OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE: LEARNING ITS ALPHABET, VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR AND ACCENT; THE JOY OF LEARNING ITALIAN THROUGH DISCOVERING ITS LITERATURE; THE JOYS OF EXPRESSING ONESELF AND COMMUNICATING THROUGH THE LYRICAL, SPOKEN ITALIAN WITH ALL ITS RICHNESS; THE JOYS OF TRAVEL TO ITALY WITH ALL ITS NEW EXPERIENCES, INCLUDING UNCOVERING ONE'S ROOTS AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS; THE JOYS OF DECHIPHERING THE DIVERSE ITALIAN DIALECTS; AND THE JOYS OF UNDERSTANDING THE NON-VERBAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE THROUGH GESTURES AND SOUND. IT IS USED IN ONE'S DAILY LIFE, IN BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY, IN OPERA, ART, ARCHITECTURE SPORTS, FASHION AND FOOD. LEARNING ITALIAN BRINGS ALL THE JOYS OF THE ITALIAN SPIRIT; AND

WHEREAS, ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC., ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ITALIAN IS NO LONGER SOLELY THE LANGUAGE OF IMMIGRANTS IN AMERICA, BUT IT HAS BECOME UNIVERSAL AS IT IS EMBRACED BY OTHER CULTURES, RECOGNIZING ITS IMPORTANCE IN LEARNING HISTORY AND UNDERSTANDING MODERN THOUGHT. AS SUCH, THE WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ITALIAN WILL CONTINUE TO BRING ALL FURTHER JOY; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN JOINING THEIR ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE, DAVID TURBOLD, REPRESENTING THE 14TH DISTRICT, IN HONORING ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT OCTOBER 17, 2023 BE PROCLAIMED "ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK, INC. DAY" IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW.

Given Under My Hand and Seal 1st Day of OCTOBER, 2023

Debra Rubin *David Turbold*
Chairman Legislator



All events are free and open to the public. Please register in advance at events.hofstra.edu. For more information, call the Hofstra Cultural Center at 516-463-5669, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3:45 p.m. or visit [events.hofstra.edu](https://www.hofstra.edu/cultural-center/italian-american-experience.html) <https://www.hofstra.edu/cultural-center/italian-american-experience.html>



(Thursday) 6:30pm
Being Italian, Being A Woman, Being A Writer for TV

Crafting an Ethnicity: Italian American TV and Film Writers. A series of lectures with Riccardo Costa, Adjunct Instructor of Romance Languages and Literatures, Hofstra University, in conversation with renowned Italian American film and television writers. Anna Theresa Cascio Award-winning Television Writer and Playwright award-winning writer for the soap operas General Hospital and formerly for All My Children.

October 13th
Screening documentary – Gianni Bank to the Future
ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
686 Park Avenue, New York
Please RSVP at iicny.rsvp@gmail.com
Subject: Screening documentary – Gianni Bank to the Future
(Friday) 6:00pm



October 14 and 15
Fall Festival and Italian Luxury Car Show at Casa Belvedere



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

Address: 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission \$10.00 per person • Children under 12 yrs. old free. Prices subject to change.



Website: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Saturday) 12:00pm - 6:00pm and (Sunday) 12:00pm-5:00pm
The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere presents its 12th Annual Fall Festival and Italian Luxury Car Show. A fun-filled extravaganza for the entire family showcasing Italian classic and performance vehicles and featuring continuous live music, Italian food specialty vendors, and a kids zone. This is our signature fundraiser to support The Italian Cultural Foundation Scholarship Fund, as well as ongoing exceptional arts and cultural and educational public programs. In addition, a portion of the Festival 2023 proceeds will benefit "On Your Mark" programs.

October 17
The Joys of Learning Italian



YORK COLLEGE/CUNY
94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, NY
Admission: Free. Members Only

Contact:
Dr. Donna Chirico
Phone: (718) 262-2687
Email:
DChirico@york.cuny.edu



(Tuesday) 5:00pm–7:00pm
 This festa will include traditional and modern Italian music, bocce, and refreshments. There will be a speaker discussing the cooking traditions of Italy; faculty and staff will provide wines from their region of origin. Sponsored by York College/ CUNY Italian Heritage and Culture Committee.

Book Signing and Presentation of Please Unsubscribe, Thanks, by Julio Vincent Gambuto
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

Address: 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public; Free for members, suggested donations for non-members \$10.00 - \$30.00
 Prices subject to change.
 Phone: (718) 273-7660

Website:
<https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Tuesday) 7:00pm
 Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere




Book Presentation-Rappresentare per includere. Metodi, strumenti e testi per un Italiano plural-presented by Alberto Gelmi

ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
 686 Park Avenue, New York
 Please RSVP at iicny.rsvp@gmail.com
 Subject: Book Presentation



TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD



Proclamation

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.



 DONALD X. CLAVIN, JR.
 Supervisor



 DOROTHY L. GOOSBY
 Senior Councilwoman



 BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN
 Councilman



 ANTHONY P. D'ESPOSITO
 Councilman


 DENNIS DUNNE, SR.
 Councilman


 THOMAS E. MUSCARELLA
 Councilman


 CHRISTOPHER CARINI
 Councilman


 KATE MURRAY
 Town Clerk


 JEANNE C. DRISCOLL
 Receiver of Taxes

(Tuesday) 6:00pm
 Screening documentary –
 Giannini Bank to the Future

October 18
Exhibition
Artists talk in conjunction with the exhibition A Legacy of Making: 21 Contemporary Italian American Artists
Painting, Sculpture, and Installation



JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE, QC/CUNY
 25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
 RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094
 Admission: Free and open to the public
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(Wednesday) 6:00pm–8:30pm
 Exhibition curators Joanne Mattera and Joseph Sciorra

have invited eight additional artists to talk about their work and the culture that has inspired them. Artist will include Paul Fabozzi, Dario Mohr, Don Porcaro, and Josette Urso.

October 20
Teaching Italian Symposium/ Workshops XVI:
“Activating SDGs in the Italian Classroom”



THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hempstead is justly proud of outstanding citizens and groups who have accomplished great things and have made a difference in our community, in particular our Italian-American Community; and

WHEREAS, the *Italian-American* community has come to form an integral part of our national, state, and local fabric over generations and centuries. Through hard work and dedication, *Italian-Americans* have achieved success in all fields and at all strata of society. Italian culture, language, cuisine, and literature have greatly impacted our Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of North Hempstead lauds the efforts of the *Italian-American* community and the great benefit they have been to our Town over our combined history; therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, that as the duly-elected Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, and on behalf of the citizens of the Town, I recognize Italian Heritage and Cultural Month in October of 2023

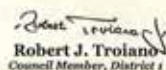
Italian Heritage and Cultural Month

Dated: October 1, 2023

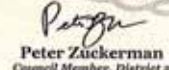
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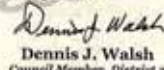
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Supervisor
Town of North Hempstead



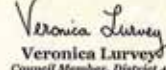
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Council Member, District 1



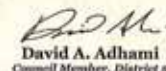
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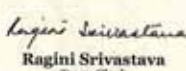
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Council Member, District 5



Mariann Dalimonte
Council Member, District 6



Ragini Srivastava
Town Clerk



Charles Berman
Receiver of Taxes

UNIVERSITY HALL
CONFERENCE CENTER
(7TH FLOOR) MONTCLAIR
STATE UNIVERSITY
1 Normal Avenue,
Montclair, NJ
Admission: Open to the public;
See Coccia website for fees.
Contact: Cristina Latino
Phone: (973) 655-7977 or
(201) 566-7355
Email: coccia-assistant@
montclair.edu
<https://www.montclair.edu>

The annual professional development program for teachers of Italian.
(Friday) 9:30am–3:30pm
The 16th Annual Teaching Italian Symposium/Workshops XVI is the annual professional development program for teachers of Italian.
Sponsored by The Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America

October 21
IAWC Book Club Meeting Book Discussion on The Next Ship Home, a Novel of Ellis Island
ADMISSION: FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC;
RSVP
Contact: Vincenza Russo
Phone: (646) 515-2744
Email: iawcnyc@yahoo.com

(Saturday) 12:00pm
Heather Webb's novel

focuses on the lives of two women, Francesca, a newly arrived immigrant with her sights set on a better life in America, and Alma, a young second-generation German/American girl who works at Ellis Island as an interpreter. They meet at Ellis Island and become true friends who share a dark secret. Together they fight the corruption and atrocities that were taking place at Ellis Island in 1902 by unscrupulous inspectors. The novel is inspired by true events and holds a mirror to our own times and questions the immigration issues that have always been America's history of prejudice and exclusion. Sponsored by the Italian American Women's Center, Inc.
* For event location and address contact iawcnyc@yahoo.com

Italian American Writers Association (IAWA): Celebrates 32nd Anniversary of Literary Reading Series

JEFFERSON MARKET LIBRARY, THE WILLA CATHER ROOM
425 6th Avenue,
near 8th Street,
NYC

Admission: Free, open to the public.

Contact: Maria Lisella
Email address:
marialisella@aol.com
IAWA.net or email
mljourneys@aol.com
Phone: (718) 777-1178

(Saturday) 2:30pm–4:30pm
This open mic event features Maria Teresa Cometto, journalist at Corriere della Sera; her latest book is Emma and the Angel of Central Park; Robert Savino, Suffolk County





Senator Richard Blumenthal
Connecticut

Certificate of Special Recognition

Presented to

La Festa Italiamerica

*For Promoting Learning of the Italian Language and Culture, and
Celebrating the Many Contributions of Italian Americans to Our Nation*

September 30, 2023

DATE

SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

Poet Laureate 2015–2017,
Board Member at the Walt
Whitman Birthplace and Long
Island Poetry & Literature
Repository center and co-editor
of two bilingual collections
of Italian American poets, *No
Distance Between Us*.
Sponsored by LAWA & New
York Public Library

October 22
Italian
Charities of
America 87th
Annual Dinner Dance
ROMA VIEW
160-05 Cross Bay Boulevard,
Howard Beach, NY



Admission: \$150.00
Contact:
718-478-3100;
Fax 718-478-2665 for tickets
and more information
Email:
info@italiancharities.org
Website:
www.italiancharities.org



(Sunday) 1:00pm–6:00pm
Italian Charities of America
cordially invites its members,
friends, and anyone interested
in our organization to join us
at our 87th 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
and Italian American culture,
heritage, and pride. The 2023
Italian American Honorees
for their outstanding work
and achievements include;
Alessandra Belloni, Min. Plen.
Fabrizio Di Michele, Nino
Provenzano, Aileen Riotto
Sirey PhD, Cav. Anthony Julian
Tamburri PhD and Comm.
Angelo Vivolo. Event includes
cocktail hour, open bar, dinner,
awards, and dancing. Music
by Dominic Karcic and The
Continental Sound. Contact
directly for ticket sales or

journal ads.
Sponsored by Italian Charities
of America

October 23
Cooking Classes
THE ITALIAN
CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT
CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island, New York
Admission: Open to the
public; Adults \$70.00
members; \$75.00
non-members
Children \$40.00 members;
\$45.00 non-members. Prices
subject to change.





PROCLAMATION TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

Italian American Heritage Day September 30, 2023

WHEREAS, Rocky Hill is proud of its rich ethnic diversity and the people who enrich our community through the celebration of their heritage; and

WHEREAS, Rocky Hill, as the fastest growing municipality in Greater Hartford, is committed to highlighting and promoting the many outstanding contributions of all its residents through policies, education and programming that embrace the gift of diversity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the tremendous social, cultural and economic contributions, we seek to promote the joys of learning Italian, the theme of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee for the month of October, and a deeper appreciation of the Italian legacy; and

WHEREAS, this year, Rocky Hill will host its first La Festa ItaliAmerica on September 30, 2023, in recognition of the beauty of the Italian and Italian-American heritage and to celebrate the significant contributions to our community, state and country through ongoing education and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this special event, La Festa will display the Andrea Doria Lifeboat #1 of Mark C. Koch, Collector of Rare History, and the Bell of legendary American explorer John Moyer, Deep Diver of the Andrea Doria.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa J. Marotta, Mayor of the Town of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim:

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
AS
ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

and call upon all residents to join in celebrating this first annual event and in wishing La Festa ItaliAmerica continued success in its important work.

Lisa J. Marotta
Mayor

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Rocky Hill to be affixed

Sandra Wieleba
Town Clerk



October 26 BMCC Italian Heritage Celebration



RICHARD HARRIS
TERRACE, BMCC-CUNY
199 Chambers Street, NY

Admission: Free,
Open to the Public
Contact:



Tom Means
Phone: (212) 776-6639
Email:
jtmeans@bmcc.cuny.edu

(Thursday) 10:00am–3:00pm
Join us at Borough of
Manhattan Community College,
CUNY, for a celebration of
Italian heritage and culture.
Events will include guest
speakers, music, and literature,
among other exciting events!

October 27 Antonio Meucci High School Essay Contest



GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM & OSDIA
420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island
Contact: Ann Marie Cicero
Phone: (718) 442-1608
Email: acicero@
garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
<https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com>

(Friday)
High school students in New
York State are invited to
participate in an essay contest
that promotes research into
history, family traditions, or
ethnic background. Essays
must be between 250–300
words. Cash prizes for top
three essays.

Phone: (718) 273-7660
Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

Children's class 4:00pm; Adult
class 7:00pm
(Monday)
Children will make Halloween
cookies; Adults will be making
Truffle Corn Pasta.

October 24 Cultural Presentation The History of Sicily through Its Food, by Anita Sanseverino



CASA BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island,
New York
Admission: Open
to the public; Adults \$70.00
members; \$75.00 non-members



Children \$40.00 members;
\$45.00 non-members. Prices
subject to change.
Phone: (718) 273-7660
Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Tuesday) 7:00pm
Sponsored by The Italian
Cultural Foundation at
Casa Belvedere

October 29

Italian Welfare League's Autumn in New York Luncheon



METROPOLITAN CLUB
1 East 60th Street, NYC

Admission: Open to the Public

Fee: \$350.00



Contact:

Ivana Giuntoli McCotter

Phone: (212) 861-8480

Email: info@

italianwelfareleague.org

www.italianwelfareleague.org

(Sunday) 11:00am Silent Auction; Lunch 12:30pm

Our annual luncheon includes silent and live auctions, a raffle, and presentations of awards to honorees. The event benefits "I Nostri Bambini," our grant program for children of Italian American heritage with special needs. This year we will be celebrating our 103rd anniversary. The honorees: Dr. Leonard N. Girardi, O. Wayne Isom Professor and Chairman of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine; and restaurateurs Gianfranco and Paula Sorrentino. For more information, please visit our website. Sponsored by the Italian Welfare League

October 30

Lecture and Book Event Genealogy of the Baroque: The Classic Models and the Birth of the Baroque



ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK
686 Park Avenue, NYC

Admission: Free, Open to the public, RSVP Online or



Phone: (212) 879-4242
Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

(Monday) 7:00pm–8:00pm
Event in Italian. The Institute hosts two lectures on the topic of the Baroque, the first one is titled "Genealogy of the Baroque: The Classic Models and the Birth of the Baroque." This lecture by Gabriele Romano examines the influence of classical art and Roman architecture on the Baroque and its main interpreters (Bernini, Borromini, and Pietro da Cortona) and the use of archaeological discoveries and collections of antiquities as training labs for new artists. Gabriele Romano is a Greek and Roman art archaeologist and art historian with experience in excavations and topographic research of ancient Rome. He obtained a degree with honors in literature with an archaeological focus and a PhD in classical antiquities from the University of Rome Tor Vergata. Author of numerous articles in magazines and encyclopedias of the sector, he is also involved in scientific dissemination through the participation in documentaries of various international television networks.

October 31

Lecture Baroque Facades: Genealogy and Interpretation



ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK
686 Park Avenue, NYC

Admission: Free, Open to the public. RSVP online or

Phone: (212) 879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it



Italian Language Resources

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:

AIAE (Association of Italian American Educators)
Hofstra University
321 New Academic Building,
Hempstead, NY 11549
www.iaiae.net

Italian American Committee on Education (IACE)
686 Park Ave LL, New York, NY 10021
(212) 772-8755, Fax: (212) 772-8756, info@iacelanguage.org
www.iacelanguage.org

Camp Italia
(855) CAMP-IT-1 Maria@
CampItaliaUSA.org
www.campitaliausa.org

Italian Charities of America
83-20 Queens Blvd, Elmhurst NY
(718) 478-3100,
italiancharitiesofamerica@gmail.com

Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.
79 Howard Avenue, Grymes Hill, NY 10301
(718) 273-7660, Fax: (718) 273-0020, info@casa-belvedere.org
www.casa-belvedere.org

Italian Educational and Cultural Center (IECC)
Casa Colombo
380 Monmouth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
(201) 963-6332
info@casacolombo.org
www.casacolombo.org

Center for Italian Studies, Stony Brook University
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY 11794
(631) 632-7444, Fax: (631) 632-7421 dseverino@italianstudies.org

Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York
1650 Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11225
(718) 270-4973, Fax: (718) 270-5179
www.mec.cuny.edu

Dorothea's House, Casa di Cultura Italiana
120 John Street, Princeton, NJ 08542
(908) 359-1564 gilda@dorotheashouse.org
www.dorotheashouse.org/classes.html

Westchester Community College/SUNY Italian for Children
75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY
Contact: Prof. Franco Maddalena
(914) 606-6790, Fax: (914) 606-5665, frank.maddalena@sunywc.edu

Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens, Inc.
29-21 21st Avenue, Astoria, NY 11105
(718) 204-2444, Fax: (718) 204-9145 fiao@juno.com
www.ItalianFederation.org

Westchester Italian Cultural Center
Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe, NY 10707
(914) 771-8700, Fax: (914) 771-5900, info@wicny.org
www.wicny.org

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum, Order Sons of Italy in America
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 442-1608, Fax: (718) 442-8635, info@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
www.GaribaldiMeucciMuseum.org

https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?date-init=2023-10-31&date-end=&searchText=

(Tuesday) 7:00pm–8pm
Event in Italian. The second lecture, by Maria Cristina Dawson, is titled “Baroque Façades: Genealogy and Interpretation” and focuses on Baroque façades, their Venetian references, and their relationship with the new urban planning of Rome as well as on the Baroque façades in ancient churches of the South America and the possible influence of classical motifs in their configuration.

November 2

Breaking Down Stereotypes

<https://www.hofstra.edu/cultural-center/italian-american-experience.html>



(Thursday) 6:30pm
Victor Colicchio, actor, screenwriter, musician, and songwriter. His screenwriting credits include Summer of Sam. Hofstra University
All events are free and open to the public. Please register in advance at events.hofstra.edu.



For more information, call the Hofstra Cultural Center at 516-463-5669, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3:45 p.m. or visit events.hofstra.edu

November 3

**Italian Americans: The Past – The Present – The Future
ILICA – Italian Language Intercultural Alliance**



**JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE, QC/CUNY**
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan

Admission: Free, Open to the public
Admission: Free and open to the public. **RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094.**
For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>



(Friday), 4:00pm to 6:30pm
Symposium. Join ILICA as we write after our first 20 years, a new chapter together investing in our language and culture. Sponsored by ILICA – Italian Language Intercultural Alliance and co-sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute. Reception to follow.

CE* Cultural Event and Gala
MIDTOWN LOFT AND TERRACE
267 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100, NYC



Admission: By reservation only.
Fee: \$250.00 per ticket
For reservations, phone Dr. Donna Chirico, (212) 642.2010
Email: DChirico@york.cuny.edu
www.ilica.it



7:00pm to 10:30pm Dinner and Awards Program. Come and enjoy the most elegant Italian dinner catered by world renowned Chef Andrea Tiberi who will arrive from Italy just for this event. With the participation of the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and ILICA-Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance.



October 2022 – Italian Charities of America honoree Dr. Anthony Tamburri, IHCC-NY, Inc Board member with Queens Borough President Richards and IHCC-NY, Inc. President Sciame



October 2022 – IHCC-NY, Inc. President Joseph Sciame presented official poster to Italian Charities of America President Domenic Giampino with Board members and attending guests



October 2022 – Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson with 2022 Bronx honorees



October 2022 - Italian Flag Raising Westchester County Joint Effort Among Government Branches. L to R County Executive Hon George Lattimer; IHCC-NY Board Member and President, National Italian Honor Society/Societa' Onoraria Italiana, Lucrezia Lindia; IHCC-NY Public Relations Chair Nancy Indelicato; and Chair, Legislative Branch, Catherine Borgia



October 2022 - NYC Mayor Eric Adams presents Nancy Indelicato, IHCC-NY Board Member and Chair, Public Relations, with a Proclamation for the Board, following her greetings and remarks on 2022 theme. Consul General of Italy in N.Y. Fabrizio Di Michele participated in the address to the distinguished audience at Gracie Mansion.



October 2022 - Nassau County Presiding Legislator Richard Nicoletto receives annual poster from IHCC-NY, Inc. President Comm. Joseph Sciamè with attending legislators

November 4
14th Annual Breast Cancer Gala



MAPLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
28 Baker Street,
Maplewood, NJ
For tickets visit <https://www.mfffoundation.com/events/2023-gala>
(201) 437-9100

Fee: \$275.00 per person, Cocktail hour begins 6:00pm (Saturday) 6:00pm–11:00pm Honoring Cesare J. Claro, Pamela O'Donnell, and Carol Trojan. Black tie preferred. Hosted by Ms. Madeline Fiadini LoRe, MFL Foundation.



November 6
Cooking Classes The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere



79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York
Admission: Open to the public; Adults \$70.00 members; \$75.00 non-members
Children \$40.00 members; \$45.00 non-members. Prices subject to change.

Phone: (718) 273-7660
Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>



(Monday) Children's class 4:00pm; Adult class 7:00pm
Children will make Cream Puffs; Adults will be making Fresh Mozzarella with Pesto Sauce.

November 8
Artist Talk Three evenings of artist talks in conjunction with the exhibition, A Legacy of Making 21 Contemporary Italian



American Artists on view now.

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25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094
Admission: Free and open to the public
For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>



(Wednesday) 6:00pm–8:30pm
Exhibition curators Joanne Mattera and Joseph Sciorra have invited eight artists to talk about their work and the culture that has inspired them. Painting, sculpture, and more with artists Milisa Galazzi, Margaret Lanzetta, Wayne Montecalvo, and Laura Moriarty.

November 11
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum's 35th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon



LI GREC'S STAATEN
697 Forest Avenue,
Staten Island
Fee: \$100.00 per person.

Contact: Fran Cicero
Email: facfad24@verizon.net
Phone: (718)442-1608



(Saturday) 12:00pm–4:00pm
Honoring Michele Ment (posthumously) State Immediate Past President; Carlo Matteucci, Immediate Past National Overseer; Carl J. Ciaccio, Immediate Past National GMM Chairperson; and Nonna Romana, of Rossella's Cooking with Nonna. Special recognition to past honoree and sculptor of the Tower of Light, Giorgio Bortoli. Special appreciation awards to volunteers Louis



August 2023 - Feast della Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca-Fisherman's feast, North End, Boston MA. Opening Ceremony: Nancy Indelicato, IHCC-HY Board Member, who grew up with this feast; Father Penna, St. Leonard's Church, Boston; Consul General of Italy in Boston Arnaldo Muti; State Representative of Medford Paul Donato Co-Chairman of the Feast: Danny Puccio



October 2022 – Borough President Donovan Richards receives official theme poster at Queens event

Barrella and Colette Grillo. Following the luncheon at Li Greci's Staaten there will be a ceremony at the GMM highlighting a display of US flags honoring those in service, first responders such as firefighters, police officers, and personal heroes. Walk the path of the newly installed bricks while viewing the Tower of Light. Continue into the exhibit room of the museum and take part in the opening of the museum's immigration exhibit.

How We Got Here: "The Building of America" American Immigration Exhibit
GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Thompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Fee: Free only on November 11; after that \$10.00 non-members; \$5.00 members

Contact: Fran Cicero
 Phone: (718) 442-1608
 Email: facfad24@version.net
 Website: <https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com>

(Saturday) 4:30pm following the luncheon. Our newest exhibit charts the worldwide flow of immigrants to America, from the first Europeans to the current populations from every corner of the globe. See the photos, artifacts, and stories of the generations that came to our shores with the hope of a better life. You will be invited to add your family's story to our new book *How We Got Here: The Building of America*.



November 13

Cooking Classes



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public; Adults \$70.00 members; \$75.00 non-members Children \$40.00 members; \$45.00 non-members. Prices subject to change.

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>



(Monday) Children's class 4:00pm; Adult class 7:00pm Children will make Fried Ravioli with Marinara Sauce! Adults will be making Butter Squash Ravioli with Sage Brown Butter.

November 15

Opera Lunch The Brindisi: A Celebration of Operatic Drinking



(Wednesday) 12:00pm-4:00pm

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public; Free for members, non-members suggested donations \$10.00-\$30.00. Prices subjected to change.

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A video presentation by Sr. Snjezana Smoldaka and Lou Barrella.



October 2022 – New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli presents to IHCC-NY, Inc. President Comm. Joseph Sciame the citation honoring Italian Heritage and Culture month 2022 at a ceremony at St. John's University



October 2022 – IHCC, NY, Inc. Board Members Dr. Mary Ann Re and Joseph Sciame attend Washington, DC Lido Civic Club organization for Heritage and Culture

“Documented Italians” Film & Video Series
Potentially Dangerous: When It Was a Crime to Be Italian (2015), 50mins.



Zach Baliva, dir.

JOHN D. CALANDRA
 ITALIAN AMERICAN
 INSTITUTE

25 West 43rd Street, 17th
 Floor, Manhattan

RSVP by calling
 (212) 642-2094

Admission: Free and
 open to the public



For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00pm
 Potentially Dangerous
 presents the history of

Italian immigrants interned and persecuted as America’s “enemy aliens” during World War II. The US government restricted the actions and freedoms of 600,000 Italian residents of the United States, many of whom were placed under curfew, banned from their workplaces, evacuated from their homes and communities, and even placed in internment camps. Many of these people had been in the United States for decades, had children born in their adopted country, and had sons serving in the US military. Interned Italians were not charged with a crime or allowed legal representation. They were subjected to “loyalty hearings” and held for the duration of the war. The United States government considered them

“potentially dangerous” based on where they had been born. Potentially Dangerous offers the people affected by these policies a chance to give voice to their experiences and those of their families. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY

November 16
Hybrid Writing Workshop/ Laboratorio di Scrittura: “Writing Your Memories”



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York
 Admission: Open to the

public; Members Free, Non-members Donation Suggestions \$10.00 - \$30.00. Prices subjected to change.
Phone: (718) 273-7660
<https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>



(Thursday) 7:00pm
 With author Maria Giura. No experience necessary, just a notebook, pen, and a sense of curiosity and fun!

November 18
“Venice”



GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM
 420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island
 Admission: Open to the public
 Fee: \$10.00 for members and non-members \$15.00
Contact:
 Stephanie Lundegard



October 2022- Angie Markam of the Queens Federation attends the Queens IHCC-NY, Inc Reception at St. John's University and coordinates raffles



October 2022 – Italian American Labor Union honor IHCC, NY, Inc. Rosa Casiello O'Day and attendees Josephine Belle and husband on left with Comm. Joseph Sciamè

Email: slundegard@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
 Phone: (718) 442-1608
<https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/>

(Saturday) 2:00pm
 Snejana Smodlaka, who has a PhD in Italian literature, will give an in-depth lecture and video presentation on Venice, where the famous Bellini cocktail was born. To RSVP and for more information visit our website at www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

November 28

Cultural Presentation



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: Members free, Non-members

Donation suggestions \$10.00 - \$30.00. Prices subjected to change.

Phone: (718) 273-7660

<https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>



(Tuesday) 7:00pm

"The History of the Italian Presepio/Nativity Crèche," by Lou Barrella and Anita Sanseverino.

November 29

Writers Read Series



Angelo Zeolla Reads from *The Bronx Unbound, ovvero I versi Bronxesi (Bordighera Press, 2023)*

JOHN D. CALANDRA ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE

25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
 RSVP by calling (212) 642-2094

Admission: Free and open to the public



For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00pm

With rugged verse "like a strega's curse" Angelo Zeolla navigates the stoops and alleyways of the Bronx through worlds of languages, dialects, cultures, and more. The Bronx Unbound is a kaleidoscopic collection, unveiling the Mediterranean dimensions in the New York City borough and, as he writes, "the realization that civilization is eternally caught up in the flux." The child of Campanian immigrants, Zeolla has published in the journal Philadelphia Poets and the 2008 anthology Avanti Popolo: Italian American Sailing beyond Christopher Columbus. This event offers an opportunity to experience Zeolla's dynamic performance of his transcultural poetry. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY

December 1

Presepio/ Nativity crèche



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

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Prices subjected to change.

Phone: (718) 273-7660

<https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>

(Friday)

On display. Open to the public until January 7, 2024



October 2022 – Queens Borough President Donovan Richards with all 2022 honorees for Italian Heritage and Culture Month



November 2022 - Uff Joseph Scelsa centered with Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele and honorees at annual Ambasciatori Luncheon

December 2

**20th Annual
“Christmas in
Italy®” Starring
Cristina Fontanelli**

**MERKIN CONCERT
HALL AT THE KAUFMAN
CENTER AT LINCOLN
CENTER**

129 West 67th St. (between
Broadway and Amsterdam)
NYC

Admission open to
the public.

Fee: \$35.00 - \$72.50

Price varies see website.

Contact: Cristina Fontanelli

Phone: (212) 501-3330

E-mail: [info@](mailto:info@cristinafontanelli.com)

cristinafontanelli.com

www.kaufmanmusiccenter.org



(Saturday) 2:30pm–7:30pm
Award-winning singer and PBS-
TV host for Andrea Bocelli,
Cristina Fontanelli brings her
program of Italy’s best-loved
songs, arias, and Neapolitan
and Christmas classics to this
charitable production featuring
young people and helping
children’s causes. Cast includes:
guest tenor, accompanist,
guitarist, accordion, mandolins,
the Dream Studio Kids, Jersey
City Ballet, and the Ukrainian
Youth choir.
Sponsored by The Cristina
Fontanelli Foundation, Inc.

December 3

**Giada Valenti
- Christmas
Concert**

**LORETO THEATER AT
THE SHEEN CENTER**
18 Bleecker Street,
New York, NY 10012

4:00 PM

TICKETS:

www.sheencenter.org

Experience the magic of
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singer Giada Valenti and her
captivating Christmas show:
Love Under The Christmas
Tree! Celebrated for her
spectacular PBS Special, Giada
brings a heartwarming blend
of classic and contemporary
Christmas songs, infused with
her unique and elegant style.
This extraordinary concert
promises an unforgettable
evening of musical bliss, filled
with festive cheer and joy.

December 4

**Cooking Classes
THE ITALIAN
CULTURAL**

**FOUNDATION AT
CASA BELVEDERE**

79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island, New York

Admission: Open to
the public; Adults

\$70.00 members;

\$75.00 non-members

Children \$40.00 members;

\$45.00 non-members. Prices
subjected to change.

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web address: [https://casa-
belvedere.org/calendar/](https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/)



(Monday)
Children’s class 4:00pm; Adult
class 7:00pm
Children will make Ube
Crinkle Cookies. Adults will
be making Buon Natale with
Sesame Cookies/Cuccidati
(fig cookies)

December 7

**“Documented
Italians” Film
& Video Series**

***Oltre I bordi/
Beyond the Frame***
(2023), 41mins.

**Simone Brioni and
Matteo Sandrini, dirs.**

**JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
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17th Floor, Manhattan





October 2022 – Nassau County Presiding Legislator Richard Nicoletto receives annual poster from IHCC-NY, Inc. President Comm. Joseph Sciamie with attending legislators



November 2022 –Honorees and presenters of awards at annual Ambasciatori Awards ceremony for the Italian American Museum

Admission: Free and open to the public
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For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>



(Thursday) 6:00pm
 Stony Brook University Professor Simone Brioni has spent the past ten years researching Italian colonialism. On a return visit to Italy, he discovered a box of photographs taken in Italian West Africa (Eritrea and Ethiopia) in the 1930s by a distant relative who had been sent to document the colonial enterprise for the Fascist regime. This fortuitous discovery prompted considerations about the colonial gaze and its legacy. Though photography is often perceived by viewer as an unbiased documentation of historical events, in fact it provides a mediated interpretation of reality. In a narrative that interweaves personal reflections and

collective history this film invites viewers to look beyond the frame of colonial photography. In Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY

December 12
Tombolo, the Italian Bingo
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE
 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York



Admission: Open to the public
 Fee: Members Free, Non-members
 Donation Suggestions \$10.00 - \$30.00
 Prices subjected to change.
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Web address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/calendar/>



(Tuesday) 7:00pm
 Fun to play, easy to learn, and appropriate for all ages!

December 13
Three Evenings of Artist Talks in Conjunction with A Legacy of Making: 21 Contemporary Italian American Artists



JOHN D. CALANDRA ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE
 25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
 Admission: Free and open to the public
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For more information. Visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00pm–7:30pm
 Informal conversations with artists from A Legacy of Making: 21 Contemporary Italian American Artists, a new exhibition on view in the Calandra Gallery through January 12, 2024. A small number of copies of the newly published book *Italianità: Contemporary Art Inspired by the Italian Immigrant Experience* will be available for perusal or purchase.

Participating artists will be available to sign. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY

December 18
Artist Talk A Legacy of Making: 21 Contemporary Italian American Artists



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 25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan
 Admission: Free and open to the public
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For more information, visit <https://www.calandrainstitute.org>

(Monday) 6:00pm–7:00pm
 Curated by Joanne Mattera and Joseph Sciorra. Milisa Galazzi, Margaret Lanzetta, Wayne Montecalvo, Laura Moriarty. Sponsored by John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, QC/CUNY



November 2022 - Nancy Indelicato and Katie Capitolo help salute Dr. Tomoaki Kato and Joseph Sciame at the Annual Fairy Godmother charity event. Both men were honored for humanitarian and culture reasons, one for medical transplants and the other for advancing pride in ethnic areas in the Italian American community. Tiffany Star Awards were presented to each.



November 2022 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Members salute 2022 Board recipients with Uff. Dr. Joseph Scelsa at Annual Luncheon



*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



*"... del bel paese
là dove 'l sì suona..."*

*"... the beautiful land
where the 'yes'
resounds..."*

Dante, Inferno
Canto XXXIII



**NOIAW Celebrates
the Many
Joys of Learning Italian!**

**47th Anniversary
of Italian Heritage
and Culture Month
in New York**



December 2022 – Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele with IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member William Russo at holiday gathering in NYC



December 2022 Maria Tamburri, Chair NOIAW and Dr. Anthony Tamburri with Claudia Berns at IHCC-NY, Inc. holiday gathering

JOHN D. CALANDRA ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE



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*.

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Committee of New York
in celebrating
The Joys of Learning Italian

www.ItalianAmericanMuseum.org

Little Italy Walking Tour - Email: AmiciWalkingTour@gmail.com



December 2022 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Holiday gathering with Board Member Dr. Barbara Gerard, Rosa Casiello O'Day, William Russo and Nancy Indelicato



December 2022 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Holiday gathering



Join ILICA as we write after our first 20 years,
a new chapter together
investing in our language and culture:

ITALIAN AMERICANS **The Past - The Present - The Future**

November 3rd, 2023

The Conference (from 4:30 to 6:30 PM) is free
The evening Gala (from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM)
starting at \$250 for individual tickets*.

Location:

Midtown Loft and Terrace
267 Fifth Avenue - Suite 100 -
New York, NY 10016

Come and enjoy the most elegant Italian dinner
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*For reservation call 212.642.2010

With the participation of the:
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ILICA - Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance
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✉ ilicait@aol.com 🌐 www.ilica.it 📞 212-642-2010
ILICA c/o John Calandra Institute
Attn: Dr. Donna Chirico
25 W 43rd St ▪ Suite 1700 ▪ New York ▪ NY 10036

Association of Italian American Educators



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This year's Ponte Scholarship students met with Boccelli's Composer Paolo Marioni and Serena Marioni. They sang popular Italian songs and learned the song "Sabato Italiano" written by Marioni for Josephine's radio program, Global Italian Diaspora AIAE Network on WRHU, Hofstra University, UNESCO AWARD. Students met with local dignitaries as well as with leaders of the Fondazione ARPA. Visited Lucca, Firenze and Roma.

AIAE thanks its President Cav. Josephine A. Maietta
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March 2023 – St. Joseph's day Table sponsored by Hardcore Italians and Garibaldi-Meucci Museum



April 2023 – Guests all with 2023 da Vinci IHCC – NY, Inc. Awardee Dr. Antonio Giordano and his family and friends



Leonardo da Vinci Award presented to Antonio Giordano, M.D., Ph.D. President and Founder, Sbarro Health Research Organization. IHCC-NY, Inc., April 24, 2023

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April 2023 – Dr. Antonio Giordano on center right beams with dinner guests at IHCC-NY, Inc. da Vinci award dinner



April 2023 – Dr. Antonio Giordano receives 2022 da Vinci award from Comm. Joseph Sciame, IHCC-NY, Inc. President/Chair and Board of Directors IHCC-NY, Inc.



April 2023 – IHCC – NY, Inc. Awardee Dr. Antonio Giordano with son at reception in honor of the famed doctor and founder of Sbarro Research Corporation



April 2023 – Visit of President of Florence, Italy presents official flag to attendees at Garibaldi Meucci Museum on Staten Island honoring Italian Heritage and Culture Month activities



April 2023 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Members Maria Marinello Esq., Lucrezia Lindia and Cav. Giuliana Ridolfi attend da Vinci dinner



April 2023 – Soprano Cristina Fontanelli joins IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Members Dr. Ferdinando Visco and guest, and Cav. Joan Marchi Migliori at da Vinci Award dinner



April 2023 – IHCC, NY, Inc. Board members visit with City of Florence President at Garibaldi Meucci Museum during a visit to New York



April 2023 – IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Members all with 2022 da Vinci honoree Dr. Antonio Giordano and Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele join the celebration



May 2023 – Dedication of the Tower of Light – La Torre di Luce



May 2023 - Giorgia De Parolis, UN Diplomat with Comm. Joseph Sciame at Mother's Day salute to her at Mother Italy Statue, Hunter College.



May 2023 – Members of the IHCC – NY, Inc. Board of Directors with Honoree Giorgia De Parolis & Counsel General Fabrizio Di Michele at Mother Italy Statue Event



May 2023 – Members of the IHCC – NY, Inc. Celebrate Mother's Day honoring UN Diplomat Giorgia De Parolis



May 2023 – Mother Italy statue at Poses Park, Hunter College with IHCC, NY, Inc. Board members Lisa Calillo, Ilaria Costa of IACE, Cav. Joan Marchi Migliori and Cav. Josephine Maietta with Comm. Joseph Sciamè



May 2023 – Lisa Calillo and Cav. Josephine Maietta join UN Diplomat Giorgia De Parolis at Mother Italy Statue honoring Mother's Day



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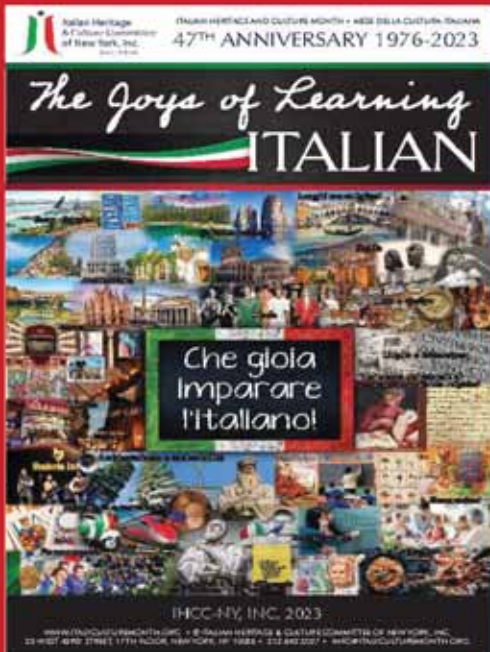
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2023 - The Joys of Learning Italian Bookmark



THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN ARE MULTI-FACETED...

IT ALL BEGINS WITH LETTERS/WORDS/ACCENT... Did you know that the Italian alphabet has 21 letters? Guess which letters are missing? You are correct if you guessed: J, K, W, X, Y! Did you know that adding different endings to nouns or adjectives gives them various shades of meaning ... making things bigger, smaller, bad or good, etc. Just a few things you will discover.

The JOY of which is all through the excitement and camaraderie of an Italian class with like-minded students and inspiring teachers.

... AND THEN THERE ARE THE BOOKS WE ARE ABLE TO READ ... such as *Le avventure di Pinocchio*, not the treasured *Little Golden Book of America*, but the 36 chapters about the adventures and misadventures of a puppet who becomes a boy as he learns to tell the truth and not have his nose grow and grow any more from the Bugie! Or Dante's *La Divina Commedia* that changed the written language of Italy from Latin to Italian or Pirandello's *Sei personaggi in cerca d'autore*, making one ponder the nature of truth.

THE FILMS WE SEE AND HEAR FROM THE MASTERS OF ITALIAN CINEMA ... from the classics of Fellini, Zeffirelli, Wertmüller, Antonioni to the contemporary of Benigni, Tornatore, Sorrentino, Archibugi.

The LIVE PERFORMANCES WE UNDERSTAND AS WE ARE TRANSPORTED BY THE MOST EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE ... *La bohème, La traviata, I vespri siciliani, Otello, Madama Butterfly, La commedia dell'arte, L'Opera dei pupi* and their medieval epic poems, *I Giullari di Piazza*.

The JOY of words becoming alive before us expands our thoughts.

... AND THE PLACES IT BRINGS US TO ... the tourist "must see" points of interest in *Roma, Firenze, Venezia, Napoli ... I Musei Vaticani, Il Davide, le gondole, and Pompeii ...* or to discover our grandparents' village on top of a mountain in *Calabria or Abruzzo*; or by the seaside in *Puglia*; or on the island of *Sicilia, Sardegna* or one of the seven *Isole Eolie*; or in the countryside of *Toscana, Umbria or Emilia-Romagna ...* where we are able to read our grandparents' birth certificates or marriage licenses and trace our roots.

WHERE WE CAN COMMUNICATE AND EXPRESS OURSELVES IN ITALIAN ... We can order in an Italian restaurant, or bargain successfully in the open marketplace. We can greet people with *Ciao* and have a conversation, make a new friend, or say goodbye with *Arrivederci* and understand that we hope to see you again.

It allows us to enjoy soccer more as we understand the shouts of *Forza! Tira!* Somehow we even understand the non-verbal gestures more!

It brings us the JOY of lasting memories, family, friendships, and experiences.

... AND IT MAKES US UNDERSTAND THE ITALIAN, WHICH BECOMES STANDARD USAGE IN AMERICA ... in fashion, design, art, and architecture such as *La Moda, Vespa, chiaroscuro, contrapposto, Palladian, loggia, piazza*.

It adds to the JOY of the American life.

BEYOND LANGUAGE, THE JOY OF LEARNING ITALIAN IS ITS BEING A TRUE BRIDGE TO ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE ... It opens up thousands of years of history, tradition, values, beliefs. It brings us excitement and enrichment. It expands our experiences, our thoughts, and our human connections. It brings us our past, our present, and our future as Italian becomes universally embraced by other cultures, recognizing its importance in learning history and understanding modern thought.

As such, written and spoken Italian continues to bring us further JOY!

It brings us the JOY of the Italian spirit! And it makes us part of that JOY!

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THEME POSTERS AS SEEN BY YEAR

Below is a chronological listing representing the array of themes designed throughout the 47 year history of the IHCC-NY, Inc. to celebrate Italian heritage:

- 2023 The Joys of Learning Italian
- 2022 Celebrating Italian & Italian American Nobel Prize Laureates.
- 2021 DANTE 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; New York World's Fair 1965 – Expo Milano 2015
- 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 Petrosino: 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

Participating Schools, Classes, and Universities

Year 2023–2024

The Joys of Learning Italian

Dual Language Program / Italian Music Festival

Announcing the launch of an exciting dual language program, designed to immerse students in the rich cultural heritage of Italy. As part of the language team the passionate Italian teacher Liana Amodeo, with the support of Principal Robert Ciulla, will introduce the program to foster linguistic proficiency and a deep appreciation for Italian arts and traditions. The students will experience The Joys of Learning Italian!

In November a series of captivating events is tentatively planned to showcase the students' progress and celebrate Italian culture. One such event is the much-anticipated Italian Music Festival, where students will enchant the audience with their melodious voices. Accompanied by Angelo Venuto, the students will proudly sing the Italian national anthem, "Il Canto degli Italiani." The Festival will also feature students in traditional folk attire performing the mesmerizing tarantella dance and captivating the audience with its rhythmic energy. The sixth-grade students will craft visually stunning calendars depicting Italian months and vocabulary. Seventh-graders will delve into the intricate details of Italian cities, creating beautiful maps that capture their unique charm. Finally, the eighth-grade students will showcase their linguistic prowess by constructing engaging flipbooks and comic books cleverly incorporating Italian verbs in both present and present perfect tense.

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What Came from Italy

September 5-29

Second-, third-, and fourth-graders will create posters sharing their knowledge of different things that came to us from Italy and experience "The Joys of Learning Italian."

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Month of October

IL Centro Exhibition on Italian Emigration

IL Centro's Community Hall

Italian Language & Culture Program Students' Celebration of the Arts at IL Centro

Italian Dual Language Programs at PS 112 & at Dyker Middle School Celebrations.

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October 2-20

Students in second, third and fourth grades will read books, watch videos, do their research about Colombo's life and voyages.

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October 2-31

Fourth graders will view a documentary about famous Italian explorers and recognize the Joys of their great influence on world progress and development.

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Italian Heritage and Culture Trivia Contest

October 2-31

Every week students will be given a set of questions about Italian Heritage and Culture and experience "The Joys of Learning Italian!" They will submit their answers virtually through Google classroom. The winners will be announced over the school's radio channel.

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Italian After-School Language and Culture Classes

October 18–May 1, 2024

This program is for children ages K–8. Interactive language classes with a special focus on culture each week, including songs and dance.

Please visit us at Instagram: Italian Culture Center CT.

Instructors: Filomena Marinelli & Teresa Di Carlo

Italian Culture Center of Education, Wethersfield, CT

Webb Elementary School

51 Willow Street, Wethersfield, CT

Antonio Meucci High School Essay Contest

October 27

High school students in New York State are invited to participate in an essay contest that promotes research into history, family traditions, or ethnic background. Essays must be between 250–300 words. Cash prizes for top three essays.

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum & OSDIA

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Garibaldi-Meucci Museum High School Holiday Art Contest

December 4

High-school students in New York State are invited to participate in an Art Contest. Students are encouraged to use any form of art to show a Winter Holiday tradition their family participates in. Cash prizes.

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Saturday, October 7

**Columbus Celebration Gala
at Cipriani Wall Street**

Sunday, October 8

**Wreath Laying Ceremony
at Columbus Circle**

Monday, October 9

**Columbus Celebration Mass
at St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Monday, October 9

**Columbus Day Parade
on 5th Avenue**

CCF FALL CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 13
An Evening with Rossella Rago

Friday, September 15
Welcome Back to the Townhouse with Jessa V

Tuesday, September 19
Caviar and Sparkling Wine Night

Saturday, September 23
Regional Dinner: Liguria

Thursday, September 28
Chocolate & Wine Pairings

Thursday, October 19
Poetry with Angela Alaimo O'Donnell

Tuesday, October 26
An Evening with Lidia Bastianich

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