

GIOVANNI DA VERRAZZANO 1524-2024 | 500 YEARS



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to continue their lifetime charitable deeds*



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A Message from the President/Chairperson

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 48th 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: Verrazzano 500!

The IHCC-NY, Inc, annually recognizes significant themes and for 2024 the Board members felt strongly that the topics should be “Verrazzano 500!” With research and vigor, stimulated by a full sense of professionalism, the Board helped to create with the artistic input of Arland Printers of New Hyde Park, a poster that is a learning tool, for heritage and culture. It is anticipated that for 2024, teachers and all interested parties will be using the poster and bookmarks as a teaching moment in many ways. Verrazzano was a great explorer!

We happily continue our tradition of sharing valuable and significant cultural information with the publication of this magazine booklet for the 48th 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 2024, 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, 2024. 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 - # 48!

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.



December 2023 - IHCC Board of Directors gather to celebrate the year's successful achievements.

New York's Italian Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate its forty-eighth anniversary this year, 2024. The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. has provided 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.

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.

Adopted 7-14-09

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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 (NOIAW) with special congratulations to Aileen Riotto Sirey, Ph.D., Founding Chair and current Chair, Maria Tamburri, at the May 2016 Mother Italy ceremony; —hosted on September 30, 2016 a kickoff for the Columbus Day Weekend at the Consulate General, honoring Minister Francesco Genuardi. On this occasion, a fund-raising appeal was initiated in order to provide a future donation to an earthquake-stricken area in Italy;

—acknowledged on May 12, 2017 Dr. Ann Prisco (Sergi), president of Felician 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



October 2023 - Mayor Eric Adams receives from Comm. Joseph Sciame-President/Chair, the inaugural copy of the 2023 Booklet of activities for the IHCC month long celebration of 2023 year theme - “The Joys of Learning Italian.”



October 2023 - Mayor Eric Adams visits Italian Charities of America Gala in the company of honorees and Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele. Event hosted by ICA President Dominic Giampino.

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October 2023 Italian Cultural Awards Ceremony held at St. John's University in Queens, with Borough President's representative is the presence of IHCC Board members, attended by Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele.



October 2023 - IHCC President/Chair Comm. Joseph Sciamè presents thematic poster to Italian Charities of America President Domenic Giampino. ICA is a major benefactor to the IHCC.

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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 Franchesini, 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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Members of the Board

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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 Pietropinto

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,
Minister & Consul General

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 da 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

Gathered for Holiday Party



After more than 700 years of success, command, and impact, Dante and his works have had over these past seven centuries, Dante is still considered one of the most influential voices in the western hemisphere.



*A l'alta fantasia qui mancò forza;
ma già volgeva il mio disio e 'l velle,
sì come rota ch'igualmente è mossa,
l'amor che move il sole e l'altre stelle.*

EVENTS → CALENDAR

with all IHCC Board members, December 2023

Journeyed on April 17, 2024 to Staten Island to reenact Verrazzano's entrance to New York Harbor with representatives of the IHCC. Attended ceremonies at the Verrazzano Statue, Battery Park to recognize 500 years of discovery. Coordinated by the Italian American Leadership Forum (IALF).

On May 21, 2024, The da Vinci Award was presented to Prof. Laura Sanguinetti White, Ph.D. at Il Gattopardo Restaurant in NYC

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.



October 2023 - Cav. Antony Tamburri, Ph.D. and Maria Tamburri celebrate the recognition by Italian Charities of America.

PROUD TO CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF SUPPORTING THE

Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc.

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October 2023 - NIAF attended event in Washington, DC. with Consul General Fabrizio and Giorgia Di Michele and Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Tamburri, Joseph Sciamè and Nexd Shayla Kaestle, OSDIA.

2024 Official Events and Proclamation Ceremonies

BROOKLYN

FIAO—IL CENTRO
42nd Annual Brooklyn
Columbus Day Parade
October 12th, 2024 (Saturday)
Pre-Parade Mass: 11:15 AM |
St. Athanasius R.C. Church (Bay
Pkwy & 61st St. Brooklyn, NY)
Parade: 1:00 pm Start | From
61st along 18th Avenue
(Cristoforo Colombo Blvd) to
“Il Centro” Community Center.
Community Festival: Enjoy
music and activities at the
conclusion of the parade at the
first ever Community Festival
outside of Il Centro Community
Center!
Honoring Our 2024 Grand
Marshalls: Hon. David Carr, Dr.
David Pretto, Joseph S. Rosato,
Esq., & Chiara Spagnolo

BRONX

October 16
Bronx Borough Presidents
Heritage Month Celebration
(Wednesday) 5:30pm-9:00pm
The Bronx Zoo - Schiff Family
Great Hall
Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free
Contact: Cecilia Hernandez
Telephone (718) 590-3547
Email: chernandez@BronxBP.NYC.GOV
Italian American Heritage is
celebrated by Proclamation of
the President and
Congress in the United States
to honor the achievements
and contributions of
Italian immigrants and their
descendants living in the United
States, particularly in the Arts,
Science and Culture.

MANHATTAN

Columbus Day Parade in NYC
2024

80th Annual Columbus Day
Parade on Fifth Avenue
October 14, 2024 (Monday)
Where: Fifth Avenue between
67th and 69th Streets, NYC
The Parade marches up
Fifth Avenue from 44th to
72nd Street with red carpet
performances on Fifth Avenue
between 67th and 69th Streets.
The Nation's largest celebration
of Italian Heritage. The main
and most significant event
in NYC's Columbus Day
celebrations is the huge colorful
parade that is held along the 5th
Avenue. About 100 groups of
35,000 artists perform in various
fields and styles, take part in the
parade. The music that
is played by various bands,
various performances over
floats attract about million
spectators while many more
millions watch the colorful
procession on the television.
Columbus Citizens Foundation,
New York, NY
8 East 69th Street New York,
NY 10021
Phone: 1 (212) 249-9923
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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
there will be a ceremony
October 8, 2024 at
approximately at 5:30 or 6:30pm
more to come.
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QUEENS

October 12 (Saturday)
Federation of Italian American
Organizations of Queens, Inc.
Presents the 48nd Annual
Queens Columbus Day Parade
Parade Starting Time 12:00
Noon
Assembling Starts at 11:00 Am
Parade 12:00 noon.
Assembling at 11:00 am, at
Kaufman Studios, 34-12 36th
Street, Long Island City, NY
Parade route: Steinway Street
left to 30th Avenue right to
33rd Street, ends at reviewing
stand on Astoria Blvd and 32nd
Street, Columbus Triangle.
Kaufman Studios
34-12 36th Street, Astoria
To participate please visit web
site and complete the attached
questionnaire on the website
below
Come out to cheer us on!
Parade Chairman: Judge Jerry
Iannece; President: Joseph
DiPietro;
Executive Director: Angie
Markham.
For More Information, Call
718-204-2444
Web Address: www.italianfederation.org

October 23, Wednesday
Borough of Queens IHCM
Committee Presents Annual
Italian Heritage and Culture
Ceremony Hosted by Borough
President Donovan Richards
Starting time: 7:00 pm
D'Angelo Student Center
St. John's University
8000 Utopia Parkway
Queens, NY. 11439
718.990.1941
Awards followed by Reception
& Entertainment
Donation \$10pp

HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND

October 13 (Sunday)
The Columbus Day Weekend
Parade. Presented by the Order
Sons and Daughters of Italy in
America Districts I & II along
with Town of Huntington Sup.
Ed Smyth and NYS OSDIA
President Biagio Isgro, Jr.
Line up: 10:30am
Rear of Shopping Center by
Woodbury Road/
Start Time: 11:00 am
The parade will be held on Main
Street (25A) in Huntington
starting at the West Neck Road
Shopping Center.
The Parade Grand Marshals are
NYS OSDIA President Biagio
Isgro, Jr and NYS OSDIA
State First Lady Marisol Isgro,
Doug Geed, Former Anchor
News 12 Long Island, Butch
Yamali, President of the Dover
Group Business Company.
Special Guest: Rita Monte from
Italian Radio. The Parade will
be followed by a Ceremony and
Awards program. Many Bands,
Floats, Marchers, Children's
Characters, Music and fun for all!
Phone: (631) 9402006
Email: lodge@sonsofitalyli.com

Nutley-Belleville Columbus Day
Parade
October 8 (Tuesday) 1:30pm
Parade route starts at Belleville
High School proceeds north
on Franklin Avenue and ends
at Nutley High School. The
parade reviewing stand will be
at Franklin Avenue at the Oval
in Nutley. If you are interested
in participating with your
association, band or car in the
parade, contact Bill Freda – 973-
632-4367.

Leonardo da Vinci Award Recipients

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October 2023 - IHCC President/Chair Comm. Joseph Sciamé receives Knight Grand Cross of SS. Maurice & Lazarus from Royal Family in Geneva.



October 2023 – Princess Marina of Savoy speaks with IHCC Board President Joseph Sciamé and Board Member Nancy Indelicato as to IHCC theme on the “Joys of Learning Italian” for 2023 year.

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2024 Calendar of Events

September

September Courses

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

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Contact Person: Marianne
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Bernardo, Instructor

Level 3 September 10 (Tuesday)

11:30am–1:00pm; Rose Frisari,
Instructor

Level 4 (Advanced) September

9 (Monday) 5:00pm–6:30pm;

Bartolomeo Regine, Instructor

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September 12

Prof.

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wicc?cid=5ec33c8b-b3d0-4afc-
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(Thursday) 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Westchester Italian Cultural Center
Ever wonder what the nickname
of the great Roman dictator Julius
Caesar has to do with the word
scissors? How did the Latin word
for head, i.e. caput, ever come to
mean broken or out of order? And
which everyday words that we use
daily all find their origin in caput?
What do cannoli have in common
with a telescope, cinnamon, and
a cannon? The answer lies in the
Italian word for sugar cane. When
making a toast, which expression
do you use? If in Italy, you may say
“Cin cin!” However, you may regret
saying this in the presence of
Japanese drinking companions.
Sponsored by Westchester Italian
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September 13

Jazzfest 2024:

Vanessa Racci

Jazzy Italian

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Admission: Open to the

Public

Fee: Free

Web Address: https://wpbid.
com/events/jazzfest-2024/

(Friday) 12:00pm–1:00pm

This program celebrates Italian
Americans who made their mark
on jazz. Descended from Southern



Italian immigrants, Vanessa Racci
grew up living with her Barese
grandfather who played jazz
and Italian classics throughout
the house. Racci is known for
creating her own unique sound,
blending jazz and Italian influences.
Her most recent album, Jazzy
Italian (2022, Zoho Jazz label),
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(Friday) 6:00pm– 9:00pm (See
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Cheese. Conclude your culinary
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lesson; it's an unforgettable date-
night experience.



September 13–14 Italian Festival in Sanford Park

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN
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MONMOUTH COUNTY
SANFORD PARK, WEST
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47 Main Street,
Englishtown, NJ

Admission: Open to the public
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(Friday-Saturday) 6:00pm–10:00pm
(See website below for schedules.)
The Italian American Association
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Web Address: https://www.
nj-carnivals.com/2024/italian-
festival-2024-in-englishtown-nj/

September 14 Westchester Pizza Festival

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Phone: (518) 435-1979

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(Saturday) 9:00am–6:00pm
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 Email: Jason@wiccnyc.org
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Porchetta Dinner on the Lawn and Movie Night!



(Saturday) 4:00pm; Movie at
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 The movie will be shown upstairs
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 2 hours).
 You don't want to miss this double
 feature—dinner and a show! We
 are combining an authentic Italian
 dinner with a screening of the
 Italian romantic comedy Bread
 and Tulips. Our menu will include
 the two crowd favorites porchetta
 and baked eggplant, plus a pasta
 dish, salad, dessert, and drinks.
 The outdoor buffet will be served
 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm (inside in
 case of rain). Free museum tours,
 music and raffle prizes!
 Web Address: [https://
 americanitalianmuseum.org/
 events-list.html](https://americanitalianmuseum.org/events-list.html)

September 15 XVIII Annual Dr. Robert D. Cess Concorso d'Eleganza



Admission: Open to
 the Public
 Fee: Free
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 italian_studies/italian-center-
 events/concorso_2024.php](https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/italian_studies/italian-center-events/concorso_2024.php)



(Sunday) 10:00am–1:00pm
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 To register, please visit [tinyurl.](http://tinyurl.com/2024Concorso)

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Through October 31, 2024
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 September 6, 2024

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

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and support for the 48th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York. This annual celebration is a true testament to the enduring bond between Italy and the Italian American community in the United States, a connection deeply rooted in our shared history, values, and cultural heritage.

I am particularly honored to join you in celebrating the theme for the 2024 edition, commemorating **Giovanni da Verrazzano** and his historic voyage to the New York Harbor 500 years ago. Verrazzano's achievements not only laid the foundation for exploration along the eastern coast of the present-day United States but also exemplified the spirit of curiosity, discovery, and respect for other cultures that characterizes the best of Italian exploration and humanism. His legacy continues to inspire us today, and we are reminded of his contributions to global understanding and cultural exchange.

It is heartening to witness the tireless efforts of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York in highlighting the numerous cultural and intellectual contributions of Italians and Italian Americans. Your programs, from educational symposiums to cultural exhibitions, are an invaluable means of preserving and promoting our rich heritage. They also serve as a bridge between generations, ensuring that our traditions, language, and values continue to thrive in today's globalized world.

The Italian American community has made—and continues to make—extraordinary contributions to American society, and your work plays a crucial role in ensuring these contributions are recognized and celebrated.

I look forward to the many events you have planned throughout Italian Heritage and Culture Month. I am confident that 2024 will be a memorable year and I wish to send my special appreciation to President and Chairman Comm. Joseph Sciamè and the entire Board of Directors of IHCC-NY.

Mariangela Zappia



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New York

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New York, August 22, 2024

Comm. Joseph Sciamè
President/Chair
And
Board of Directors
Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York (IHCC-NY), Inc.

Dear Comm. Joseph Sciamè and members of the IHCC-NY, Inc. Board,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for your continuous efforts to celebrate our roots during the Italian Heritage and Culture Month, which marks its 48th anniversary this year. In this context, I commend the Committee for honoring Giovanni da Verrazzano's incredible voyage into New York Harbor and along the eastern coast of North America. Verrazzano's journey marked a pivotal moment in history, embodying the spirit of exploration and cultural exchange that defines our shared heritage and creating forever a special bond between Italy and New York.

As we reflect on Verrazzano's legacy, we honor his contributions and recognize the enduring impact of Italian culture in America. Please let me congratulate you on your continued efforts to educate our communities about Italian tradition and culture; these endeavors are crucial in preserving our rich history. I am confident that this year's events will further enrich our understanding and appreciation of the Italian contributions to the United States and the whole world.

Congratulations once again on this successful and inspiring celebration, which I look forward to participating in.

Sincerely,

Fabrizio Di Michele

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of all levels of proficiency. We are offering Levels 1, 2, 3 and Advanced Italian. Most sessions are new and there is no prerequisite for newcomers. Join us for an experience of intellectual stimulation and musical pleasure. The five classes will meet every other Tuesday starting September 17.

Fall 2024 Italian Opera Lecture Series "A Reflection of Life"

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Website: www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

Admission Open to the Public
Fee: \$155.00; Members
\$140.00. The MET's new
policy requires a \$5.00 fee
for each seat requested.



September 17–November 19
(Tuesdays) 1:30pm–3:00pm
Classes
September 17 "Pairing Beautiful
Photos & Music"
October 1 Milano—A City of
Paradox for Giuseppe Verdi
October 15 Highlights of Verdi's Il
Trovatore
October 23 Trip to the MET
Dress Rehearsal of Verdi's Il
Trovatore (See note)
October 29 "Opera Finales by
Poison"! (A repeat session from
April 2016)
November 19 Puccini's La
Bohème Libretto reading Act 1,
Video, Christmas Eve Scene
www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com
Use online Registration
form to register found on
the Website at <https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/product-page/opera-lecture-series-fall-2024>
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September 17

Tombola

(Tuesday) 1:00pm

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Levels 1–4



(Tuesday) 11:00am–12:30pm

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(Tuesday) 6:00pm On view until
September 28, 2024

Monday through Friday, 10am to
4 pm

This exhibition, riveting and
intimate at the same time, is
divided into three sections:

“Portraits,” taken from 1975 to
2023, including photos of Alberto
Moravia, Gianni Agnelli, Alighiero
Boetti, Leo Castelli, Diana
Vreeland, and Peter Marino.

“Hoodooland Project,” capturing
the incredible endangered Hoodoo
rock carvings of southern Utah.

“Three Lindens Project,” a
photographic tribute to three
ancient linden trees that watched
over the artist’s former family
home in East Hampton, NY.

“What has always guided me
as an artist is the passion for
black-and-white. The selection
of photographs in this exhibition
first of all brings into focus the
affection for very important
people in my life who have since
passed away. The void left, over
time, has been filled by nature.
From the lunar landscapes of
Utah to the deep roots of ancient
trees, the love for nature has taken
on a crucial role in my artistic
evolution 1975 and 2023, which
I hope illustrates the breadth of

my work. I am very grateful for
this extraordinary opportunity
to exhibit my work at the Italian
Cultural Institute in New York.”
Priscilla Rattazzi.
Sponsored by Italian Cultural
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September 18
“INAUGURATION”
Series—Notes
from Rome:
Music by



Proclamation

Whereas, during the month of October, New Yorkers join in the observance of the Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month as a means of preserving the valuable legacy of contributions made by individuals of Italian ancestry, whose positive impact benefits us today and will be felt for generations to come; and

Whereas, in recognizing the achievements of individuals of Italian ancestry both past and present, living here in America and in the homeland, we welcome the opportunity to honor the life and legacy of the great Italian navigator Giovanni da Verrazzano and the 500th anniversary of his exploration of the eastern coast of North America and assessment of the land, and we join in marking this significant milestone; and

Whereas, born in 1485, in the Tuscany region of Italy, Verrazzano was a navigator and explorer who entered maritime service as a resident of the country of France and was commissioned by the French King to chart a passage to Asia, securing two ships for the voyage; and

Whereas, in January 1524, Verrazzano sailed one of the vessels, La Dauphine, to the Americas, first reaching the southern coastal region, then sailing northward to explore the eastern coast of the continent, where he further traveled and ventured extensively into remote areas, including surveying the site of what would eventually come to be known as the majestic New York Harbor; and

Whereas, today, Verrazzano’s place in history is immortalized in the monumental bridge that bears his name, connecting the two New York boroughs of Staten Island and Brooklyn, and this year we also observe the 60th anniversary of the opening of the stately Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge in 1964 – at the time, the longest suspension bridge in the world; and

Whereas, we honor the memory of Giovanni da Verrazzano, whose brave explorations helped identify New York as a major artery for European transportation and trade, and we share in such an historic occasion by commemorating this great Italian explorer’s adventurous and bold vision that led others to new paths of travel; and

Whereas, Verrazzano is among the many revered Italians who added to the glory of a great country, along with others who have enriched our lives through their accomplishments in all areas of endeavor – the arts, sciences, architecture, education, business, and industry; we honor all Italians whose contributions of lasting value and importance remain a cherished aspect of their rich culture and heritage, which our state proudly celebrates throughout this month and all year;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at
the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-seventh day
of September in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh

Governor

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the magic of Italy’s
Capital

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[perino/](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/per-te-a-concert-by-baron-fenwick-music-by-roberto-scarcella-perino/)

(
Wednesday) 7:00pm–8:00pm



For more than one hundred years, the American Academy in Rome has awarded the Rome Prize to leading American composers, who receive the opportunity to live and create in the Eternal City, inspired by the sights and sounds of Italy. Featuring works by five Rome Prize Fellows. Pieces by Baldwin Giang (2024), Igor Santos (2022), Suzanne Farrin (2018), and Anthony Vine (2024) will be played by the Longleash ensemble, and Kate Soper (2024)

will perform with guitarist James Moore. This concert presents a unique musical viewpoint of Americans returning from Rome. Longleash is an ensemble with a traditional instrumentation and an experimental identity. For this performance, violinist Pala Garcia and cellist John Popham will be joined by guest pianist Mika Sasaki.

“INAUGURATION”
Program of the series

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“Notes from Rome: Music by American Academy in Rome Fellows” Longleash Ensemble

Fall 2024 Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series In Italian American Studies Rocco Scotellaro's Transnational



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(Wednesday) 6:00pm
Isabella Livorni, NYU. The name Rocco Scotellaro has become synonymous with Basilicata. In his work, however, the young writer, poet, and politician was interested in situating his home region within a transnational framework. In this talk, Isabella Livorni will analyze how Scotellaro conceived of the connections between Basilicata and other parts of the world in his poetry and creative writing—not only his analysis of his compatriots' emigration, but also the potentially fruitful solidarity between Lucanian contadini and oppressed peoples elsewhere in the world.

Author Engagement Event: Oriana, by Anastasia Rubin
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\$15.00



Phone: 718-273-7660
Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/09-18-la-dolce-lettura-author-visit-at-casa-belvedere/>

(Wednesday) 7:00pm–9:00pm
Join us for a lively conversation with author Anastasia Rubin about Italy's most famous journalist, Oriana Fallaci. Learn about Oriana's courageous career rise to become “the greatest

interviewer of her day,” her true love with Greek hero Alexander Panagoulis—and her one regret. Oriana is the first biographical novel about the brilliant and fearless Italian journalist whom Christiane Amanpour has called her role model, and who holds a place alongside Mike Wallace and Barbara Walters as a master interviewer. It is the story of a trailblazer who broke through the glass ceiling of journalism, a woman who wasn’t afraid to speak truth to power and who revolutionized her field, all while struggling to carve out a space for love and family. The author visit will be moderated by Casa’s book club coordinator, Ann Marie Cicero. Rubis will sign books at the event and have the book available for purchase. Drinks and concessions will be sold. Attendees are invited to send questions for the author to Amanda@Casa-Belvedere.org. Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

September 20

**Friday Night
Dance with
Louis Del Prete**



CLUB BRUMIDI

2075 Deer Park Avenue,
Deer Park

Admission: Open to the public.

Fee: \$20.00 per person.

For reservations for a full table, call Lou at

(516) 819-9016.

Email:

ldge@sonsofitalyli.com

Telephone: (631) 940-2006 or
(516) 775-5678

Web Address: <https://licma.org>

(Friday) 7:00pm–10:30pm

Come to Brumidi for an evening with “The Ultimate Entertainer,” Louis Del Prete, as Lou sings, dances, and plays your favorite music.

Featuring the largest dance floor on Long Island with state-of-the-art sound system and lighting! Complimentary 30 minutes East Coast Swing Lesson.



Complimentary dinner buffet, coffee/tea and dessert, cash bar. Singles tables are available.

**Harvest Season
Tour of Nonno’s
Garden with
Casa’s Coffee Club for
Seniors**



**THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE**
79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island



WHEREAS, the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, a nonprofit organization which has been devoted to honoring and sharing our Italian and Italian American cultural legacy, is sponsoring the 48th annual celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the IHCC-NY has organized and promoted a wide range of Heritage Month activities, including seminars, workshops, lectures, concerts, performances and other public events, to advance the public’s understanding and appreciation of the rich Italian heritage and legacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the IHCC has chosen as the theme of Heritage Month “Giovanni da Verrazzano 1524-2024: 500 Years”—honoring the trailblazing Italian navigator and explorer, who was the first European to sail into New York Harbor, as part of his voyage to the New World in 1524—bringing together New Yorkers to celebrate a true pioneer and leader who embodied the spirit of discovery; 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 first day of October, two thousand twenty-four, 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
Thomas P. DiNapoli
State Comptroller

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$10.00; Members Free

Phone: 718-273-

7660

Web Address:

<https://casa-belvedere.org/product/10-26-daylight-savings-writing-memories-of-fall/>

(Friday) 10:00am–11:30am

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

**You and Me
Italian Cooking
Class**



**SPEAKITALY NYC
BROOKLYN**

110 York Street #FL 5
Brooklyn, NY

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$\$ Price varies by course

Web Address:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/you-and-me-cooking-class-fallwinter-2024-brooklyn-tickets-899151254607?aff=erelpanelorg>





(Friday) 11:00am–12:00pm.
Additional class is available; see website for details.
Cooking for Toddlers Ages 1-3 years old. Recipe: Gnocchi di Patate (Potato Gnocchi) selection, visit web address below.
In our cooking class, your little one will have fun exploring foods, including smelling all the “profumi della cucina.” This class will allow your child to have fun by getting their hands dirty while learning

how to cook basic Italian recipes. Parents must stay during the class. Language: English and Italian.

“INAUGURATION” Series “Per te” a concert by Baron Fenwick, Music by Roberto Scarcella Perino
IIC-NY ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK

686 Park Avenue, New York, NY

Admission: Open to the Public; Register on website below.
Fee: Free
Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242
Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/per-te-a-concert-by-baron-fenwick-music-by-roberto-scarcella-perino/



(Wednesday) 7:00pm–8:30pm
A series of concerts to celebrate the new Bechstein piano at the Italian Cultural Institute in New York. During the event “Per te,” Baron will perform a few piano pieces written by the Sicilian composer Roberto Scarcella Perino. It will be the world premiere of the piano suite “Gina’s Garden”. Gina’s Garden is a gift, a music gift commissioned by Patrizia Di Carrobio and dedicated to her dear friend Gina Farahnick. Patrizia thought that the best way to honor Gina’s memory was to ask Roberto Scarcella Perino to write a piece dedicated to her dear friend. Roberto decided to write a piano suite, a garden full of beautiful flowers knowing that Gina had a big passion for roses and gardens. Patrizia had a vision of a music that will outlive us all and keep Gina’s memory alive forever.

Comedy Tammy Pescatelli & Luca Palanca



DUNELLEN THEATRE
458 North Avenue,
Dunellen, NJ

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$32.00 Purchase tickets online

Web Address:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/teamhecklerproductions/1270621?>



(Friday) 8:00pm; Doors open 7:15pm
, see website below.
Tammy Pescatelli is an American standup comedian. Tammy learned her skills growing up in a large Italian family outside of Cleveland and has married into an even bigger Italian family.

September 21
Writing
Memories of Learning and/or Teaching



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$30.00; Members \$20.00

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/09-21-back-to-school-writing-memories-of-learning-and-or-teaching/>

(Saturday) 10:00am–12:00noon

No experience necessary: just notebook, pen, and a desire to record the past.

Are there memories you want to write or (family) stories you want to record? Join us for this supportive virtual workshop, which will give you the opportunity to write about your memories of school and the (un)traditional ways you or your family have learned and/or taught. You'll leave this workshop with concrete suggestions to get you closer to the truth of your own story. (And don't miss our other two Fall Writing Workshops: October 26, which is generative—you'll write new material—and November 23, which is revision!)

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

Fall 2024 The Art of Italy Ten-Session Weekly Course

GARIBALDI MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY

Contact Person: Marianne Bortone Prince

Phone: (718) 442-1608

E-Mail Address:

princem779@verizon.net

Web site: <https://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com/>

Admission: Open to the public.

Tuition: \$210.00; \$225.00

Non-Members; must be paid in advance.

Payment for in-person classes can be made by check, or online. See website for details.

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 & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. for its outstanding commitment to fostering a greater awareness and appreciation for Italian and Italian American contributions to our city and the world beyond; and

WHEREAS: New York City has been enriched by Italians and Italian Americans for centuries. For generations, many Italian immigrants worked as stone masons, bricklayers, and carpenters and were integral to the infrastructure that defines much of our city today. From our subways to our earliest iconic skyscrapers to our bridges, their enduring legacy is evident throughout the five boroughs; and

WHEREAS: The theme of this year's Italian Heritage and Culture Month, "Giovanni da Verrazzano (1524-2024) - 500 Years," celebrates the pioneering achievements of Giovanni da Verrazzano, the first European to sail into New York Harbor in 1524. Verrazzano's expedition marked a significant moment in history, as he navigated the eastern coast of North America with a spirit of curiosity, not conquest. His voyage connected continents and cultures, a link we still honor today, exemplified by the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, which opened 60 years ago to commemorate his legacy. Verrazzano stands among the early explorers who laid the foundation for the countless cultural exchanges that followed; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the centuries, Italian Americans have continued to contribute to the cultural, social, and economic life of New York City. Their impact is seen in the arts, sciences, education, business, and public service, with Italian American leaders in every field. From renowned artists and chefs to scientists and elected officials, their influence has defined and strengthened our city's extraordinary mosaic and reaffirmed our global status as a cultural capital; and

WHEREAS: The Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting the Italian language, history, and traditions for future generations. Through educational programs, partnerships, and events this month and throughout the year, it cultivates a deeper understanding of Italian heritage among all New Yorkers; now, therefore

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

The Italian Heritage & 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-Two-Four

 ADRIENNE ADAMS Speaker for the Entire Council Council Member, 28th District Queens	 DAVID M. CARR Chair, Italian Caucus Council Member, 50th District Staten Island/Brooklyn	 KRISTY MARMORATO Council Member, 13th District Bronx	 VICKIE PALADINO Council Member, 19th District Queens
 ROBERT HOLDEN Council Member, 30th District Queens	 JOANN ARIOLA Council Member, 32nd District Queens	 JUSTIN BRANNAN Council Member, 47th District Brooklyn	 JOSEPH BORELLI Minority Leader, 51st District Staten Island

Starts (Saturday) 11:00am–12:30pm

This 10-session course is designed to explain in depth about the history and social context of the great works of Italian art. The instructor, Professor Robert Geronimo, teaches at The College of Staten Island and is a published illustrator, writer, and comic creator. The course is designed to show, by means of slides and lectures, the development of art in Italy in relation to the rest

of Europe and offer students an introduction to the most important artistic styles (Ancient Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque). Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

In Occasion of the UN International Day of Peace 2024 Il Cannone della Pace An Italian



documentary film by Director Paolo Bianchini

CINEMA ARTS CENTRE

423 Park Avenue, Huntington, New York

Admission: Open to the Public

Fee: \$16.00, CAC

Members \$10.00

Contact: Dylan Skolnick -

Cinema Arts Co-Director

Phone: (631) 423-7610

E-mail Address: info@cinemaartscenter.org

Vanessa L. Gibson
President of the Borough of
The Bronx
Presents this
Proclamation

Whereas:

The Bronx joins the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) in celebrating the 48th anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York this October, recognizing the profound impact of Italian culture, heritage, and contributions on our city, state, and nation, and;

Whereas: *This year, IHCC-NY, Inc., under the leadership of Chairman Joseph Sciamie and the esteemed Board of Directors, has chosen to honor Giovanni da Verrazzano on the 500th anniversary of his historic journey in 1524, during which he became the first European to sail into New York Harbor and explore the coast of North America. Verrazzano's approach, characterized not by conquest but by curiosity and respect, laid the groundwork for the enduring relationship between the Old World and the New, and;*

Whereas: *Giovanni da Verrazzano's legacy is indelibly linked to New York, not only through his historic voyage but also through the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge, a symbol of the connections he forged between continents and cultures. His journey 500 years ago is a testament to the spirit of exploration and discovery that continues to inspire us today, and;*

Whereas: *For over four decades, IHCC-NY, Inc. has been a beacon of Italian culture, bringing together educators, advocates, and the community to celebrate and promote the rich heritage of Italians and Italian Americans. Through various programs, the Committee has presented the invaluable contributions of Italian culture, language, and traditions as a gift to the world—a gift that continues to enrich our society. The Bronx recognizes and salutes the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. for its unwavering commitment to fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Italian heritage, ensuring that the cultural contributions of Italians and Italian Americans are celebrated and remembered for generations to come, and;*

Now, therefore, I, Vanessa L. Gibson, President of the Borough of The Bronx, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Italian Heritage and Culture Month in The Bronx and urge all residents to join in the celebration of the vibrant Italian culture and the enduring legacy of Giovanni da Verrazzano.

Vanessa L. Gibson
Vanessa L. Gibson

cinemaartscentre.org

Web Address: <https://cinemaartscentre.org>

(Saturday) 1:00pm–3:00pm

Sponsored by: LI Peace Consortium

Italian film w/ English subtitles, The Cannon of Peace, Alveare Cinema, Rome. Run time: 65 min. The extraordinary history of virtuoso violinist Niccolò Paganini and his violin he dubbed “My Cannon.” Stories of master craftsmanship, musical genius,

human struggles, and people making a real difference in the lives of others. International Q & A with the director and film participants will follow.

Italian Cooking Class Fall Winter 2024 (Brooklyn)

SPEAKITALY NYC
BROOKLYN

110 York Street #FL 5
Brooklyn, NY



Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$\$ Price varies by course selection, visit web address below. This is a family class; parents or caregivers can stay during the class. Language: English and Italian.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-cooking-class-fallwinter-2024-brooklyn-tickets-899349989027?aff=ebdssbd&estsearch>

(Saturday) 2:00pm–3:30pm.
Additional class is available; see website for details.

Recipe: Torta di Mele (Apple Cake)

An Evening Under the Stars A Century of Popular Music



GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island, NY

Admission: Open to the public.

Fee: \$20.00 per person;
Purchase online at website below.

Prof. William Castello
Telephone: 718-442-1608
E-Mail Address: wmcas@aol.com

www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

(Saturday) 7:00pm–11:00pm
Enjoy an evening under the stars on the lawn of the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Bring a lawn chair and relax as we show a wide-screen presentation of A Century of Popular Music. Parking is available in the lot across the street. Snack and soft drinks provided. Parking is available in the shopping center across the street. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

September 23 Mixology Workshop



THE ITALIAN
CULTURAL FOUNDATION
AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$60.00; Members \$70.00

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 7:00pm–9:00 pm
Join us for Mixology with Mike, where you'll dive into the flavors of the season as you learn to craft and enjoy a variety of fall-inspired cocktails. Shake, stir, and sip your way through a fun-filled evening

perfect for anyone looking to elevate their autumn drink game! Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

Italian Children's Cooking Class



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$60.00; Members \$50.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 4:00pm

Recipe: Cotton Candy Frozen Berry Smoothie

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

You can be added to a wait list for any sold-out cooking classes or organize a private class. Call the office for details: 718-273-7660

Italian Adults Cooking Class



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$90.00; Members \$80.00

You can be added to a wait list for any sold-out cooking classes or organize a private class. Call the office for details: 718-273-7660

(Monday) 7:00 pm

Recipe: Lemon Blueberry Ricotta Cake

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

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; and
- Whereas:** this year's celebration of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month will celebrate the 500-year legacy of Giovanni da Verrazzano, who in 1524 became the first European to sail into New York Harbor; 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 48th 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-four.

Donovan Richards Jr.
President of the Borough of Queens

September 24 Sound Therapy



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$40.00; Members \$30.00

Register online visit web site below.

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

(Tuesday) 7:00pm–8:30pm

In celebration of the fall equinox, join us in a deeply immersive full-body listening experience that uses a variety of instruments. Quartz crystal sound bowls, chimes, a crystal pyramid, and other sound vibrations invite

gentle, yet powerful, therapeutic and restorative processes, which nurture your mind and body. When you sink into a sound bath, you allow your brain waves to slow, shifting from a more active state to a more relaxed meditative state, realigning and balancing your energy body. Bring your own mat, a pillow, and a blanket! Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere



PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Celebrating the proud, rich and colorful Italian American 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: Each year, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York selects a theme to highlight the Italian American experience. This year's theme, "Giovanni Da Verrazzano 1524-2024 - 500 Years," celebrates Giovanni Da Verrazzano as the first European to sail into New York Harbor and the coast of North America; and

Whereas: For 48 years, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York has provided our community with special events, concerts, exhibits, lectures and proclamations. These gifts of heritage, culture and language are influential to Italian American history. The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York continues its mission to inform New Yorkers and the greater United States of the important legacy of Italian and Italian American culture; 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-Four



Vito J. Fossella

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

Contact: 718-478-3100
Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

info@italiancharities.org
www.italiancharities.org

Virtual Italian Language Courses
Classes run from September 24 to December 22.

Registration for fall 2024 Italian language courses; Italian Level 1-3 online language courses for 12 lessons. Plus: Italian conversation and Italian verb courses. There will be weekly assignments. A textbook is required, and a confirmation email will be sent to registrants along with the information to purchase the book.

Italian Level 1 Online Language Course

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00pm to 7:30pm; final class Tuesday, December 17 (No class November 26).

This course is for students 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 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 12 lessons. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org
Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

September Cinema Night! **Profumo di donna (Scent of a Woman) (1974)**

(Tuesday) 6:30pm
WESTCHESTER ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER
1 Generoso Pope Pl,
Tuckahoe, NY
Admission: Open to the public.



Registration is required.
No Walk-ins!
Fee: \$15.00; Members free

Phone: (914) 409-6662
Email: info@wiccnny.org
<https://www.wiccnny.org/event-details/september-cinema-night>

Join us in viewing Profumo di donna. A young private is assigned



to accompany a blind captain. It soon becomes clear that they are both complex personalities.

Italian Charities of America

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA.

Class held virtually on Zoom.

Cost: \$200.00

September 25

Italian Charities of America
Italian Level 2 Online Language Course
ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA.

Class held virtually on Zoom.



Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm; final class

Wednesday, December 18 (No class November 27)

This course is for students who have completed our Italian Level 1 course or wish to continue their study of Italian, 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, si 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 12 lessons. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

Ingredients:
The secrets of
Italian Cuisine
Series POMODORO—
TOMATO



IIC ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE

686 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free

R.S.V.P.

Phone /Contact: 1 (212)
879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

Web Address: <https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli-eventi/calendario/ingredienti-the-secrets-of-italian-cuisine-series-tomato-ribalta/>

(Wednesday) 6:00pm–7:30pm
Tomato plays a central role in



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, "Giovanni Da Verrazzano 1524-2024- 500 Years; 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 2024 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

Italian cuisine and represents a true symbol of our culinary identity. Originating from the Americas and introduced to Italy in the sixteenth century, the tomato has become the heart of many traditional recipes, helping to create the distinctive flavors of Italian cuisine. From the tomato sauce that accompanies pasta to the base of iconic dishes such as Margherita pizza and Bolognese

sauce, this versatile fruit is essential for the preparation of many regional specialties. Pasquale Cozzolino is a Neapolitan chef living in New York, specializing in Neapolitan cuisine and the heart of Ribalta Restaurant. The series focuses on individual ingredients that constitute the elementary grammar and the basis of Italian cuisine and the source of its excellence,

highlighting Italy's extraordinary biodiversity and the sustainable processes with which we produce and use the ingredients. Organized in collaboration with Professor Annamaria Colao, chairholder of the UNESCO chair-Federico II of Naples.

**Office of the County Executive
Westchester County, New York**

 **Proclamation**

Whereas

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 commitment and dedication to the betterment of society, 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 "GIOVANNI DA VERRAZZANO 1524-2024 - 500 YEARS" as the theme for the forty-eighth (48th) anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month in New York, and*

WHEREAS *GIOVANNI DA VERRAZZANO, Italian navigator and explorer, (1485-1528) was born in Tuscany, Italy, and was the first European to sail into New York Harbor and the coast of North America. In January 1524, he sailed a vessel know as "La Dauphine," to the New World and reached Cape Fear. He then sailed northward, exploring the eastern coast of North America and made several discoveries on the voyage, including the sites of present-day New York Harbor, Block Island, and Narragansett Bay, and was the first European explorer to name newly discovered North American sites after persons and places in the Old World; and*

WHEREAS *IHCC-NY acknowledges the importance and contributions that Giovanni da Verrazzano has made not only to the history of the United States of America, but also to Italian heritage and culture. Verrazzano's tenacity and goodness as an explorer and navigator are noteworthy and he treated people not as a conqueror but as someone wanting to know more about what he discovered on this continent; and*

WHEREAS *Some sixty (60) years ago, the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge between Staten Island and Brooklyn was named to in his honor. Today, we recognize what that sail meant to us then, as to come together to celebrate our emboldened efforts to sustain the unmistakable strength of our Italian heritage to America and promote Italian heritage and culture; 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 heritage and culture; And Now, Therefore, Be It*

RESOLVED, that I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, do declare **October, 2024, to be Italian Heritage and Culture Month in Westchester County and encourage all of its citizens to join in this important cultural observance.**

Given Under My Hand and Seal This 1st Day of October, 2024


George Latimer, Westchester County Executive

September 26
Six Popes: A Son of the Church Remembers, by Monsignor Hilary C. Franco Book Presentation with Author

(Thursday) 6:00pm–7:30pm
IIC-NY ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK



686 Park Avenue, New York, NY

Admission: Open to the Public; Register on website below.

Fee: Free

Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

Web Address: <https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli-eventi/calendario/six-popes-a-son-of-the-church-remembers-by-monsignor-hilary-c-franco/>



Come learn about Monsignor Hilary C. Franco's engaging memoir and a story only a son can tell, a son not only of the Catholic Church, but also of Italian immigrants. As a young man he attended Rome's premier seminary, soon after becoming the special assistant to Archbishop Fulton Sheen. As a priest he would travel the world, and he recounts a harrowing experience in the Deep South in the early 1960s, his

work at the Vatican Councils that redefined the Church, and his time posted at the Church's diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C., and the United Nations. This most formidable churchman reveals his tales of intellectual, pastoral, and diplomatic service to the Catholic Church, enlivened by recollections of the fascinating people he came to know, from US presidents and foreign heads of state to religious leaders like Padre Pio and Saint Mother Teresa.

Italian Charities of America Courses



Italian Verbs Online Language Course

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for

more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Thursday, September 26, 5:30pm to 7:00pm; final class Thursday, December 19 (No class November 28)

The verb is the foundation of all language learning—how we express action, time, and place as we navigate the world around us through present, past, and future tense. This intensive course will take us on a journey to encounter all fourteen verb constructions in Italian; the seven simple tenses and the seven compound tenses, their form, function, and use in grammar and everyday expression. In addition, we will dedicate time to learn and practice two of the most spoken verb constructions in Italian: *il si impersonale* and *il gerundio*. The course will start at the beginning, with the present tense and its three key functions in Italian, revealing the differences in form and usage between Italian and English, such as the existence

of two verbs “to be” in Italian as opposed to only one in English. The course is open to any student who wishes to discover the full architecture of the Italian verb. 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 26

Italian Charities of America Courses

Sicilian Language Levels 1-3 and Sicilian Conversation



This course will be offered on either Thursday evening or Saturday morning, when registering please carefully choose which course you are joining. Weekend course available, beginning Saturday, September 28, from 11:15am to 12:45pm and ending on Saturday, December 21. Register and pay online for each course. The registration fee must be paid in full by the first day of the course. A textbook is required, and a confirmation email will be sent out to registrants along with the information to purchase the textbook.

Sicilian Level 1 Language Online Course

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: (718) 478-3100;
Fax (718) 478-2665 for more information.
Email: info@italiancharities.org
Website: www.italiancharities.org

Thursday, September 26, 6:00pm to 7:30pm; final class December

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.aiae.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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@sunywcc.edu

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

19 (No class November 28)
Sponsored by Italian Charities of America.

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learned in each lesson. This course is taught by a professor who is a native Sicilian speaker. The course will be offered virtually on Zoom and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org

Presentation of the Joseph Tusiani Italian Translation Prize



JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE
25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10036
Admission: Free and open to the public
Contact: (212) 642-2094; Email: qc_calandra@qc.edu

(Thursday) 6:30pm



The recipient of the second edition of the Tusiani Translation Prize is Professor Will Schutt, for his translation of Brief Homage to Pluto and Other Poems, by Fabio Pusterla. The prize will be presented by Gaetano Cipolla, chairman of the prize, and the members of the judging committee: Peter Carravetta, Michael Palma, Giuseppe Perricone, and Minna Zallman Proctor, as well as Luigi Bonaffini, editor of Journal of Italian Translation, which sponsors the Tusiani Prize. The program will include a bilingual reading of excerpts of Prof. Schutt's translation.

Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and Journal of Italian Translation.

27th Anniversary Gala **Where is Pete Panto?** **Memory and Activism** **in the Reclamation of** **a Working-Class Hero** **CASA ITALIANA ZERILLI-** **MARIMÒ**

24 West 12th Street, New York

Admission free and open to the Public

Contact Pat Constantino
Phone: (347) 675-2085
E-mail Address:
patrianyc12@gmail.com

(Thursday) 6:30pm
Presenter Joseph Sciorra, PhD, Calandra Italian American Institute, CUNY, will take a look back at Brooklyn-born dockworker Pietro "Pete" Panto, who was a longshoreman and union activist on the Brooklyn waterfront in the middle to late 1930s and who was murdered by the mob. Sciorra will explore Panto's fight for the longshoremen's rights and posthumous victory in dock reform.

Sponsored by American Italian Cultural Roundtable

27th Anniversary Gala

"Opera Plans a Wedding"

TACONIC OPERA, CV **RICH MANSION**

305 Ridgeway, White Plains, NY
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$150.00–\$250.00 Price varies; Bronze, Silver, and Gold tickets with discounts for tables of 8. Purchase tickets on website below. Phone: (855) 88-OPERA or (855) 886-7372 for groups over 10. Web Address: <https://www.taconicopera.org/Tickets/> (Thursday) 7:00pm

This year's gala will celebrate all the weddings and marriages that create a backdrop of comedy and tragedy in our favorite operas. Dine on wonderful catered cuisine while listening to Taconic Opera's leading singers. In addition, we will be honoring three very special supporters of the company.

September 27 **Key to the Castle** **Workshop** **Give Yourself** **Permission to Write:** **Your Story Matters** **NATIONAL** **ORGANIZATION OF** **ITALIAN AMERICAN** **WOMEN**

WBDC Conference Room
184 Bedford Street, #201,
Stamford, CT

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$25.00 Members; \$35.00 Non-Members

Please register before
September 10 to guarantee
your place.

Web Address: <https://givebutter.com/lbfU3F>

(Friday) 6:30pm–8:30 pm
In this two-hour workshop you will give yourself permission to write and the time and space to do it. Aspiring and established writers too often struggle to quiet the voice in our heads telling us you can't. There are all these reasons we don't have the time or space to write the stories that matter

to us. Aspiring and established writers need and crave two things: time and space. During this workshop we give ourselves the gift of time. In the nurturing space of the workshop, we begin or continue to write the stories we live every day. Using our histories, our memories, and our senses as launching pads, we will begin to transform the ordinariness of our lives into extraordinary fiction and nonfiction. Light refreshments will be served.

September 27-28 **Comedy Night at** **Brew Ha Ha at River** **Tara Cannistraci,** **Comedy**

RIVER: A WATERFRONT **RESTAURANT AND BAR**

100 Great Meadow Rd,
Wethersfield, CT

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$25.00 Price varies.

Web Address: <https://riverontheriver.com/>

(Friday, Saturday) 7:00pm
Tara Cannistraci is an Italian American comedian, actress, and writer. She was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. She is quickly becoming one of the most sought-after stand-up comics. Join us for Comedy Night at The Brew Ha Ha's new location at River: A Waterfront Restaurant and Bar. Come early to get your seats and enjoy some food and drinks before the show.

September 27 **Italian Charities of** **America** **Saturday Night** **Dances**

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF **AMERICA**

83-20 Queens Blvd.
Elmhurst NY

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$22.00; \$25.00 for non-dance members

Phone: (718) 478-3100

Email: info@italiancharities.org

org
Web Address: <https://italiancharities.org/saturday-night-community-dance/>

(Saturday) 8:00pm–12:00am.
Doors open at 7:00pm.
Since 1951, Italian Charities of America's dances are a tradition to fundraise for our nonprofit organization and nonprofit building. Our Saturday Night Dances are held in our grand ballroom, and they are great events to dance and socialize with friends and family. We are happy to host such a fun-filled event where lasting memories and friendships are made. Cash Bar, 50/50 Raffle, and Door Prizes. Hot Italian buffet, coffee/tea, and dessert are served.

Syracuse Home Town **Show!!**

The Uncle Louie **Variety Show**

PALACE THEATRE

2384 James Street, Syracuse, NY

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$ 28.52; Price varies by seating, visit website below to purchase tickets.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-uncle-louie-variety-show-syracuse-palace-theatre-tickets-773876103257?aff=oddtcreator&fbclid=IwAR2QzXf9-gUOEWQEhYDCfT8TDFMTQBKGEN2Q8aiFHW7ly_EEKsxJ2sZVGlw

This show features two hilarious Italian American comedians, Carlo Russo and Lou Greco. For many years, they have been making people laugh through their unique brand of comedy that brings memories of what it was like to grow up as an Italian. From stand-up comedy acts, original songs, to hilarious sketches, this Italian American comedy duo can do it all. Organized by Tony Napoli Events

September 28 **Italian Charities of** **America Courses**

Sicilian Level 1 Language Online Course

free

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS TAUGHT VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Saturday, September 28, 11:15am to 12:45pm: final class December 21 (No class November 30) 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.

Italian Charities of America Courses Sicilian Level 3 Online Language Course



ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS TAUGHT VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Saturday, September 28, 9:30am to 11:00am: final class Saturday, December 21 (No class November 30)

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 off 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. The course will consist of twelve lessons.

Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org
Sponsored by Italian Charities of America

Chris Ruggiero's "Teenage Dreams and Magic Moments"



BAYWAY ARTS CENTER

265 East Main Street, East Islip, New York

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$39.00 and up. Prices vary. Purchase

tickets at https://baywayartscenter.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200456935

Phone: (631) 581- 2700

Web Address: <https://chrisruggierosings.com/shows/2024-09-28-islip-ny/>

(Saturday) 2:00pm
In his new show "Teenage Dreams and Magic Moments" Chris tells his incredible story by breathing new life into the timeless music of the '50s, '60s, '70s with a live band. If you remember songs like "Unchained Melody," "My Cherie Amour," "You Can't Hurry Love," and "This Magic Moment," you'll relish an evening spent with Chris.

European Day of Languages Open-Air Night Market IIC-NY Italian



Cultural Institute in New York

686 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY

Admission: Open to the Public; Register on website below.

Fee: Free

Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/12955/

(Saturday) 4:00pm–12:00am

A celebration of multilingualism, including prizes, activities for all ages, cultural performances, and delicious international cuisines. Join EUNIC New York for a vibrant celebration of the European Day of Languages at the Queens Night Market on September 28 from 4:00pm to midnight! Enjoy a day filled with diverse culinary delights, performances from talented European artists, a language lottery, and fun activities for all ages.

Come explore the rich linguistic heritage of Europe and indulge in delicious food from diverse international cuisines! EUNIC Stand at the Queens Night Market: stop by booth H from 4:00pm to 12:00am to learn more about what European Day of Languages-related activities will be happening on the day and to learn more about EUNIC New York's mission and future programming! Visit website for details.

Giacomo Puccini Tosca



THE METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE

30 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$35.00 and up.

Price varies by seating. Purchase tickets online at website below.

Phone: (212) 875-5456

Web Address: <https://www.metopera.org/season/2024-25-season/tosca/>

(Saturday) 8:30pm

Puccini's melodrama about a volatile diva, a sadistic police chief, and an idealistic artist has offended and thrilled audiences for more than a century. Sung in Italian.

September 29

Italian Charities of America Courses



Italian Level 3 Online Language Course

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS TAUGHT VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Sunday, September 29, 9:30 am to 11:00 am: final class Sunday, December 22

(No class December 1)

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 delving more deeply into the forms and usages of verbs. In this course, we will work on and practice Italian grammar through reading (out loud), writing, and practicing dialogue. Grammar will include: past tense and imperfect usage, past tense agreement with the participle, stare + gerundio, si impersonale, the conditional mood, and the subjunctive mood, including pronouns (direct and indirect) and particles (ci and ne). 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.

Italian Charities of America Courses Italian Conversation Online Language Course



ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA. CLASS TAUGHT VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: 718-478-3100

Fax 718-478-2665 for more information

Email:

info@italiancharities.org

Website:

www.italiancharities.org

(Sunday) 11:15 am to 12:45 pm EST and ends on (Sunday), December 22nd

(No class Dec. 1st)

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. 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

An Afternoon at Altamont Vineyard & Winery



AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM
ALTAMONT VINEYARD & WINERY

3001 Furbeck Road,
Altamont, New York

Admission: Members Only

Fee: \$\$ Call or visit website below for pricing. Reserve your seat(s), RSVP by email to Larry Pardi (lapardi@nycap.rr.com) no later

than September 12.

Contact: Larry Pardi, Email:

lapardi@nycap.rr.com

Phone: (518) 435-1979

Email: info@

americanitalianmuseum.org

Web Address: [https://](https://americanitalianmuseum.org/events-list.html)

americanitalianmuseum.org/
events-list.html

(Sunday) 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Come join your fellow AIHM members at the Altamont Vineyard to taste their wine and food in a beautiful setting with views of the Helderberg Mountains. At the vineyard, you may taste their wines, buy a glass or bottle to share, and purchase lunch (à la carte) with choices of wood-fired pizzas, paninis, or charcuterie platters. We will raffle off a basket of Italian food and wine as a fundraiser for the AIHM. The vineyard will reserve tables under their large tent for our group. It is important that you RSVP to ensure there is ample seating.

September 30

Italian Children's Cooking Class



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard

Avenue, Staten

Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$70.00; Members \$60.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 7:00pm

Recipe: Mini Meatball Sandwiches
You can be added to a wait list for any sold-out cooking classes or organize a private class. Call the office for details.

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

September 30

Italian Adults Cooking Class



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard

Avenue, Staten
Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$120.00; Members \$100.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 7:00pm

Recipe: Homemade cavatelli pasta.
You can be added to a wait list for any sold-out cooking classes or organize a private class. Call the office for details.

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

The Metropolitan Opera

Giuseppe Verdi's Rigoletto

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE

30 Lincoln Center Plaza,
NYC

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$35.00 and up. Price varies by seating. Purchase tickets online at website below.

Phone: (212) 875-5456

Web Address: <https://www.metopera.org/season/2024-25-season/rigoletto/>

(Monday) 7:30pm; Performances through January 24, 2025, see website below.

Italian.

A dramatic journey of undeniable force, Rigoletto was immensely popular from its premiere and remains fresh and powerful to this day. The story, based on a controversial play by Victor Hugo, tells of an outsider—a hunchbacked jester—who struggles to balance the dueling elements of beauty and evil that exist in his life. Sung in Italian.

October 2

La Dolce Lettura Book Club



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$10.00; Members Free!

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Wednesday) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join Casa Belvedere's new La Dolce Lettura Book Club, where literature lovers gather to explore captivating stories together. Led by AnnMarie Cicero, this "Sweet Reading" club offers a warm and engaging environment to dive into rich narratives and thought-provoking discussions about Italian and Italian American stories. Whether you're a seasoned reader or just looking to enjoy a good book, this club is the perfect place to connect and share the joy of reading.

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

La Dolce Vita University Trivia—Italian Geniuses & Colorful Personalities



WESTCHESTER ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

1 Generoso Pope Pl,
Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: \$30.00;

Member \$25.00 plus fees.

Purchase tickets online, on website below.

Phone: (914) 409-6662

Email: info@wiccnny.org

Web Address: <https://www.wiccnny.org/event-details/la-dolce-vita-universitytrivia-italian-geniuses-colorful-personalities>

(Wednesday) 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for a fun evening of Italian

“cultural trivia” with author and lecturer Carla Gambescia. Has anyone demonstrated genius throughout history quite like the Italians? From antiquity to the present, from realms of the arts and sciences to the art of “la Dolce Vita,” Italians more than any other people have profoundly shaped our worldview and how we live today. Enjoy an entertaining interactive Q&A in which you’ll discover surprising anecdotes and little-known stories of some of Italy’s most influential geniuses and illustrious colorful personalities. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

**Ginestra and
The Volcano,
Tapestries and
Sculptures
By Allegra Hicks,
Vernissage**



ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK
686 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10065
212-879-4242
https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/

Opening October 2 (Wednesday) 6:00pm.
On view from October 3 (Thursday) to October 19, Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 5:00pm
In collaboration with the Campania region and ENIT. Thanks to the tapestries, embroideries, and sculptures by Allegra Hicks, visitors will enter Campania and Italy in the most intense and immersive way, discovering how much future lies in the past, how much creativity in what appears burnt and buried. The fire and the broom, at the end of this journey, will no longer seem like two opposites, but two emblems of the same energy.

**October 3
“INAUGURATION”
Series “Per te”
a concert by
Baron Fenwick**



**Music for
freedom: Concerto in
onore dell’Ucraina
con Pavel Gintov
(piano)**

IIC-NY ITALIAN
CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN
NEW YORK
686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY

Admission: Open to the Public;
R.S.V.P.: dgit01.turismoradici@esteri.it and Register on website below.

Fee: Free
Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242
Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/per-te-a-concert-by-baron-fenwick-music-by-roberto-scarcella-perino/

(Thursday) 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Pavel Gintov is a Ukrainian pianist known for winning the First Takamatsu International Piano Competition in 2006. He has performed recitals in Ukraine, Russia, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, the USA and Italy. Gintov was admitted to the Central Music School in 1990, where he studied piano with Irina Barinova and graduated in 2001. Subsequently, from 2001 to 2006, he continued his studies at the Moscow State Conservatory with Lev Naumov and Daniil Kopylov. Finally, he perfected his skills at the Manhattan School of Music in New York under the guidance of Nina Svetlanova.

**Le Quattro
Stagioni:
Gardening
Workshop**



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE
79 Howard Avenue,
Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$55.00; Members \$45.00
Phone: 718-273-7660
Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Thursday) 7:00pm–9:00pm
Join us for an insightful presentation by professional landscape designer Carmen DeVito as she shares the best fall gardening tips, from pruning and pest control to planning for next spring. Weather permitting, we’ll also stroll through Nonno’s Garden to learn about preparing perennials for winter, and all attendees will receive a collection of spring-blooming bulbs to plant this fall.

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

October 4 and 5

**Tara
Cannistraci**



UNCLE VINNIE’S
COMEDY CLUB
518 Arnold Avenue, Point
Pleasant, NJ

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$ 15.00 and up.

Prices vary.

Web Address:
<https://ci.ovationtix.com/35774/production/1194754>

(Friday, Saturday) 7:00pm dinner & show
Doors for just the show open at 8:00pm
Comedy Show with Tara Cannistraci, and Dinner a 3-course meal.

**October 5
Symposium on
Giovanni da
Verrazzano**



(Saturday) 9:30am–4:00pm
JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF QUEENS
COLLEGE

25 West 43rd Street, Suite
1700, Manhattan
Admission: Open to Public
Fee: Free; Call to RSVP as seating is limited.

Phone: (212) 642-2094
Web Address: <https://calandrainstitute.org>

A symposium exploring the historical figure and cultural relevance of Giovanni da Verrazzano from a multidisciplinary perspective. The symposium will feature a maximum of 9 participants (TBA). Zoom registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cCjdXuoOT6-cfAmm0WsfOA.

**Italian Night
Dance**



ITALIAN
CHARITIES OF
AMERICA

83-20 Queens Boulevard,
Elmhurst, NY

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$30.00 at the door

Contact: 718-478-3100; Fax
718-478-2665

Email: info@italiancharities.org
Website: www.italiancharities.org

(Saturday) from 8:00pm–12:00am
Join us for our yearly tradition Italian Night Dance at Italian Charities of America. Every year we host this themed dance in October for Italian Heritage and Culture Month, which features a night of dancing with a hot Italian buffet and Italian desserts. Enjoy a live D.J. spinning Italian music classics, top 40, disco, oldies, and Latin music. Admission includes buffet, dessert, coffee, and tea. Cash bar available and there will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Sponsored by the Italian Charities of America

Italian Charities of America Courses Sicilian Level 2 Online Language Course

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

Cost: \$200.00

Contact: (718) 478-3100 for more information

Fax: (718) 478-2665

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website:

www.italiancharities.org

Saturday, October 5, 9:00am–10:30am; final class Saturday, December 21
Our Sicilian Level 2 language course is for students who have completed our Sicilian Level 1 course or have a good sense of the basics of the language. This course starts off with a review of important aspects of Level 1 and then continues to dive deeper into the language with grammar, continuation of pronouns, imperfect, past and future tense. 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 native Sicilian speaker. 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

October 5–December 21

Italian Charities of America Courses Sicilian Conversation Online Course

ITALIAN CHARITIES OF AMERICA VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM



Cost: \$200.00 Register on website below.

Contact: (718) 478-3100; Fax (718) 478-2665 for more information

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

Saturdays 10:45am–12:15pm; last class Saturday, December 21
This course is for anyone who has already taken any of our Sicilian Language courses (Sicilian Language Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3) and needs to improve and practice speaking Sicilian as well as improve with pronunciation. If you already speak Sicilian and need to improve or practice more, then you are also welcome to take this course. A native Sicilian instructor will be teaching this course and will guide you through proper pronunciations when speaking and push everyone to have conversations through exercises. Exercises will include reading, writing, and speaking Sicilian and 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 on Zoom and will consist of twelve lessons. Register on our website: www.italiancharities.org
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October 5

Out of Rushmore's Shadow The Luigi Del Bianco Story—An Italian Immigrant's Unsung Role as Chief Carver

CHRIST THE KING HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS
6802 Metropolitan Ave Bldg. -Door #10, Middle Village, NY

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$65.00 Social Hour, Program, Luncheon

Contact: Jacqueline



Gagliano, President
Phone: 718-805-1833
E-mail Address: jbgagliano14@yahoo.com

(Saturday) 1:00pm–5:00pm
The faces on Mt. Rushmore were brought to life by the hands of an Italian immigrant, Luigi Del Bianco. After a twenty-five-year odyssey by his son and grandson, Del Bianco was finally recognized and validated as the chief carver by the Department of the Interior. This behind-the-scenes look at the carving of Mt. Rushmore and the immigrant struggle will be given by his grandson, Lou Del Bianco. Sponsored by La Bella Italia.

October 5–19 Exhibit Joe Zarba: Sicily In My Blood

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM
420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, 10305

Admission Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members \$5.00

Contact Museum
Telephone: 718-442-1608
E-Mail Address: slundegarde@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org
Email address: princem779@verizon.net

Lecture on October 5 (Saturday) 2:00pm
Telephone: (718) 631-7917
Joe Zarba's photography style is deeply rooted in capturing the essence and spirit of Sicily. His work often features vibrant colors, dynamic compositions, and a strong sense of place. He has a knack for highlighting the everyday life and cultural richness of Sicily, from its stunning landscapes to the intimate moments of its people. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

October 6

2024 Brooklyn Columbus Parade Fundraising Brunch EL CARIBE COUNTRY CLUB

5945 Strickland Avenue, Brooklyn

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$200.00 Brunch

Ticket price; Register on web site below.

<https://fiaobrooklyn.org/event/2024-brooklyn-columbus-parade-brunch/>

(Sunday) 11:00am–4:00pm
FIAO IL Centro.

Join us for an elegant fundraising brunch at the beautiful El Caribe Country Club. Indulge in gourmet delights, mingle with community leaders, and contribute to the success of our beloved parade. Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn, honoring our 2024 Grand Marshalls: Hon. David Carr; Dr. David Pretto; Joseph S. Rosato, Esq.; and Chiara Spagnolo.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Puccini's Death OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL

5902 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
Admission Open to Public
Fee: \$15.00; Teens \$5.00; Children - free

Contact Fran Garber-Cohen
Phone: (718) 259-2772
Telephone#: (917) 273-2998
E-mail Address: reginaopera@yahoo.com
Web Address: www.reginaopera.org

(Sunday) 3:00pm
Regina Opera will present a two-hour concert, which will include selections from Puccini's operas including La Bohème, Madama



Butterfly, and Tosca. The concert will feature sopranos Nicole Magallon and Sara Beth Pearson; mezzosoprano Anna Viemeister; tenor Paolo Buffagni; baritone Eliam Ramos; flutist Richard Paratley, and pianist Catherine Miller.

Sponsored by Regina Opera Company

October 8 and 22

La Commedia di Dante in Italiano Group Reading On Zoom



(Tuesdays) 11:30am–12:30pm
Meetings are twice monthly for one hour. *Dante in Italiano* is going remote and will be meeting midday. In October we will be working on *Purgatorio Cantos XIV and XV*. *Dante in Italiano* is sponsored by the Società Dante Alighieri of NY. The group is dedicated to reading the entire *Divina Commedia* in Italian with discussion conducted in Italiano. The group has been meeting since January 2018, reading each canto aloud in the original, then translating/paraphrasing the text into standard Italian as we discuss the text and related commentary. The pace is relaxed with some cantos taking two sessions and others three or more. No deadlines. No rush. We are serious readers, but this is not an academic program. Our *Lectura Dantis* is designed for lovers of Dante and the Italian language. Everyone, of all ages and backgrounds, is welcome to join. Members of the academic, visual arts, music/opera and publishing communities are particularly welcome. All of the discussion in the Dante reading/discussion group is 100 percent in Italian. If you are interested in joining *Dante in Italiano*, please send an email with your phone number to danteinitalianonyc@yahoo.com. We will get back to you quickly with information and the link to join the discussion. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact is via email at anteinitalianonyc@yahoo.com.

October 9

“Documented Italians” Film & Video Series *Il mondo è troppo per me: La storia di Vittorio Camardese (2023), 63 minutes* Vania Cauzillo, dir.

JOHN D. CALANDRA
ITALIAN AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF QUEENS
COLLEGE/CUNY

25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan

RSVP by calling
(212) 642-2094

Admission Free & Open to the public

Web Address: <https://calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00 pm
This film tells the story of Vittorio Camardese, a guitarist from Basilicata, who presaged techniques of both jazz and rock music. He played with jazz greats in Rome; so, how is it that he didn't record even a single note? Why did American trumpeter Chet Baker live in his house for more than a year? And, above all, how has he remained in the shadows when he might have become a significant figure in musical history? Camardese's story covers forty years, from the postwar to the era of *la dolce vita*, from 1970s TV shows to the 1980s pop explosion, leading up to the new millennium. Director Vania Cauzillo's film has much to say about music, the responsibilities that come with talent, and the fear of success. In Italian with English subtitles. In conjunction with the exhibition *BASILICATÈ: A Celebration of Lucanian Culture in the World*.

Post-screening discussion led by Joseph Sciorra, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute.

**A Tavola:
Telling H.E.R.
Story, 2024
Edition**



COLUMBUS CITIZENS FOUNDATION

8 East 69th Street, NYC

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: Free

Contact Person: Pat Tino, Telephone:

(212) 642-2003

E-Mail Address: ptinto@noiaiw.org

Telephone: (212) 642-2007

(Wednesday) 6:30pm

In 2023, NOIAW launched its signature program: “A Tavola: Telling H.E.R. Story,” a new national program to gather Italian Women's voices on our history, education, and renaissance. We reflected on the women who came before, how we can inform and better ourselves in all arenas, and how we can preserve our heritage for a new generation. Women will gather again around a table (a tavola) on the same night in different locations, doing what Italian women do best: sharing their stories while enjoying the food that reconnects them to their Italian heritage. NOIAW gives voice to Italian women's story because every single story deserves to be heard.

Sponsored by National Organization of Italian American Women

IIC-NY ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN NEW YORK

686 Park Avenue, New York, NY

Admission: Open to the Public;
R.S.V.P.: dgit01.turismoradici@esteri.it and register on website below.

Fee: Free

Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

(Wednesday) 6:00pm

The academies of the fine arts represent an Italian tradition of great importance. They are institutions of high cultural education and inexhaustible creativity. They represent the Italy of tradition and memory and at the same time of the future and innovation. The academies speak

languages in continuous evolution, they explore the boundaries between real and virtual, and are always deeply embedded in a local fabric on the one hand and an international one on the other. The Italian Cultural Institute of New York intends to highlight the fundamental role of the academies, their teachers and students, and promote internationalization with the series called “Academies,” a symposium and exhibition in collaboration with the Academy of Fine Arts of Frosinone. In conjunction with the MAECI Diplomacy Festival, the exhibition offers a narrative of nineteenth- and twentieth-century emigration in which new expressive modes are used, starting from the graphic novel. Participants include: Dr. Silvana Mangione (Vice Secretary General, General Council of Italians Abroad) and Prof. Loredana Rea (Director of the Academy of Fine Arts of Frosinone).

October 10

Italian Coffee and Conversation



(Thursday) 12:00pm–1:30pm

YORK COLLEGE

94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Room 3C09, Jamaica, NY

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: Free

Contact: Dr. Samuel Ghelli;
Telephone: (718) 262-2462 or
contact Dr. Donna Chirico,
Telephone: (718) 262-2687

Come join York College faculty, staff, and alumni for espresso, biscotti, and conversation. Held the second Thursday of each month during the academic year. Each month features a different discussion topic related to the history and culture of Italy and the Italian diaspora. Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of York College Sponsoring Organization: Italian Heritage and Cultural Committee of York College

**ITALEA
Presentation****IIC-NY ITALIAN
CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN
NEW YORK**686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065Admission: By invitation only.
R.S.V.P. required, rsvp at dgit01.
turismoradici@esteri.it
Fee: Free. Visit website for details.
Phone contact: 212-879-4242
Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
dgit01.turismoradici@esteri.it(Thursday) 6:00pm
ITALEA, the project to promote
roots tourism launched by the
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation.
The event will feature a screening
of short films by three Italian
Regions Campania, Piedmont,
Puglia.
Launched by the Italian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
International Cooperation**October 11
SERIES-
INAUGURATION****IIC-NY ITALIAN
CULTURAL INSTITUTE IN
NEW YORK**686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.(Friday) 6:00pm
Admission: By invitation only.
Please show this invitation upon
arrival
Fee: Free
Phone: 1 (212) 879-4242
Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
dgit01.turismoradici@esteri.itMusic, Senses, and Territory:
Concert with Cristiana Pegoraro
The internationally renowned
pianist Cristiana Pegoraro began
her musical career at the age
of ten at the Teatro Laudamo
(Messina), performing Chopin's
Preludes. Since then, she has
received numerous national andinternational awards, including the
1989 Prague Best of the Year for
Classical Music Award for "her
great personality, strong musical
temperament, mastery of phrasing
and expressive ability."**October 12
Federation
of Italian
American
Organizations of
Queens, Inc.
Presents: The 48th
Annual Queens
Columbus Day
Parade**(Saturday)
Parade 12:00noon. Assembling at
11:00am.
Parade route: Steinway Street left
to 30th Avenue, right to 33rd
Street, ends at reviewing stand
on Astoria Blvd and 32nd Street,
Columbus Triangle.
Kaufman Studios
34-12 36th Street, Astoria
To participate please visit website
and complete the questionnaire.
Come out to cheer us on!
Parade Chairman: Judge Jerry
Iannece; President: Joseph
DiPietro;
Executive Director: Angie
Markham.
Italianfederation@gmail.com**42nd Annual
Brooklyn Columbus
Day Parade**(Saturday) 11:00am–5:00pm
Parade: 1:00pm; from 61st Street
along 18th Avenue (Cristoforo
Colombo Blvd) to "Il Centro"
Community Center.
Federation of Italian American
Organizations of Brooklyn
Il Centro Community Center
87-11 18th Avenue, Brooklyn
Telephone: (718) 259-2828
[https://fiaobrooklyn.org/
event/42nd-annual-brooklyn-
columbus-day-parade/](https://fiaobrooklyn.org/event/42nd-annual-brooklyn-columbus-day-parade/)
Enjoy music and activities at the
conclusion of the parade at the
first ever Community Festival
outside of Il Centro CommunityCenter! Enjoy vibrant music,
delectable Italian cuisine, and
engaging activities for the whole
family! Honoring Our 2024 Grand
Marshalls: Hon. David Carr, Dr.
David Pretto, Joseph S. Rosato,
Esq., & Chiara Spagnolo**October 12 and 13
13th Annual
Fall Festival
2024 Italian
Exotic Car Show
at Casa Belvedere
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE**79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island, New YorkAdmission: Open to the public.
Fee: \$10.00 Register online at web
site below.**Web Address: [https://casa-
belvedere.org/registeronline/](https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/)**
Phone: (718) 273-7660
[https://casa-belvedere.org/
fall-festival-italian-luxury-car-
show-2024/](https://casa-belvedere.org/fall-festival-italian-luxury-car-show-2024/)(Saturday) 12:00pm–6:00pm;
(Sunday) 12:00pm–5:00pm
Exotic Italian classic and
performance vehicles and
featuring continuous live music,
Italian food and specialty item
vendors, Kid's Zone, Pumpkin
Patch, beer/wine & spirit
tastings, cooking demonstrations,
contemporary art exhibit, raffles
prizes, contests, and more.**Presentation
on the Life of
St. Francis
Dr. Snjezana
Smodlaka****GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM**420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island, 10305Admission Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members \$5.00**Contact Museum Telephone:**
(718) 442-1608, or
(718) 631-7917**E-Mail Address:**
slundegarde@
garibaldimeuccimuseum.org(Saturday) 2:00pm
This lecture presents the life of
Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone
(c. 1181–October 3, 1226), known
as Francis of Assisi. An Italian
mystic, poet, and Catholic friar
who founded the religious order
of the Franciscans, he was inspired
to lead a Christian life of poverty.
He became a beggar and itinerant
preacher and later one of the most
venerated figures in Christianity.
Francis was canonized by Pope
Gregory IX on July 16, 1228. He
is commonly portrayed wearing
a brown habit with a rope tied
around his waist, featuring three
knots symbolizing the three
Franciscan vows of poverty,
chastity, and obedience.
Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci
Museum**80th Annual
Celebration
Gala
Columbus
Citizens Foundation****CIPRIANI**
42nd Street, NYC
Fee: Tickets start at \$1,500.00;
Package details can be found at:
**[https://my.onecause.
com/event/
organizations/331d40eb-
5996-442e-be36-
adbf33a83d4e/events/
vevt:975b36de-a1da-4622-
bb92-9400bf4f98e7/home/
story](https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/331d40eb-5996-442e-be36-adbf33a83d4e/events/vevt:975b36de-a1da-4622-bb92-9400bf4f98e7/home/story)**(Saturday) 6:00pm
The black-tie fundraiser is
an evening of friendship and
entertainment that celebrates the
strong bonds between Italian
Americans and the United States
while raising funds for Columbus
Citizens Foundation scholarship
program. The Gala is the greatest
source of support for CCF's
Scholarship program. Your
participation this year could help
us reach \$45 million! Buy a table
or ticket, make a donation, bid
on a silent auction item, buy a
raffle ticket. Everything you do
makes dreams come true for
talented students embarking on
their academic and professional
journeys.

**Concert: Liceo
Pertini Vocal
Ensemble****IIC ITALIAN
CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.
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Fee: Free**Phone /Contact: 212-879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it****Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**(Saturday) 6:00pm
Concert by twelve students from
the Liceo Musicale S. Pertini of
Genoa at 2:30pm.
Concert aimed at the Italian
and Ligurian community, by
Prof. Alberto Macri, Professor
of History of Music and Liceo
Musicale's Representative for
International Activities and
Projects.**MPB-SSJ Church
Italian
Dinner Dance
Fundraiser****THE LOWER CHURCH/
FATHER STANKUS HALL**
185 Van Sicklen Street,
Brooklyn, NY
Tickets will be sold after each
Mass MPb and St. Simon & Jude
ChurchAdmission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$65.00 per person**Web Address: [https://
catholicgatherings.
org/event/mpb-ssj-church-
italian-dinner-dance-
fundraiser/](https://catholicgatherings.org/event/mpb-ssj-church-italian-dinner-dance-fundraiser/)****Phone: (718) 375-9600****Contact for information:
(917) 975-7345**(Saturday) 6:00pm; doors open at
5:00 pm
Price includes hot buffet,
entertainment, wine and soda,
coffee, and dessert.**October 14****Pasquale Grasso at
Trio at Mezzrow
MEZZROW**163 West 10th Street, NYC
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$35.00 Purchase tickets online
see web site below.**[https://www.smallslive.com/
tickets/](https://www.smallslive.com/tickets/)**(Monday) 10:30pm–11:59pm
Jazz Club. Pasquale Grasso an
Italian jazz guitarist. Born in Italy
and now based in New York City,
he has developed an astounding
technique and concept informed
not by jazz guitarists so much as
by bebop pioneers like Powell,
Charlie Parker, and Dizzy Gillespie,
and the classical-guitar tradition.**October 15****Giacomo Matteotti
and the Liberating
Freedom—
VERNISSAGE****IIC ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.
Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free**Phone /Contact: 212-879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it**Exhibition Open October 9 to
October 19 (Conference Room)
(Tuesday) 4:00pm
Promoted by the Chamber
of Deputies and the
National Committee for the
commemorations of the centenary
of the death of Giacomo
Matteotti. With the presence of
the Vice President of the Chamber
of Deputies, the Honorable
Giorgio Mulè.**Book Presentation
Communication and
Beauty****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
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Admission: Open to the Public

Fee: Free

**Phone/Contact:
212-879-4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it**(Tuesday) 4:30pm
Creative Communication for
Socio-Humanitarian Development
by Biagio Maimone, Ass. Cult.
TraccePerLaMeta editore, 2024).
The volume was written with the
intention of responding to the
need for a new communication
model that places human
relationships and the moral and
human emancipation of today's
society at the center.**The Festival of the
Gods by Marino
Bartoletti, Carlo
Gallucci editore, 2021****IIC ITALIAN CULTURAL
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York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free**Phone /Contact: 212-879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it**
(Tuesday) 5:30pm**Book Presentation
with Authors
“The Culture of
Beauty”****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
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4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it****Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**(Tuesday) 17:30-19:30
“Creative Communication for
socio-humanitarian development”
Biagio Maimone journalist and
expert in social and political
communication and “The Match
of the Gods” Marino Bartoletti,
journalist and television presenter.“Creative communication for socio-
humanitarian development” aims
to highlight the pressing need to
review the use of language and,
more precisely, of words. We
can see how often mass media,
and even more so social media,
convey messages whose contents
are pervaded by violence and
social hatred, with the intent of
discrediting and damaging those
perceived as adversaries. What
emerges is the creating of a
subculture of communication that
risks to increasingly impoverish
human relationships, through
uneducated messages. The
pedagogy of life and not of
conflict must inexorably flow
from the word, moving beyond
the widespread superficial thought
incapable of in-depth analyses,
to allow for the revelation of
the deepest and most authentic
meanings inherent in the vital
fabrics of society.**Caruso Tribute Prize
in New York****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free**Phone/Contact: 212-879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it****Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**(Tuesday) 7:30pm
The Caruso Tribute Prize in
New York, conceived by Dante
Mariti and produced by Melos
International, is an opportunity
to reward personalities of Italian
excellence who have distinguished
themselves in the United States
and abroad for their successes in
the world of opera and “Made in
Italy” companies.**October 16****Caruso Tribute Prize
in New York****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**

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Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2

(Wednesday) 6:00pm

October 17 Exhibition from 17 to 26 October

“All the stars lead to Rome. Photographic portraits of Luigi de Pompeis” – VERNISSAGE

IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
(IN THE FOYER AND IN THE LIBRARY)

686 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065
Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free
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Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2

(Thursday) 6:00pm
Luigi de Pompeis, photographer collaborating with the Italian agency Karmapress Photo and the international photojournalistic agency Alamy. The exhibition presents the faces of great actors and actresses portrayed by Luigi de Pompeis, a well-known photojournalist.
Organized by Civita Exhibitions and Museums in the presence of the Hon. Federico Mollicone, President of the Culture Commission of the Chamber of Deputies

Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America

Annual Awards Dinner 115th Anniversary
(Thursday) 6:00pm
RUSO'S ON THE BAY
162-45 Crossbay Blvd., Howard Beach, NY 11414
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$125.00 Price varies. Tickets, Journal Ads and Sponsorships can also be purchased on our web site. (Deadline for tickets October 11, 2024)
Contact: Peggy Petrosino at peggypetrosino@gmail.com
Phone: (917) 544-2202
Web Address: www.petrosinouse.org

Greetings from the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America. This annual event honors the legacy of Lt. Detective Joseph Petrosino and recognizes outstanding individuals who exemplify his dedication to justice and service.

October 18
Award ceremony
Gradiva International Poetry Prize 2024, Twelfth Edition
IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE
686 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065
Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free
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Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it
Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2

(Friday) 6:00pm
In collaboration with Luigi Fontanella (Professor Emeritus of Italian Language and Literature at Stony Brook University).

Poetry & Politics with Daniela Gioseffi & Nina Tassi

Book Reading
PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM - WRITE TO AUTHORANDACTIVIST@GMAIL.COM FOR THE FREE ZOOM LINK.
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: Free
Contact: Daniela Gioseffi
Phone: (347) 683-9462
E-mail Address: authorandactivist@gmail.com
Web Address: <http://www.authorandactivist.com>

(Friday) 7:00pm Virtual Readings by Daniela & Nina, followed by guest IA readers & discussion. Poetry & Politics have always been mixed from Dante, Shakespeare & Yeats to Allen Ginsberg. Gwendolyn Brooks & Niki Giovanni. How they are mixed currently will be a subject for discussion after the readings. Sponsored by www.AuthorandActivist.com

October 19
Regina Opera Celebrates Italian Heritage Month
DYKER LIBRARY
8202 13th Avenue, Brooklyn
Admission Free & Open to Public
Contact: Fran Garber-Cohen
Phone: (718) 259-2772
E-mail Address: reginaopera@yahoo.com
Web Address: www.reginaopera.org

(Saturday) 11:00am
Regina Opera Company has been invited to present a FREE concert of Italian opera and songs at the Dyker Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, to celebrate Italian Heritage month. Soloists from Regina Opera Company will sing your favorite selections by Puccini, Verdi, Donizetti, and other composers in the FREE concert. No reservations are required. Sponsored by Regina Opera Company

Charlie Romo and Vanessa Racci
Forbidden Love: The Story of Bobby Darin and Connie Francis
YORKTOWN STAGE 2023
1974 Commerce Street (268 Veterans Road), Yorktown Heights, NY
Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$35.00 to \$40.00. Prices vary.
Web Address: <https://www.ticketor.com/yorktownstage/tickets/forbidden-love-284812#buy>

(Saturday) 6:30pm
Celebrate NY Italian Heritage Month with this mini-Broadway style show, fresh from the off-Broadway theaters of NYC celebrating the lives, music and tragic love story of two Italian American icons, Connie Francis and Bobby Darin. Starring Charlie Romo and Vanessa Racci. Westchester's own, Vanessa Racci (as Connie) and Charlie Romo (as Bobby) turn the pages of these stars' autobiographies into an unforgettable performance with true anecdotes, dialogue, singing all of their greatest hits with Broadway level musicians and performance.

October 20
Autumn in New York Luncheon
Italian Welfare League's Annual Luncheon
METROPOLITAN CLUB
1 East 60th Street, NYC
Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$375.00; online registration, see web site.
Contact: Anna Malafronte
Phone: (212) 861-8480
Email: info@italianwelfareleague.org
Web Address: <https://www.italianwelfareleague.org/blog/categories/events>

(Sunday) 11:00 am Event begins

Business Attire.

The Autumn in New York luncheon is our primary means of raising funds, which are distributed throughout the year to children of Italian descent who are in need. This annual luncheon has auctions, raffles, and awards and benefits “i nostri bambini”—a program for Italian American children with special needs. The honorees are Stephen J. Squeri, Chairman and CEO of American Express; and Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author of twenty books, award-winning playwright, television writer/producer, and filmmaker. Visit our website: www.italianwelfareleague.org. Sponsored by the Italian Welfare League

Italian Charities of America 88th Annual Dinner Dance

ROMA VIEW

160-05 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$150.00 for tickets and more information Phone # or visit Web site below

Contact: (718) 478-3100; Fax (718) 478-2665

Email: info@italiancharities.org

Website: www.italiancharities.org

(Sunday) 1:00pm–6:00pm
Italian Charities of America cordially invites you to our 88th 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, history, and pride. The 2024 Italian American Honorees for their outstanding work and achievements include: Luigi Bonaffini, PhD; Joseph DiPietro; John A. Fratta; John T. La Barbera; Dr. Fiorentina (Florence) Russo; and Taylor Taglianetti. The 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 21 Chocolate Making Class for Kids!



THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$60.00; Members \$50.00

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 4:00pm–5:30pm

Join us for a Halloween-themed chocolate-making class where kids will create delicious, spooky treats like ghost lollipops and chocolate jack-o'-lanterns. With costumes encouraged, this fun, hands-on workshop is perfect for young chocolatiers who love to get creative!

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

Crocheting Course THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$250.00; Members \$225.00

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 5:00pm–6:30pm

Join our eight-week crocheting course at The Italian Cultural Foundation, where beginners and experienced crafters alike can learn new techniques and create beautiful handmade projects. This hands-on course offers a relaxing and creative way to connect with others while exploring the art of crochet. This is the perfect course for those looking to gift handmade



October 2023 - IHCC President Joseph Sciame speaks with Prince Victor Emanuel of Savoy in Geneva as they recollect their meeting a generation ago. Princess Maria Pia of Savoy looks onto guests.



December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Lucrezia Lindia and spouse Francesco, accompanied by Cav. Uff. Mico Licastro and Josephine Belli, Esq.

items to loved ones this Christmas!
Sponsored by The Italian Cultural
Foundation at Casa Belvedere

Symposium **“Giorgio Ambrosoli** **and the Italian** **culture of the** **Rule of Law Civil** **society’s fight against** **organized crime and** **corruption”**

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686 Park Avenue, New
York, NY 10065 R.S.V.P.

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free

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4242

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Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)

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(Monday) 6:00 pm

The Italian Cultural Institute
hosts an event dedicated to the
presentation of the profile of

Giorgio Ambrosoli and his human
and professional story, inserted in
the historical context.

Photographs by Niccolò Biddau
and Elena Galimberti, illustrations
from the graphic novel “La
scelta” by Gianluca Buttolo
(2015) and clips of testimonies
from the evenings of the Giorgio
Ambrosoli Prize, in particular by
Marshal Silvio Novembre and
Mario Sarcinelli, former deputy
director of the Bank of Italy, will
also be exhibited and projected.
Symposium organized by Paolo
Bertaccini Bonoli, CEO Territoria
House

Adult Italian **Language Course**

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$280.00; Members \$240.00

Phone: 718-273-7660

Web Address: [https://casa-
belvedere.org/product/](https://casa-belvedere.org/product/)



December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Cav. Anthony Julian
Tamburri, Ph.D., Rosa Casiello O'Day and Cav. Uff. Mico Licastro
celebrate the year's successes.



December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Cav. Anthony Julian
Tamburri, Ph.D., Dean, Calandra Institute, with wife Maria
Tamburri, Past Chair of NOIAW.



December 2023 - IHCC President/Chair Comm. Joseph Sciamè
thanks Board Member William Russo for year's efforts leading to
IHCC successes.



December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Bill Russo and Italophile Noel Clancy, celebrate the 2023 achievements.



December 2023 - IHCC Vice President, Mario Marinello, Esq. and spouse Joseph Napoli, Esq. celebrate the end of year gathering.

language-adult-italian-classes/

(Monday) 5:00pm–6:30pm
Start your Italian language journey with our basic classes, where you'll learn essential grammar, improve communication skills, and immerse yourself in Italian culture through engaging activities. For those ready to advance, our intermediate to advanced classes focus on more complex grammar and conversational skills, offering a fun and vibrant way to deepen your Italian proficiency. Sponsored by The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

October 22–31

SERIES - ACADEMIES

IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

686 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free

Phone/Contact: (212) -879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2

(Tuesday) 6:00pm
Visit web site for all information on events.

October 23

Fall 2024

Writers Read Series

The Lost Boy of Santa Chionia: A Novel

(Knopf, 2024)

The Sicilian

Inheritance: A Novel

(Dutton, 2024)

The Road to Murder

(Soho Crime, 2024)

JOHN D. CALANDRA

ITALIAN AMERICAN

INSTITUTE OF QUEENS

COLLEGE/CUNY

25 West 43rd Street, 17th

Floor, Manhattan

RSVP by calling (212) 642-

2094

Admission Free & Open to the public

Web Address: <https://calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00pm

Three writers (Juliet Grames, Jo Piazza, and Camilla Trinchieri) present mysteries set in historical and contemporary Italy.

October 24

Antologia del Cinema Italiano:

Italiano:

Anthology of

Italian Cinema

4 Part Series

Italian Film Study Course

WESTCHESTER ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

1 Generoso Pope Pl, Tuckahoe, NY 10707

Admission: Open to the Public
Registration Fee: \$160.00; Member \$150.00, plus fees. Purchase on website.

Phone: (914) 409-6662

Email: info@wiccn.org

Web Address: <https://www.wiccn.org/event-details/fall-2024-antologia-del-cinema-italiano-anthology-of-italian-cinema-4-part-series>

2024-antologia-del-cinema-italiano-anthology-of-italian-cinema-4-part-series

(Thursday) 6:30pm

Presented by Professor Joseph Spedaliere: The Best of Italian Cinema in the Early 1950s.

This is a 4-part Italian Film Study Course (October 24, November 7, November 21, December 5). Registration fee includes all four films/classes, Tasting of regional foods, wine and coffee. Classes MAY NOT be purchased separately. See Website for details. In the challengingly hellish period of World War II and its aftermath, Italy made its greatest contribution to the art of cinema: il Neorealismo. This innovative, crude and eye-opening presentation of reality was the first postwar film movement to discard past conventions and studio





December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Claudia Berns and Lisa Calello celebrate the holiday gathering.



December 2023 - IHCC Board Member Lisa Calello, Cav. Uff. Mico Licastro, Cav. Anthony Tamburri and Claudia Berns celebrate end of year achievements for heritage and culture.

production techniques simply because of the impoverished state of the industry and the country; additionally, its proponents were obsessed with the over-powering need to show the world a new and truer reality. Among the films to be viewed, analyzed, and discussed: Stromboli (Roberto Rossellini, 1950); Umberto D. (Vittorio De Sica, 1952); I vitelloni (Federico Fellini, 1953); L'oro di Napoli (Vittorio De Sica, 1954).

October 26 Giuseppe Verdi's **Il Trovatore**

THE METROPOLITAN
OPERA HOUSE
30 Lincoln Center Plaza,
NYC.

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$35.00, with fees. Price varies.
Purchase tickets online.

Phone: (212)362-6000

Web Address: [https://www.
metopera.org/season/2024-
25-season/il-trovatore/](https://www.metopera.org/season/2024-25-season/il-trovatore/)

(Saturday) 1:00pm (additional
performances available see website
below.)

Verdi's turbulent tragedy of four
characters caught in a web of
family ties, politics, and love is a
mainstay of the operatic repertoire.
The score is as melodic as it is
energetic, with infectious tunes
that are not easily forgotten.

Giuseppe Verdi's **Il Trovatore**

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island

Admission Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members \$5.00

Contact Person: Stephanie
Lundegard

Museum Telephone: 718-
442-1608

E-Mail Address:
[slundegarde@
garibaldimeuccimuseum.org](mailto:slundegarde@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org)
[www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.
com](http://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com)

(Saturday) 2:00pm

Sponsoring Organization
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.

Tiziano Dossena Presentation of **L'Idea Magazine**

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI
MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island, 10305

Admission Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members \$5.00

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Museum Telephone: 718-
442-1608

E-Mail Address:
[slundegarde@
garibaldimeuccimuseum.org](mailto:slundegarde@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org)
Email address:

princem779@verizon.net
Telephone: (718) 631-7917

Website: [www.
garibaldimeuccimuseum.com](http://www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com)

(Saturday) 2:00pm
Born in Milan, Tiziano Thomas
Dossena completed his studies
in the United States, where he
graduated with a degree in Italian
literature (Queens College, 1976),
humanistic studies (Regents
College, 1977), environmental
science (Purchase College, 1992)
and engineering technology (New
York City Technical College, 1995).
Articles, essays, poems, and
interviews of Dossena were
published in numerous magazines
and anthologies in Italy, France,
Greece, Switzerland and the
United States. In 1990 he assumed
the role of editorial director of the
L'Idea Magazine (Brooklyn, NY)
and contributor to USA Bridge
Apulia (Lecce). Tiziano Thomas
Dossena has represented the
Italian community in the Italian
government as consigliere (1998–
2004) and secretary (1998–2000)
of COM.IT.ES. (Committee of
Italians Abroad) in New York and
Connecticut.

Sponsoring Organization:
Garibaldi-Meucci Museum.



December 2023 - IHCC Benefactor Frank Sciamè and wife Barbara host grandchildren for the holidays.

October 27

Regina Opera Presents Giuseppe Verdi's II Trovatore

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL

5902 6th Avenue, Brooklyn

Admission:

Fee: \$15 adults; \$5 teens; children free

Admission Open to Public

Contact Person: Fran Garber-Cohen, Phone # (718) 259-2772

Telephone: (917) 273-2998

E-mail Address:

reginaopera@yahoo.com

Web Address: <http://www.reginaopera.org>

(Sunday) 3:00pm

Regina Opera's Fall Fest

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and Children - free

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(Sunday) 3:00pm

Regina Opera will celebrate the fall season with a two-hour concert of operatic and popular selections including selections by Verdi, Puccini, Donizetti, Mascagni, and Leoncavallo. This concert will be a treat for opera lovers and an introduction to opera.

Sponsored by Regina Opera Company

October 28

Italian Children's Cooking Class Recipe: Halloween Cookie Decorating

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA



December 2023 - Holiday Season commences for the IHCC and its gathering.

BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$70.00; Members \$60.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/10-28-monday-halloween-cookie-decorating-children-class/>

(Monday) 4:00 pm

Discover the joy of Italian cooking with our hands-on classes at Casa Belvedere, where you'll learn to prepare authentic dishes using traditional techniques. Join us for an unforgettable culinary experience that blends delicious flavors, cultural heritage, and expert guidance from the talented Chef Kim Leo.

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Italian Adults Cooking Class

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$110.00; Members \$100.00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/10-28-monday-caramel-apple-pie-adult-class/>

(Monday) 7:00pm

Recipe: Caramel Apple Pie
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January 2024 - Cav. Josephine A. Maietta presents Citation for Retirement after 61 years to Comm. Joseph Sciamè at St. John's University on behalf of the Town Supervisor Hon. Jennifer DeSena.



January 2024 - Tenor Christopher Macchio meets with Comm. Joseph Sciamè to support cultural activities for the year ahead.

October 31 (Deadline)

Antonio Meucci High School Essay Contest

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island

Contact Person: AnnMarie Cicero

Museum Telephone #: 718 442-1608

E-Mail Address: acicero@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

Fee: None

Website: www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

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 prize for top three essays. (Tuesday) Sponsoring Organization: Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

November 2

Pat Salmon lecture “Shipwrecks and Calamities”

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue,
Staten Island, 10305

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$10.00; Members \$ 5.00

Purchase tickets on web site.

Contact Museum

Telephone: 718-442-1608

E-Mail Address:

slundegarde@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

Website: www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

(Saturday) 2:00pm

This lecture explores catastrophes that have occurred in and around Staten Island. These will include the sinking of the Mohawk Yacht (1876); the Westfield Ferry explosion (1817); the New Street Building collapse during the Great

Depression; the mid-air plane crash over New Dorp (1960); the LNG tank explosion; the crash of the Sea Witch and Esso Brussels. Sponsoring Organization: Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

Conference Artificial Harmonies: Artificial Intelligence in the Puccini Centennial

TRIBECA 360°

10 Debrosses Street, New
York City, NY 10013

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: Free

Contact Person: Dr. Donna Chirico

Telephone: (212) 642-2010

E-Mail Address: DChirico@york.cuny.edu

ILICA: www.ilica.it

(Saturday) 4:30pm–6:30pm

Celebrating 20 Years of ILICA!

This year's annual conference looks at the emergence and future of Artificial Intelligence and its impact across the fields of medicine, education, business, and economics. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsoring Organization: ILICA–Italian Language Intercultural Alliance

ILICA CE* Cultural Event and Gala

TRIBECA 360°

10 Debrosses Street, New
York City

Fee: \$250.00

Admission: Open to the public.

Fee: \$250.00 per ticket; For reservations, phone Dr. Donna Chirico

Contact Person: Dr. Donna Chirico

Telephone: (212) 642-2010

E-Mail Address: DChirico@york.cuny.edu and for further information about

ILICA: www.ilica.it

(Saturday) 7:00pm to 10:30pm;

Dinner and Awards Program.

Celebrating 20 Years of ILICA!



March 2024 – Feast of St. Joseph celebrated at the famed Garibaldi Meucci Museum led by Comm. Joseph Sciamè and sharing the traditions with committee members and 75 guests.



Spring 2024 – Celebrating the 2023 theme with Staten Island education leadership hosted by Garibaldi Meucci Museum Coordinator for Education Program AnnMarie Cicero on left and IHCC Joseph Sciamè.

The annual gala dinner and awards program will feature an elegant Italian dinner catered by world-renowned Chef Andrea Tiberi, who will arrive from Italy with many of the ingredients for the dishes he will prepare. Chris Ganci, a hero of 9/11, will be honored. Matteo Fedeli will be the featured performer. Fedeli is the associate founder and the principal violin of the Academy Concert String Orchestra of Milan. In recent years he has concentrated on his project “A Stradivarius for the People,” which allows people to be able to experience the opportunity to attend free concerts performed on some of the finest violins in existence, including numerous instruments by Stradivarius. Sponsoring Organization: ILICA– Italian Language Intercultural Alliance

November 4

SERIE – INAUGURATION Titolo – Concerto con Alberto Nosè (piano) IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

686 Park Avenue, New York

Admission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free

Phone/Contact: (212) -879-4242

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

Web Address: https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2

(Monday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information on events.

Defined by The New York Times “an artist with supreme technical mastery, dazzling and charming with his highly cultivated sound”, Alberto Nosè is one of the most awarded piano artists of his generation.

He stood out the international music world at the age of eleven winning 1st Prize at the Jugend für Mozart International Competition in Salzburg.

Italian Children’s Cooking Class

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$60.00; Members \$50:00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>

(Monday) 4:00pm

Recipe: Cornbread with Honey Butter

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Italian Adults Cooking Class

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79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$130.00; Members \$110:00

Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/>



(Monday) 7:00 pm

Recipe: Corn Risotto with Seared Scallops

Discover the joy of Italian cooking with our hands-on classes at Casa Belvedere, where you’ll learn to prepare authentic dishes using traditional techniques. Join us for an unforgettable culinary experience that blends delicious flavors, cultural heritage, and expert guidance from the talented Chef Kim Leo.



April 2024 – A visit to the gravesite of singer Tony Bennett with Board members Cav. Josephine A. Maietta and Comm. Joseph Sciamè, accompanied by Cav. Uff. Joseph Scelsa, Ed.D. and Italian American community leader George.



April 2024 – Visiting the Giuseppe Petrosino gravesite for annual salute to a heroic life.

November 5

SERIE - INGREDIENTS

**“Ingredients/
Ingredienti. I segreti
della cucina italiana”
IL VINO -**

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York

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Fee: Free

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4242**

Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it

**Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**

(Tuesday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information
on events.

The Tempi di recupero association
organizes an event dedicated
to wine with the participation
of Carlo Catani, creator of the
University of Gastronomic
Sciences of Pollenzo.

The series “Ingredients/
Ingredients. The secrets of
Italian cuisine” is organized in
collaboration with Professor
Annamaria Colao, holder of the
UNESCO-Federico II chair in
Naples (PO of Endocrinology,
Department of Clinical Medicine
and Surgery). The series focuses
on individual ingredients in
order to enhance the grammar
of Italian cuisine, and the source
of its excellence, thanks to its
extraordinary biodiversity, and
“sustainable” processes.

November 6

**Book
Presentation
Alain Elkann
Interviews
(Assouline)**

**THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE**

79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members Free

Phone: 718-273-7660

**Web Address: [https://casa-
belvedere.org/registeronline/](https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/)**



(Wednesday) 7:00pm–9:00pm

**La Dolce Lettura
Book Club**

**THE ITALIAN CULTURAL
FOUNDATION AT CASA
BELVEDERE**

79 Howard Avenue, Staten
Island

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$10.00; Members Free

Phone: 718-273-7660

**Web Address: [https://casa-
belvedere.org/registeronline/](https://casa-belvedere.org/registeronline/)**

(Wednesday) 7:00pm–9:00pm

Join Casa Belvedere’s new La
Dolce Lettura Book Club, where
literature lovers gather to explore
captivating stories together. Led
by AnnMarie Cicero, this “Sweet
Reading” club offers a warm and
engaging environment to dive
into rich narratives and thought-
provoking discussions about
Italian and Italian American stories.
Whether you’re a seasoned reader
or just looking to enjoy a good
book, this club is the perfect place
to connect and share the joy of
reading.

Sponsored by The Italian Cultural
Foundation at Casa Belvedere

November 7

**Vernissage:
Exhibition of
Sculptures and
Design by Antonio
Pio Saracino,
architect, Sculptor
and Designer**

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Fee: Free

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iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**

(Thursday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information
on events.

November 7 to 16**On Exhibition
Antonio Pio Saracino:
Design and Creations
Made in Italy****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**686 Park Avenue, New
YorkAdmission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free**Phone/Contact: (212) -879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it****Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**

(Thursday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information
on events.

The Italian Cultural Institute of New York is pleased to announce an extraordinary design exhibition that will highlight the work of renowned Italian designer, architect and artist Antonio Pio Saracino. The exhibition will be held from November 7 to 16, 2024, with an opening event on November 7.

Antonio Pio Saracino's art and design are celebrated globally, with works in the permanent collections of prestigious museums such as the Centre Pompidou in Paris, the Brooklyn Museum and the Museum of Art and Design in New York. This exhibition will feature a curated selection of its most innovative creations, highlighting the excellence of Italian craftsmanship and the latest technologies from the best Italian manufacturers.

November 8 to 16**Exhibition
Marco Pelle-
Presentation
Through the Frame,
Exhibition and
Costumes****IIC - ITALIAN CULTURAL
INSTITUTE**686 Park Avenue, New
YorkAdmission: Open to the Public
Fee: Free**Phone/Contact: (212) -879-
4242****Email: iicnewyork@esteri.it****Web Address: [https://
iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_
eventi/calendario/?pag=2](https://iicnewyork.esteri.it/en/gli_eventi/calendario/?pag=2)**

(Friday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information
on events.**November 8****The Uncle Louie
Variety Show
Old School
Rules****MAX'S ESCA**1559 Richmond Road,
Staten Island, NYAdmission: Open to the Public
Fee: \$49.87 After ticket purchase
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Sponsored by Tony Napoli Events
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Museum's 36th
Annual Fundraiser
Luncheon****LI GRECI'S STAATEN**
697 Forest Avenue, Staten
IslandAdmission: Open to the public: By
Reservation Only
Fee: \$100.00 per person.**Contact: Fran Cicero****Email: facfad24@verizon.net****Phone: (718) 442-1608****Museum Telephone: (718)
442-1608**

Spring 2024 – Bongiorno Productions led by Mary Lou and Jerome Bongiorno, accompanied by Cav. Anthony Julian Tamburri, Ph.D. and Comm. Joseph Sciamè at their unveiling of a production about Mother Cabrini at the Calandra Institute.



Spring 2024 – Nino Foti, a staunch supporter of Magna Grecia visits New York City at the Italian Cultural Institute, and salutes efforts of the IHCC in promoting heritage and culture.



Spring 2024 – Dedication of a room at the Italian Cultural Institute for the late Cav. Mario Fratti, a member of the IHCC Board for many years. Attending event were members of the Magna Grecia Association led by Nino Foti.



April 2024 – Staten Island Councilman David Carr shows street sign for adding Verrazzano name to area adjacent to Bridge on Staten Island. At ceremony were IHCC Board members Nancy Indelicato, Cav. Joan Marchi Migliori and Comm. Joseph Sciamme, accompanied by Joseph Gallo, a Board member of the Garibaldi Meucci Museum.

(Saturday) 12:00pm–4:00pm
Honoring Adriana Trigiani, best-selling author, award-winning playwright, television writer & producer; and filmmaker Carol Decina, chairwoman, SI Chamber of Commerce; Mark Erlenwein, principal, SI Technical HS; William Sanfilippo, Outgoing GMM Commissioner. Following the luncheon at Li Greci's Staaten, there will be a celebration at the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum for the opening of the new exhibit: "Iconic Crossings: Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge and the Pulse of 1964." While at the museum, view the path of the newly installed bricks and the Tower of Light on the grounds of the museum. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

**Opening of the Museum's New Exhibit
"Iconic Crossings: Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge and the Pulse of 1964"**

GARIBALDI-MEUCCI MUSEUM

420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: Open to public by reservation only.

Fee: Free only on November 9; \$10.00, \$5.00 members.

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(Saturday) 4:30pm
Opening day of the museum's new exhibit "Iconic Crossings: Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge and the Pulse of 1964." Celebrate the 60th Anniversary and history of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge and the historical moments and cultural highlights of 1964.

Concert with Giuseppe Buscemi (piano)

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(Saturday) 6:00pm
Visit web site for all information on events.
Giuseppe Buscemi is a pianist who has won numerous international competitions, has given concerts in Europe and the United States and has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York. Since 2021 he has been teaching guitar at several music schools in New York. A pupil of Baldo Calamusa, Giuseppe graduated under the guidance of Giovanni Puddu at the "A. Corelli" Conservatory in Messina with full marks, honors and Special Honorable Mention.
Program: Niccolò Paganini, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Giacomo Puccini, Ennio Morricone and Bruno Bettinelli.

**November 11
Seminar**

Detective stories and publishing adventures

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(Wednesday) 6:00pm
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Conversation with Anna Foa on literary genres (in particular detective stories) and the influence



April 17, 2024 – IHCC Board Members and friends of the Italian American community, head for Staten Island ferry to make symbolic trip honoring Verrazzano's arrival in NY Harbor.

of Bobi Bazlen, with particular reference to the catalogue of his drawings.

Anna Foa is one of the most acute witnesses of the Jewish reality of our time, Anna Foa is the first Jewish woman to write for *L'Osservatore Romano*. Among his publications: *Ateismo e magia*, Edizioni dell'Ateneo 1980; *Giordano Bruno, il Mulino* 1998; *Jews in Europe*.

November 12 **Symposium** **Venice and America:** **The Landscape Of** **The Republics**

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(Tuesday) 6:00 pm
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With the participation of: prof.

Federico Vallerani (UNESCO Chair Senior Researcher Water, Heritage and Sustainable Development University of Venice Cà Foscari), Count Alberto Passi de Presupolo (journalist and expert in tourism and territorial marketing), Alessandro Melis (architect of the pavilion of the Venice Biennale 2021 – professor NY Institute of Technology) – in collaboration with the Ville Venete association and ENIT.

November 12 and 26 **La Commedia di** **Dante in Italiano ON** **ZOOM**

(Tuesdays) 11:30am–12:30pm EST
Meetings are twice monthly for one hour. Dante in Italiano is going remote and will be meeting midday. In October we will be working on Purgatorio Cantos XIV and XV. Dante in Italiano is sponsored by the Società Dante Alighieri of NY. The group is dedicated to reading the entire Divina Commedia in Italian with discussion conducted in Italian. The group has been meeting since January 2018, reading each canto aloud in the original, then translating/paraphrasing the text into standard Italian as we discuss the text and related commentary.

The pace is relaxed with some cantos taking two sessions and others three or more. No deadlines. No rush. We are serious readers, but this is not an academic program. Our *Lectura Dantis* is designed for lovers of Dante and the Italian language. Everyone, of all ages and backgrounds, is welcome to join. Members of the academic, visual arts, music/opera and publishing communities are particularly welcome. All of the discussion in the Dante reading/discussion group is 100 percent in Italian. If you are interested in joining Dante in Italiano, please send an email with your phone number to danteinitalianonyc@yahoo.com. We will get back to you quickly with information and the link to join the discussion. Admission is free and open to the public. Contact is via email at anteinitalianonyc@yahoo.com.

November 13 **Fall 2024 Writers** **Read Series** **The Uniform** **(Guernica World** **Editions, 2024)** **Last Acts (Scribner,** **2024)**

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ITALIAN AMERICAN **INSTITUTE OF QUEENS** **COLLEGE/CUNY**

25 West 43rd Street, 17th Floor, Manhattan

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Admission Free & Open to the public

Web Address: <https://calandrainstitute.org>

(Wednesday) 6:00 pm
George Guida reads from *The Uniform* and Alexander Sammartino reads from *Last Acts*. Two writers explore the expectations and realities of modern masculinity. In George Guida's novel, *The Uniform* a brutal racist attack in 1950 drives Alfie Bagliato's family from their small town to New York City, where the sixteen-year-old dreams of escaping his Italian American enclave through a career in music and a romance with his cousin Adeline. All too quickly, disappointment and frustration lead Alfie to join the military, to follow Adeline to San Francisco, and then to become a New York City cop. Alexander Sammartino's satirical tale *Last Acts*, follows David Rizzo, proprietor of a failing firearms store in Phoenix, who nevertheless



has reason to feel optimistic. His son, Nick, has just recovered after a near-fatal overdose, which prompts Rizzo to use Nick's resurrection to create a television commercial for his gun emporium. Discussion led by Fred Gardaphé, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY.

(Kitchen Week)-SERIES - INGREDIENTS
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Wednesday) 6:00pm

Visit web site for all information on events. "Ingredients. The secrets of Italian cuisine"

Preserving traditions: How Italian Immigrants in the USA maintain the Mediterranean diet. The series "Ingredients/Ingredients. The series focuses on individual ingredients in order to enhance the grammar of Italian cuisine, and the source of its excellence, thanks to its extraordinary biodiversity, and "sustainable" processes. The secrets of Italian cuisine" is organized in collaboration with Professor Annamaria Colao, holder of the UNESCO-Federico II chair in Naples (PO of Endocrinology, Department of Clinical Medicine and Surgery).

Maritozzi—The Iconic Pastry of Rome

WESTCHESTER ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

1 Generoso Pope Pl, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Open to the public

Fee: \$75.00; Member \$65.00

Phone: (914) 409-6662

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Web Address: <https://www.wiccny.org/event-details/maritozzi-the-iconic-pastry-of-rome>

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(Wednesday) 6:30pm – 9:00 pm

Join Chef Tina in this part demonstration and part hands-on maritozzi making class. maritozzi are enriched brioche style rolls, flavored with orange and honey, and filled with sweetened whipped cream. Chef Tina will demonstrate how to make the brioche dough and each participant will have the opportunity to shape and fill a few. She will also show you how to shape the same dough into the classic brioche con tuppo, filled with gelato. Of course, we will have a tasting at the end of class. Antipasto & Wine will be served.

November 14
Concerto n. 9
della serie
INAUGURATION
Concert with
Cristiana Pegoraro



(piano)
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(Thursday) 6:30pm – 9:00 pm

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Program-The internationally renowned pianist Cristiana Pegoraro began her musical career at the age of 10 at the Teatro Laudamo (Messina), performing Chopin's 24 Preludes. Since then, Cristiana has received numerous national and international awards, including the Prague Best of the Year for Classical Music award in 1989 for "her great personality, strong musical temperament, mastery of phrasing and expressive ability".



April 17, 2024 – Ferry riders join IHCC delegation of board members to Borough Hall at Staten Island to honor Verrazzano.



April 17, 2024 – A special salute to Giovanni da Verrazzano 500!



April 17, 2024 – IHCC Board Members led by Comm. Joseph Sciamé arrive at Staten Island Borough Hall for 500 Verrazzano Year ceremony.

November 15

(Kitchen Week) Series - Ingredients

“Recipes in the kitchen, recipes of life”

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(Friday) 6:00pm

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THE COFFEE - Presentation of the book Recipes and Memories of Grandfather, a Mediterranean Lifestyle (Graus Edizioni, 2024) by Francesca Di Matteo

Like all grandparents, Grandpa Angelo has always had a lot to tell and teach. Born in Italy, he emigrated to America to build his future. His journey was not easy but he faced it with determination, a quality that has always distinguished him. This, therefore, is not a simple book of memories, but a real legacy of Grandfather Angelo. The recipes, to be considered hybrid due to the great Italian-American cultural influence, represent the great culinary tradition that, with great passion, the Iovine family continues to carry on. It's not just ingredients and preparations, it's a real lifestyle. The Mediterranean lifestyle by Angelo Iovine.45

November 16

Dr. Snjezana Smodlaka presentation of Michaelangelo and the Sistine Chapel

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(Saturday) 2:00pm

Born in Croatia, Dr. Snjezana Smodlaka holds a B.A. in Italian Literature and M.A. in Romance Philology from the University of Zagreb, Croatia; also M.A. and Ph.D. in Italian Literature from the Rutgers University. She taught Italian and Latin at the high school level and as an adjunct professor at Wagner College, CSI, and The Rutgers University. She has published numerous articles on Italian language and literature and presented more than forty papers on international congresses in the United States, Croatia, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Austria. For the last two decades, she broadened her research on aesthetics and intersections between Italian literature, figurative arts, and opera. She is particularly committed to bringing back Italian Renaissance and Baroque women artists from centuries-old oblivion.

Sponsoring Organization:
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November 18

Italian Children's Cooking Class Recipe: Turkey Cupcakes

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL FOUNDATION AT CASA BELVEDERE

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island, New York

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: \$70.00; Members \$60.00



Phone: (718) 273-7660

Web Address: <https://casa-belvedere.org/product/11-18-monday-turkey-cupcakes-children-class/>

(Monday) 4:00pm

Discover the joy of Italian cooking with our hands-on classes at Casa Belvedere, where you'll learn to prepare authentic dishes using traditional techniques. Join us for an unforgettable culinary experience that blends delicious flavors, cultural heritage, and expert guidance from the talented Chef Kim Leo.

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Italian Adults Cooking Class

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(Monday) 7:00 pm

Recipe: Sweet Potato Casserole & Creamed Brussels Sprouts
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SERIES - ACADEMIES Vernissage of the Exhibition curated by Giulia Abate Mucciaccia

Exhibition from 18 November to 11

December

(Monday) 6:00 pm

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Call to the arts. The exhibition will present a picture of contemporary Italian creativity, selecting students enrolled in the Italian Academies of Fine Arts.

The event is part of the activity of the Cultural Institute aimed at promoting university education and in particular the Academies. Specifically, the exhibition poses a first attempt to provide a very lively and energetic cross-section of what happens in the Academies, comparing the precious critical contributions of the Professors and the works of the artists on display. The intent of the exhibition is also to move away from a classic exhibition vision in order to generate questions and lively involvement with the public. The young student-artists authors of the works on display are: Andrea Luzi, Maurizio Pometti, Federica Gottardello, Ottavia Pompei, Kim Isul, Simone Talpa, Federica Amuro, Anastasia Norenko, Alice Romano, Viola Franchini.

November 19

SERIES - ACADEMIES

Seminar-Art and Community. Alberto Garutti and Peccioli.

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April 17, 2024 – Attendees join at Staten Island Borough Hall to salute Verrazzano 500!



April 17, 2024 – IHCC Board Members all marvel at the interior of Staten Island Borough Hall and special salute to Giovanni da Verrazzano.

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(Tuesday) 6:00pm

A seminar dedicated to Garutti and his students within the Brera Academy, enhancing their ability to affect the life of communities in a continuous and fruitful dialogue between aesthetics and sociality, through “public art”. Among the participants Paola Pivi and Alessandro Melis.

November 20

**Series - Inauguration
 Gossip - Alone, lost,
 abandoned.**

(Wednesday) 6:00pm

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Maria Grazia Calandrone, finalist of the 2023 Strega Prize, presents a tribute to Giacomo Puccini, through the monologue Sola, Perduta e Abbandonata with the accompaniment of the Umbria Ensemble string quartet conducted by Cecilia Berioli, in collaboration with the Umbria Region.



April 17, 2024 – UNICO National Past President, Cav. Ralph Contini and Michael G. Polo, National President of the OSDIA join with IHCC President Comm. Joseph Scieme.



April 17, 2024 – Members of the Italian American Leadership Forum (IALF) gather with Consul General Fabrizio Di Michele at Battery Park on the 500th Anniversary of Verrazzano's arrival in NY Harbor.



2024 Leonardo da Vinci Award by the IHCC-NY, Inc.



2024 Leonardo da Vinci Awardee Prof. Laura Sanguinetti White, Ph.D., receives the honor from the Board of the IHCC, presented by Comm. Joseph Sciamé.

November 21

SERIES - ACADEMIES Seminar and concert in collaboration with the American Academy in Rome Arts and Humanities.

(Thursday) 6:00 pm

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Conference by Emily Wilson, winner of the prestigious Mac Arthur fellowship, followed by a concert in which students of the Italian Academy will propose an innovative interpretation of the “Respighian” theme of the pines of Rome. Title of the concert: Presenting Respighi’s Legacy of Songs. World premiere recordings on Naxos Records, with Alessandra Visentin (piano) and Jonathan Salamon (piano).

60th Anniversary Celebration of the Verrazzano Bridge

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Fee: Please see website.

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(Thursday) 630 pm

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge with us as we honor this iconic landmark’s history, engineering marvel, and its role in connecting communities. Join us for a special

event featuring expert talks, dinner reception, and a look at the bridge’s impact over the past six decades.

Sponsored by the Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere

Fall 2024 Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series

Gastrofascism and Empire: Food in Italian East Africa, 1935-1941

Simone Cinotto, University of Gastronomic Sciences Pollenzo

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(Thursday) 6:00 pm

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The Italian Fascist regime envisioned transforming Ethiopia into its own granary to establish self-sufficiency to encourage demographic expansion, and to strengthen Italy’s international political position. While these plans failed, the extensive food exchanges and culinary hybridizations between Ethiopian and Italian food cultures thrived, resulting in the creation of an Ethiopian-Italian cuisine, a taste of Empire at the margins. Using a decolonizing food-studies approach and unexplored Ethiopian and Italian sources, Simone Cinotto describes the meanings of different foods for different people at various points along the imperial food chain. Exploring the subjectivities, agencies, and emotions of Ethiopians and Italians, *Gastrofascism and Empire* (Bloomsbury, 2024) goes beyond simple colonizer/colonized



May, 2024 - IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member Mary Ann Re, Ph.D., at Washington, DC Italian Cultural Center with a Sicilian delegation visiting America and attending the Gala OSDIA/SIF event. President / Chair Comm. Joseph Sciamè accompanying the visitors, members of the Palermo Chapter of the OSDIA.



2024 – A grand salute to America, Italy and Sicily.

binaries and offers a nuanced picture of lived, multisensorial experiences.

Sponsored by Calandra Italian American Institute

November 22

Award ceremony 2nd Edition New York Poetry Prize: “Italians for the future” 2024

(Thursday) 6:00 pm

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The Italian Cultural Institute of New York, together with the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute of CUNY and the General Council of Italians Abroad, awards the multi-lingual and multi-generational poetry prize for residents and citizens of the United States.

Award ceremony for the second edition of the New York Poetry Prize: “Italians for the future” 2024

(Thursday) 6:00pm

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November 23

Pat Salmon Lecture “Quarantined on Staten Island”

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Website: www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

(Saturday) 2:00pm

From 1795 to 1798, yellow fever killed thousands in New York City. In reaction, the New York City Common Council passed a quarantine law in 1799 authored by Richard Bayley, the port's first health officer. This act funded the creation of the New York Marine Hospital, and the first patients arrived in 1800. The Quarantine had capacity to house 1,500 patients. At its peak in the 1840s, the Quarantine treated more than 8,000 patients each year. By the 1850's a rigorous inspection system was in place. Newly arrived ships were boarded, and if any signs of disease were found, all passengers were unloaded at the Quarantine. Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

December 1

Experience Sicily: An Introduction to the Magic of the Island of the Sun

DOROTHEA'S HOUSE, CASA DI CULTURA ITALIANA

120 John Street, Princeton, New Jersey

Admission: Open to the public
Fee: Free; No registration is required.

Phone: (609) 924-9713

Web Address: www.dorotheashouse.org

(Sunday) 5:00pm–7:00pm; doors open at 4:45pm

Join Allison Scola, owner and curator of Experience Sicily, for an interactive presentation about travel in Sicily. During the evening, you'll garner valuable advice for navigating the region and learn insider tips. Allison will present the must-see sites, accommodation options, engaging experiences, and more. Bring your questions! Seating is first come, first served until capacity is reached.

December 7

Garibaldi-Meucci Museum's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Fee: Free

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Web Address: www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.com

(Saturday) 3:00pm

Come to the Museum's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, light refreshments, visit from Santa Claus. View the Presepio, an Italian Nativity. Shine a light on our Tree of Light at the museum in honor of a treasured friend, family member, etc. Light refreshments will be available. For further information or to buy a bulb, contact Fran.

For further information, contact Fran Cicero, facfad24@verizon.net.

Sponsored by Garibaldi-Meucci Museum

December 31

New Year's Eve Gala

(Tuesday) 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

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June - 2024 – IHCC Board Member Nancy Indelicato celebrates completion of the 2024 Bookmark



Summer 2024 – Castello di Verrazzano

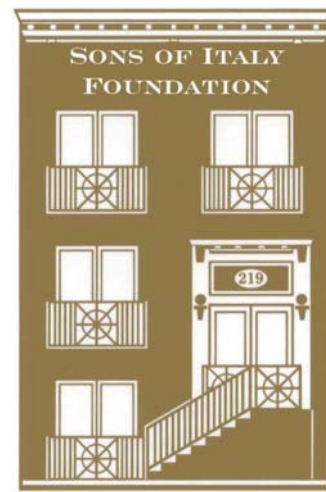


Summer 2024 – Luigi Cappellini, President da Verrazzano Foundation and IHCC Board member Lucrezia Lindia at the Castello di Verrazzano.



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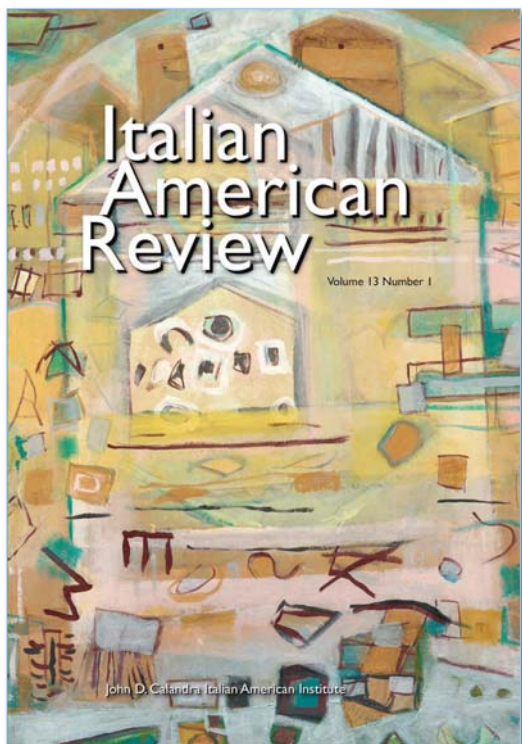
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September 2024 – Recognizing the week of 9/11 and saluting such from Liberty Island, New Jersey.



Summer 2024 – Lucrezia and Francesco at the Castello di Verrazzano.



September 2024 – IHCC President Comm. Joseph Sciamè addresses Brooklyn Chapter of Transportation Association as to cultural activities, attended by members and Cav. Josephine A. Maietta, IHCC Board member.



September 2024 – Mayor Eric Adams hosts a meeting for Italian American organization leaders and IHCC was represented.



2024 – A nostalgic look at the past with Cav. Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo.



September 22, 2024 - Ambasciatore Marieangela Zappia with Cav. Josephine Maietta following Italian Mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick for representatives of the UN and members of the Italian American community.



September 22, 2024 - Antonio Tajani, V.P. Council of Ministries, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and IHCC-NY Board Member Nancy Indelicato at Don Luigi Portando's mass for Italians at Cathedral of St. Patrick for the U.N. Italian delegation.

IHCC - NY Essay Contest October 2023



Westchester County Executive Hon. George Latimer with IHCC Members Lucrezia Lindia, Nancy Indelicato, and Westchester's Legislators.



Prof. Lindia, left, presenting the 2024 poster to Ms. Aurora Russo and her Harrison Middle School students during the ITA-AATI Poetry Contest at NYU.



October 2023, Prof. Lucrezia Lindia presents the theme poster to Gessica Roviezzo from Eastchester High School, Isabella Di Marco and Antonio Franzé from Brewster High School during the WCIAO event at Eastchester High School.



Essay Contest Winner, English Category, Leonora Hutaj, center, with Dr. Laura Ponziani from Maria Regina High School and IHCC Board of Director Prof. Lucrezia Lindia.



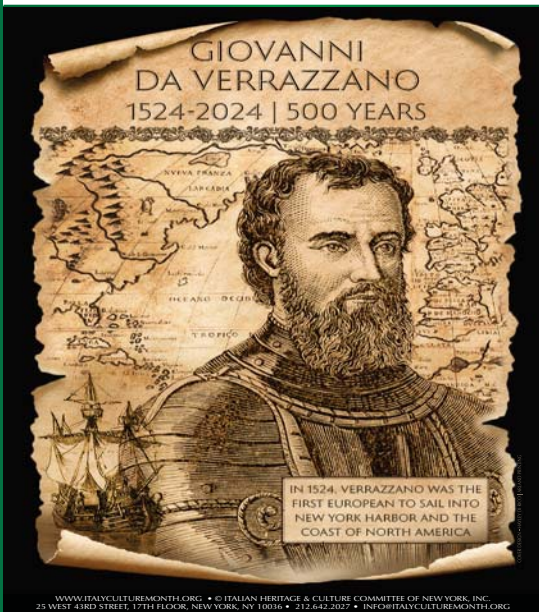
Prof. Lucrezia Lindia, on behalf of the IHCC, delivers the Monetary Award to Sofia Perez from Preston High School, one of the IHCC Essay Contest winners.



Luka Jardine, a senior from Fairfield High School, receives a monetary award from Prof. Lucrezia Lindia on behalf of the IHCC for being the winner of the essay contest in the Italian Category. They are joined by his Italian teacher, Mrs. Lynne Forte.



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Celebrating 500th Anniversary of Verrazzano's Discovery of New York Harbor

Giovanni da Verrazzano: (1485-1528), great Italian Explorer and Renaissance Humanist, born into noble family in Val di Greve, Tuscany, who under patronage of **King Francis I of France**, made three exploratory voyages west, hoping to find passage to the Far East.

1524: After a stormy departure from Europe, Verrazzano landed in present day North Carolina; turning south, then set sail up the east coast, interacting with local Native American tribes.

April 17, 1524: On his flagship *La Dauphine*, **1st European to enter present day New York Harbor! 500 years ago, and 85 years before Henry Hudson entered New York Bay in 1609!!**

First European to explore entire east coast of North America, discovering also current day Block Island and Narragansett Bay, venturing as far as Newfoundland.

1527: Second voyage, followed coast of Brazil.

1528: Explored the Florida Coast, Bahamas and Lower Antilles, encountering the indigenous Carib people, ultimately leading to his capture and death.

2024: On April 17th, **Quincentennial celebrations begin** at Battery Park statue event with the NYS Governor, Italian and French dignitaries, and the Italian American Leadership Forum; and the co-naming of a S.I. Street *Giovanni da Verrazzano Way*.

Cellere Codex: His letter to King Francis I, a detailed description of (America's) eastern coastline, including its geography, with its flora and fauna; its inhabitants, including their appearances, customs, traditions, societal structure, led to a definitive world map and sociological understanding of the New World, guiding future explorers. A rare manuscript copy of his Codex is in the Morgan Library and Museum in New York City, along with one of the earliest world globes, depicting the world according to Verrazzano's exploration.

His legacy lives on in his estate, where the Cappellini family purchased and restored the *Castello* and the ancient vineyards, preserving the Verrazzano history.

April 17 and the Commemorative Year 2024: Important dates for Verrazzano, New York, North America, France, Italy, and the world!

Celebrating Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge 60th Anniversary.



Imagine Verrazzano on the bow of his small, three masted *La Dauphine* carrack, entering New York Bay in 1524...and in 2024, 500 years after his discovery and 60 years after the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge's inauguration...spectators, mid bridge, 228 feet up from the high tide, experiencing the same historic view!

The Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge spans the tidal straight that connects New York Harbor to the Atlantic Ocean, and Brooklyn to Staten Island, at the mouth of the Hudson River.

A Long Way from Idea to Reality: A crossing, tunnel or bridge, first proposed in 1920s. Construction began on August 13, 1959; **Upper Level:** Opened, November 21, 1964, and at that time, was the longest suspension bridge in the world. **Lower Level:** Opened, June 28, 1969.

Champions of the Bridge: Robert Moses, Urban Planner & Chairman of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority; New York City Mayor William O'Dwyer proposed "Liberty Bridge"; Governor W. Averell Harriman signed \$600 million spending bill and authorized construction of the bridge; Gov. Nelson D. Rockefeller put the name "Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge" into law, albeit misspelled. He officiated at its inauguration.

Champion of the Bridge's Name: John N. LaCorte, Director, Italian Historical Society of America, first proposed the Verrazzano name in 1951 when a bridge discussion began. He successfully advocated for the Verrazzano statue to be moved from storage and placed in Battery Park, NYC. He succeeded in naming April 17 **Verrazzano Day**. LaCorte lobbied for several years to firmly establish the Verrazzano Bridge name, against all opposition, through his historical knowledge and commitment to preserving Italian culture and history.

October 1, 2018: Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the bill correcting the misspelling of Verrazzano by the addition of a second "z" to new road signs.

November 21, 2024: **60th Anniversary of the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge Celebrations** in New York.

Facts and Trivia: Designer: Othmar Ammann; Engineers: Leopold Just and others at Ammann and Whitney; Brooklyn Harris Structural Company; Tons of Bethlehem Steel used; 1,200 workers a day, for 5 years - 10,000 individuals over 5 years; 2 levels, 13 lanes; Length: 13,700 feet, Width: 103 feet, Height: 693 feet; 1 million bolts, 3 million rivets! Thousands cross daily; opened up Staten Island to families/businesses.

The Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge: The Gateway to New York!
A tribute to the Italian discoverer of New York Harbor, mapping it to share with the world. A tribute to the Italian Americans who fought to preserve the Verrazzano legacy, Italian heritage & culture.

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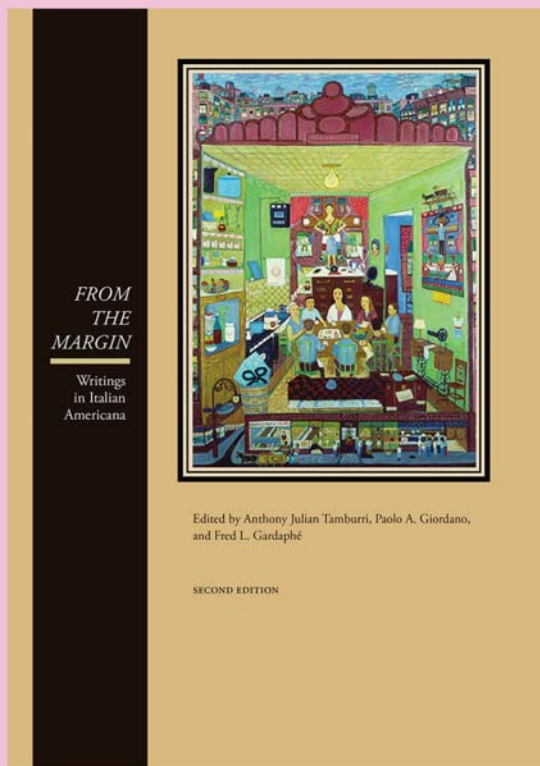
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THEME POSTERS AS SEEN BY YEAR

Below is a chronological listing representing the array of themes designed throughout the 48 year history of the IHCC-NY, Inc. to celebrate Italian heritage:

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| 2024 Verrazzano 500! | Composer |
| 2023 The Joys of Learning Italian | 2000 Italy in the Year 2000: Italian Heritage and Cultural Roots at the Threshold of the New Millennium |
| 2022 Celebrating Italian & Italian American Nobel Prize Laureates. | 1999 The Italians of New York: Five Centuries of Struggle and Achievement |
| 2021 DANTE 700! Celebrating the Genius of Dante; The Great Poet Who Unified Through Language. | 1998 New York City at 100: Italian Americans Commemorate the Immigrant Experience (Patria e famiglia) |
| 2020 Fellini 100! | 1997 The Voyages of Giovanni Caboto: 500th Anniversary |
| 2019 Matera 2019: European Capital of Culture, Past, Present, Future | 1996 Italy and its Regions (L'Italia delle Regioni) |
| 2018 A Salute to Italian Women in America: Breaking Barriers...From Ellis Island to The Present | 1995 Guglielmo Marconi: Centennial of the Radio |
| 2017 Celebrating Italian Americans in Cinema and Theater: Saluting Actors & Directors | 1994 Italian Americans in Law: From Beccaria to Scalia |
| 2016 Celebrating 40 Years of Italian Culture in America | 1993 The Legacy of Italy's Artistic and Cultural Contributions to the World |
| 2015 Italian Creativity: Celebrating 50 Years of Science and Technology; New York World's Fair 1965 – Expo Milano 2015 | 1992 Cristoforo Colombo 500th Anniversary: The Legacy Lives On |
| 2014 Celebrating the Italian American Experience Legends and Icons in Sports | 1991 Italian Americans: The Legacy of Cristoforo Colombo |
| 2013 Year of Italian Culture in the United States | 1990 William Paca: Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Jurist, 3 times Governor of the State of Maryland |
| 2012 Amerigo to America: Amerigo Vespucci 1452-1512 | 1989 Italians Reaching Out: Antonio Meucci, Inventor of the Telephone, Mother Cabrini, Missionary of the Immigrants |
| 2011 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy | 1988 Lorenzo Da Ponte/Academia |
| 2010 Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician | 1987 Year of the U.S. Constitution: Mazzei and the Italian Contribution |
| 2009 Galileo Galilei: Father of Modern Astronomy
Giuseppe Petrosino: Italian American Crime Fighter 1860-1909 | 1986 Year of Lady Liberty |
| 2008 Andrea Palladio: Architect for the Ages 1508-1580
Antonio Meucci:
The True Inventor of the Telephone 1808-2008 | 1985 Building America |
| 2007 Giuseppe Garibaldi: Eroe dei Due Mondi/Hero of Two Worlds 1807-2007 | 1984 Year of the Etruscans |
| 2006 Celebrating the Italian Genius: The Leonardo DaVinci Legacy | 1983 Italian Culture Week |
| 2005 Giuseppe Mazzini: The Political Idealist of the Italian Struggle for Independence | 1982 Italian Culture Week |
| 2004 Amerigo Vespucci | 1981 Italian Festival of the Arts |
| 2003 Focus on Italian Opera | 1980 Italian Culture Week |
| 2002 Constantino Brumidi: Artist of the United States Capitol | 1979 Italian Culture Week |
| 2001 Giuseppe Verdi: A Tribute to Italy's Patriotic | 1978 Italian Week, Board of Education of New York |
| | 1977 Italian Culture Week |
| | 1976 Italian Culture Week |

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Year 2024–2025

Giovanni da Verrazzano 500 Years Anniversary
Celebrating Italian Heritage Month 2024-2025
IS 201 in Brooklyn
Principal Robert Ciulla

This October, Signora Amodeo and her Italian dual-language students at IS 201 are excited to celebrate Italian Heritage Month with a series of special activities that highlight the richness of Italian culture. We will be making fresh pasta at Green Apron in Brooklyn, offering our students a hands-on experience in Italian culinary traditions. In addition, we will visit the Garibaldi Meucci Museum in Staten Island to deepen our understanding of Italian American history and contributions.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the AIAE- Association of Italian American Educators, whose guidance, especially from Cav. Josephine A. Maietta, has been an instrumental support of our program. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Verrazzano's exploration with our students, we will read Author Maria V. Matson's complimentary copy of "Verrazzano's Voyages: His Story in a Story".

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Verrazzano 500 years
October 1-29

Fourth and Fifth graders will create posters of the Verrazzano Bridge, and share their traveling to locations that the bridge leads to.
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October 2-31

Italian Heritage and Culture Trivia Contest
Every week students (Fourth and Fifth graders) will be given a set of questions about Italian Heritage and Culture and experience "Giovanni

da Verrazzano" They will submit their answers virtually through Google classroom. The winners will be announced over the school's radio channel and be a guest on WRHU Radio "Sabato Italiano"

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Saturdays in October

WRHU Radio Hofstra University/UNESCO
"Sabato Italiano" 12-2 pm

Every Saturday, during the month of October, students of any level, will be guests (as every year) during the Italian radio program and share their knowledge and joy of learning Italian and speak about C. Columbus and G. da Verrazzano
WRHU.org or WRHU free App or 88.7FM from 12 2 pm

October 5

The Italian Fairy, Simona Rodano, in October will discuss her new book for children entitled "I Tre Exploratori". The book focuses on the adventures of historical explorers: Marco Polo, Christopher Columbus, and Giovanni da Verrazzano on the Italian program "Sabato Italiano" of Hofstra University on 88.7FM from 12-2 pm or on WRHU.org or WRHU free App

October 19

WRHU Radio Hofstra
Prof. Stanislao Pugliese will be a guest on "Sabato Italiano" between 12-2 pm and briefly talk about "Verrazzano, the Great Man in History."
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October 18 - May 1, 2025

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October 23-26

AIAE, Association of Italian America Educators
Exhibit of drawings of the Verrazzano Bridge

of students from different schools, and of the renowned Scholar Artist Elena Moryl, selected by Newsday.
Seventh St. Café - Garden City
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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.

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Garibaldi-Meucci Museum High School Holiday Art Contest December 4

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The Garibaldi Meucci Museum and Italian Cultural Center of Staten Island is a Historic House Museum and was the home of Giuseppe Garibaldi and Antonio Meucci.

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Each year the Ponte Scholarship students meet with Bocelli's Composer, Paolo Marioni, Doady Giugliano and local dignitaries. They sang popular Italian songs and learned the song "Sabato Italiano" written by Marioni for Josephine's radio program, Global Diaspora AIAE Network on WRHU, Hofstra University, UNESCO AWARD.

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