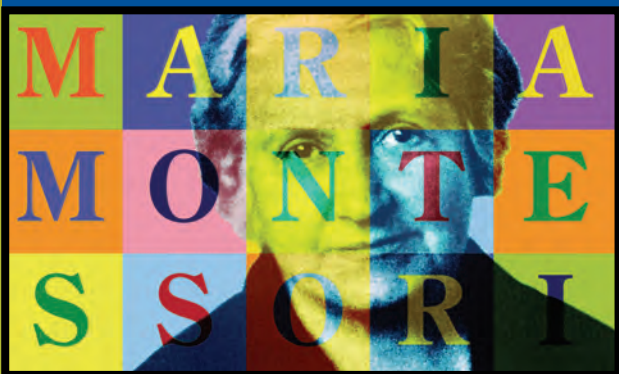


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# A Message from the President/Chairperson

October 2010



Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 34<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month. This year the Board of Directors has selected the theme: *A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician.*

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee, New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) joins the world in celebrating the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. As a result of Dr. Montessori's work in psychiatry, she developed an interest in the treatment of special needs children. Her pioneering Montessori methodology continues to be utilized by educators in elementary schools throughout the world. This year's theme also provides our community to celebrate our Italian-American sisters of great accomplishment. As we move forward in recognizing Dr. Montessori, we are confident that the various organizations which have historically recognized Italian Americans during the month of October will especially think about the indelible mark women of Italian ancestry have made to society-at-large.

At this time, I thank all who have suggested and prepared the final work towards the various posters, bookmarks, pamphlets, and solicitation of programs for the booklet of activities for October 2010, all of which can be found as well on our web site. Our publications are provided through the generosity of benefactors, among which are the Columbus Citizens Foundation, the Office of the Consulate General of Italy in New York and many other individuals and contributors.

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 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!

Grazie a tutti e buon divertimento!

*Joseph Sciame*

(Cav.) Uff. Joseph Sciame

President/Chairperson

Mese della Cultura Italiana

Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York,

Inc.

**ITALIAN HERITAGE and CULTURE  
COMMITTEE NEW YORK, INC.**

**Mission Statement**

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 the Italian Heritage and Culture Month activities annually;
- 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 of New York, Inc. will conduct, sponsor 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, cultural groups and other entities.

## **Programs**

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

**Adopted 7-14-09**

**History of Italian Heritage and Culture Month  
Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Culture  
Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.)**

New York's Italian Heritage and Culture Month will be celebrating its thirty-fourth anniversary this year, 2010. The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) has provided more than three decades of special events, concerts, exhibits, lectures, and proclamations to celebrate and 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 Italian and Italian American culture.

It is important to recognize from a historical perspective that in the spring of 1976, NYC Mayor Abraham Beame, proclaimed the first "Italian Culture Week," from May 17 to 23. The idea for such progress was proposed to Dr. Leo Bernardo, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Languages, who was easily persuaded of the value and importance of this project. Dr. Bernardo appointed Dr. Gimondo as citywide coordinator, resulting in the first celebration of Italian Culture Week under the auspices of the Bureau of Foreign Languages of the Board of Education of the City of New York. Nine years later, in 1985, the festivities moved to October, to coincide with various Columbus Day celebrations. By then, a week had become too short to encompass the range of programs so the week was transformed to "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 in issuing proclamations in recognition of the heritage and culture of Italians and Italian Americans.

This pioneering month long celebration was conceptualized by Dr. Angelo Gimondo, then President of the Italian Bilingual Educators Association and Superintendent of School District 30 in the Borough of Queens, NYC. Dr. Gimondo, honored by the Italian Government on several occasions

including that 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. Dr. Gimondo located like minded enthusiasm in Rosamaria Riccio Pietanza, then President of the Italian Teachers Association. Together they gathered numbers of educators and administrators with an interest in language and culture, many of whom continue to be presently involved with the IHCC-NY, Inc.

Soon, after inception, the idea to dedicate each year's event to a specific theme or personality representative of the history and culture of Italy and Italian Americans was conceived. Dr. Gimondo retired as founder and president of the IHCC-NY, Inc. in December 2006, after 30 years of outstanding leadership and leaving an important legacy that continues today. He presently serves on the Board as a prime collaborator and advisor.

Commencing in January 2007, Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame, Vice-President for Community Relations at St. John's University, past president of the national Order Sons of Italy in America, and an IHCC-NY, Inc. Board member for the three decade history, was elected President/Chair of the Board of Directors. Under his leadership the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY, Inc. continues to be composed of eminent representatives of New York's Italian and Italian American community. Each year the Board of Directors selects a new theme and then proceeds to create a theme poster and publish a Calendar of Events. The role of the Board of Directors continues to promote, coordinate, and manage the month long celebration. The themes are herein included for review and historical importance, and represent many individuals, concepts and events that have memorialized the Italian and Italian American movement.

In addition to its efforts to promote heritage and culture, as well as the annual Da Vinci Award ceremonies conferred upon distinguished Italian and Italian American personages, the IHCC-NY,

Inc. has sponsored a concert in Washington Square Park in honor of the 100 year birth of Giuseppe Garibaldi; organized a special anniversary gathering on the occasion of the 200th Birthday of Antonio Meucci, the true inventor of the telephone; mounted an international art exhibit from Palermo, Sicily by Rosa Ponte Fucarino; 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 advancing the cause of the Advanced Placement exam in Italian at high schools in the USA; saluted the lifetime achievements of the late Rocco Caporale, Ph.D., former Board Member; hosted a special tribute to international playwright Dott. Cav. Mario Fratti for his recognition of the play and movie *Nine*; and participated in annual flag raising ceremonies at Bowling Green, the site of the arrival of the first Italian to the New York shores.

The IHCC-NY, Inc.'s role in concert with the Office of the Consulate General, under the leadership of Hon. Francesco Maria Talò, and in collaboration with the American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) and the Italian American Committee on Education (IACE), has been strengthened to achieve common goals in education, heritage, culture, language, diplomatic respect and increased understanding of "Italianita" legacy. In fact, for many years the various activities have been supported by each of the Consul Generals of Italy, as well as the Director of Istituto Italiano di Cultura di New York, currently under the leadership of Dott. Riccardo Viale.

Today, owing to the work of the IHCC-NY, Inc., a multitude of programs and events are 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, other states such as Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Washington D.C., Wisconsin, and several others, have worked to follow the lead of the

IHCC-NY, Inc. and enhanced their activities in their respective states for the month of October.

For the year 2010, the Board of Directors determined that it be appropriate in its role to recognize Italians and Italian Americans, by saluting Dr. Maria Montessori, an internationally renowned educator, physician and humanitarian. By recognizing her, all Italian and Italian American women are saluted for their professional and personal achievements.

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- 2009 *Galileo Galilei: Father of Modern Astronomy  
Giuseppe Petrosino: Italian American Crime  
Fighter 1860-1909*
- 2008 *Andrea Palladio: Architect for the Ages  
1508-1580  
Antonio Meucci: The True Inventor of the  
Telephone 1808-2008*
- 2007 *Giuseppe Garibaldi: Eroe dei Due Mondi/  
Hero of Two Worlds 1807-2007*
- 2006 *Celebrating the Italian Genius:  
The Leonardo DaVinci Legacy*
- 2005 *Giuseppe Mazzini: The Political Idealist of  
the Italian Struggle for Independence*

- 2004 *Amerigo Vespucci*
- 2003 *Focus on Italian Opera*
- 2002 *Constantino Brumidi:  
Artist of the United States Capitol*
- 2001 *Giuseppe Verdi: A Tribute to Italy's  
Patriotic Composer*
- 2000 *Italy in the Year 2000: Italian Heritage and  
Cultural Roots at the  
Threshold of the New Millennium*
- 1999 *The Italians of New York: Five Centuries of  
Struggle and Achievement*
- 1998 *New York City at 100: Italian Americans  
Commemorate the Immigrant  
Experience (Patria e famiglia)*
- 1997 *The Voyages of Giovanni Caboto:  
500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*
- 1996 *Italy and its Regions (L'Italia delle Regioni)*
- 1995 *Guglielmo Marconi: Centennial of the Radio*
- 1994 *Italian Americans in Law: From Beccaria to  
Scalia*
- 1993 *The Legacy of Italy's Artistic and Cultural  
Contributions to the World*
- 1992 *Cristoforo Colombo 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The  
Legacy Lives On*
- 1991 *Italian Americans: The Legacy of Cristoforo  
Colombo*
- 1990 *William Paca: Signer of the Declaration of  
Independence, Jurist, 3 times  
Governor of the State of Maryland*

- 1989 *Italians Reaching Out: Antonio Meucci,  
Inventor of the Telephone, and  
Mother Cabrini, Missionary of the Immigrants*
- 1988 *Lorenzo Da Ponte/Academia*
- 1987 *Year of the U.S. Constitution: Mazzei and the  
Italian Contribution*
- 1986 *Year of Lady Liberty*
- 1985 *Building America*
- 1984 *Year of the Etruscans*
- 1983 *Italian Culture Week*
- 1982 *Italian Culture Week*
- 1981 *Italian Festival of the Arts*
- 1980 *Italian Culture Week*
- 1979 *Italian Culture Week*
- 1978 *Italian Week, Board of Education of New York*
- 1977 *Italian Culture Week*
- 1976 *Italian Culture Week*

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*Nine*  
on the Occasion of the Pre-Oscar Celebration  
and

Louis Tallarini,  
DaVinci Award Recipient



Left to right: Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame, President/Chairperson, IHCC-NY, Inc., Cav. Prof. Mario Fratti, Tony Award winning Playwright and IHCC-NY, Inc. Board Member, Consul Laura Aghilarre, Louis Tallarini, Chairman, The Columbus Citizens Foundation, Inc.



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

*Whereas*, a celebration of pride and acknowledgment of a nation's place in history draws New Yorkers together and, during the month of October, we join to observe this 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month as a means of preserving a wonderful legacy of contributions made by those of Italian ancestry, the benefits of which we derive today and that future generations will always know; and

*Whereas*, throughout civilization, the contributions of women have improved the lives of people around the globe, and we take this opportunity to honor the life and legacy of a remarkable Italian woman of impressive achievement with "*A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*," celebrating her inspiring personal story, tremendous vision, and proven accomplishments through which she advanced the course of all humankind, making an especially permanent and lasting mark on the field of education – one that remains as strong as ever today; and

*Whereas*, born in 1870 in Chiaravalle in the Italian province of Ancona, bordering the Adriatic coast, Maria Montessori was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree; working in the fields of Psychiatry, Education and Anthropology, her greatest contribution was in revolutionizing views and perceptions of the learning process for children, and through the

now famous Montessori program and method she pioneered, Dr. Montessori established an entirely new and unprecedented philosophy for applied strategies in teaching children, built upon encouraging a child's independent work as well as fostering cooperative group work with his or her classroom peers; and

*Whereas*, Dr. Montessori truly broke barriers in education and in defining the given gender roles and expectations that prevailed during her time, as she showed leadership and independence in thought, developing and acting upon her theories for teaching children most effectively and applying them in practice – and today we appreciate and value her understanding of the benefits of education through association on various levels, rather than through instructing children in the traditional classroom setting and providing the limited experience of a single teacher, therefore, helping to develop the limitless potential of each child; and

*Whereas*, for her historic work and achievements in education that forever changed the course of progress in schools around the world and that advanced the modern process of learning, and for her efforts to expand the boundaries and accessibility of education for people in underdeveloped regions of the world, Dr. Montessori earned international recognition and today remains a source of pride in the Italian homeland, and we join to pay tribute to this woman of great intellect and boundless consideration, whose chief desire was to benefit future generations through greater opportunities for learning and growth, and so we commemorate Dr. Maria Montessori for setting free the potential of many students who have found and continue to find success through her methodology and who have made significant strides in every area of endeavor, and we solemnly remember her vast contributions to the betterment of our society as a whole; and

*Whereas*, a source of pride, admiration and honor for the worldwide Italian community, Dr. Maria Montessori's name is revered among many who represent the best that Italy gave the world, as she brought further glory to a country and people that have

enriched our lives with countless contributions in all areas, including the arts, sciences, education, business and industry, and whose work is of lasting value and importance, remaining one of the most cherished aspects of a cultural heritage that our entire State and Nation celebrates, as the spirit of Italian genius is a wonderful and timeless gift that is certain to endure throughout the centuries;

*Now, Therefore,* I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

## ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

in the Empire State.



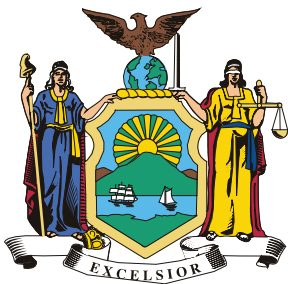
*Given* under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of October in the year two thousand ten.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Schwartz".

Secretary to the Governor



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## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. is hosting a series of events marking the 34<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month, which honors Italy's extraordinary contributions to world civilization; and

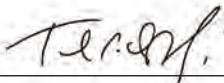
***WHEREAS***, Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952), a pioneering educator and physician, became the first female doctor in Italy, and developed an innovative approach to education while experimenting with techniques which enabled special needs children to succeed and thrive, and Dr. Montessori opened her own school, Casa dei Bambini, in 1907 to explore the possibilities of children's spontaneous self-development further; and

***WHEREAS***, as Dr. Maria Montessori refined her method for use with children of all ages and dispositions over the course of 40 years, she acquired an international reputation, and Montessori schools--emphasizing the child's competence to make decisions, the boundless absorbency of the young mind and the value of child-sized microcosms for learning--continue to unleash the potentials of children around the world today; now let it be

**PROCLAIMED**, that State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli does hereby recognize and applaud the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Maria Montessori; and be it further

**PROCLAIMED**, that during this month of October, two thousand ten, Comptroller DiNapoli does join with the people of New York in honoring the remarkable achievements of generations of Italians and Italian Americans, and celebrating the rich legacy bequeathed to us by them.



  
Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller



CITY OF NEW YORK



**P**roclamation

***WHEREAS:*** In observing October as National Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month, the Council of the City of New York unites to foster a greater appreciation of the extraordinary roles Italian and Italian-Americans have played in shaping New York City and the world. On this occasion, we are proud to pay tribute to an organization that has excelled in that same mission: the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc.; and

***WHEREAS:*** The Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) consists of a group of leaders in the greater New York Italian and Italian American community, who develop and create a series of posters, bookmarks, pamphlets and a booklet of program activities for Italian-American Heritage Month. Each October, the Committee highlights Italian history, culture, language and accomplishments through proclamations at every level of government and coordinates lectures, seminars, concerts, exhibits, theatrical presentations and other events related to its annual theme; and

***WHEREAS:*** This year, the IHCC-NY, Inc. celebrates its 34th annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month with the theme: “A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician,” which honors not only Dr. Montessori, but all Italian and Italian-American women; and

**WHEREAS:** *Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. Working in the fields of Psychiatry, Education and Anthropology, her greatest contribution was in revolutionizing the way one views how children learn. Through the Montessori program or method, allowing the child to work independently and with peers, rather than being traditionally taught solely by the teacher, she developed each child's maximum potential. Today, hundreds of schools worldwide use the Montessori method with great success; and*

**WHEREAS:** *We commend the members of the IHCC-NY, Inc. for their longstanding commitment and contributions to the success of Italian-American Heritage Month. Because of their dedicated efforts, all Americans have a greater appreciation for the Italians and Italian-Americans who have made New York City such an extraordinary place to live; now, therefore*

**BE IT KNOWN:** *That the Council of the City of New York most gratefully recognizes the*

*Italian Heritage & Culture Committee  
of New York, Inc.*

*for its outstanding service and contributions to the  
community.*

*Signed this 1st day of October in the year Two  
Thousand and Ten.*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Quinn', is written above the printed name.

CHRISTINE C. QUINN,  
Speaker

For the Entire Council

Members of the Italian American Caucus  
City Council of New York

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Council Member, 13th District  
Bronx

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Minority Leader, 50th District  
Staten Island

VINCENT M. IGNIZIO  
Council Member, 51st District  
Staten Island

**Ruben Diaz, Jr.**

**President of the Borough of  
The Bronx**

*Presents this*

# **Proclamation**

*The Italian Heritage and Culture Month has been celebrated for more than a quarter century with special events, exhibits, lectures and proclamations to commemorate Italy's history and culture; and*

***Whereas:*** The 34<sup>th</sup> Italian Heritage and Culture Month is being celebrated city-wide in honor of Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician; and

***Whereas:*** I extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. and its dedicated members for keeping alive the legacy of the Italian culture.

***Now, therefore, I, Ruben Diaz Jr., President of the Borough of The Bronx, pay tribute to our Italian-American community and the cultural political, and scientific contributions Italian-Americans have made to our great***

*borough, city and country. I do hereby proclaim  
October 2010 as*

*“Italian Heritage and  
Culture Month”*



*Ruben Diaz Jr.*

Ruben Diaz Jr.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
CITY OF NEW YORK

# Proclamation

*Whereas, Brooklyn is still, and will always be, one of the largest Italian-American centers in the United States – and the largest when we include the residents of Brooklyn’s southwestern suburb: Staten Island – it is most fitting to recognize our Italian-American community and take note of the important cultural, culinary, political, and social aspects of Italian heritage that have greatly enriched the quality of life in our borough; and*

*Whereas, in honor of the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Italian Heritage and Culture Month –and in recognition of Dr. Maria Montessori, internationally renowned physician, educator, philosopher and humanitarian–Brooklyn residents gather to celebrate the rich Italian heritage found throughout our great borough, and to pay tribute to the distinguished citizens of Italian descent who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of our borough, state and nation from unsurpassed restaurants to all areas of public service and beyond; and*

*Whereas, benvenuti é saluti dai due milione e mezzo di cittadini di Brooklyn, cuore della communita Italiana in America; President and Chairman Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciamè, and the officers and members of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., I salute and commend Dr. Maria Montessori– the first woman in Italy*

*to receive a medical degree, with her greatest contribution being in revolutionizing the way children learn—and our borough’s proud Italian-American community, as we honor and acknowledge the great significance of their contributions during Italian Heritage and Culture Month;*

*Now, therefore, I, Marty Markowitz, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010*

***Italian Heritage and Culture Month  
in Brooklyn, USA***

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Brooklyn to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2010.*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Markowitz", is written over a horizontal line.

President of the Borough of Brooklyn



Office of the Manhattan Borough President  
City of New York

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, We are proud to commemorate those cultures that preserve the diversity of our City and foster the multifaceted identity that has so enriched our civic identity; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State is home to more Italian Americans than any other state in the union, and the proud influence of Italian culture on our city is one that we hold in great regard; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian Heritage and Culture Celebration Month affords us an opportunity each year to reflect on the contributions of Italians and Italian Americans to the culture of New York, just as this year we will honor the life and accomplishments of renowned physician, educator, philosopher and humanitarian Dr. Maria Montessori; and

**WHEREAS**, New York is made strong by an appreciation for and celebration of our many cultural influences, and we are grateful to the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. for all of its work putting together this year's events and programs;

*now*, therefore, I, Scott M. Stringer, hereby declare this October 2010

**“Italian Heritage & Culture  
Celebration Month”**  
in the Borough of Manhattan.

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Stringer".

Scott M. Stringer  
President, Borough  
of Manhattan

# Proclamation

## *GREETING:*

***Whereas,*** the theme of this year's Italian Heritage and Culture Month celebration recognizes Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician; and

***Whereas,*** she was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree; and

***Whereas,*** through the founding of the Montessori education program, children are able to reach their maximum learning potential; and

***Whereas,*** this year's theme also celebrates the accomplishments of all Italian and Italian American women.

***Now,*** therefore, I, Helen M. Marshall, President of the Borough of Queens in the City of New York, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 as

# ITALIAN HERITAGE & CULTURE MONTH

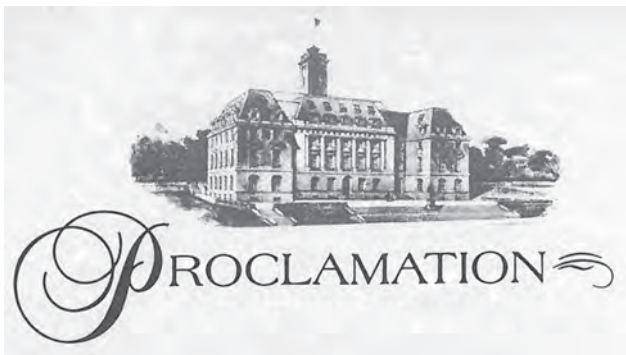
**In Queens.**

**Done at Queens Borough Hall, Kew Gardens,  
in the City of New York, on this the first day of  
October in the year two thousand and ten.**



*Helen M. Marshall*

*President of the Borough of Queens*



***Whereas:*** *Staten Island is home to more Italian-Americans than any other county in the United States of America, and enjoys a sister-city relationship with the Tuscan city of Crespina, Italy; and*

***Whereas:*** *To celebrate the myriad contributions Italian-Americans have made to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of our City, State, and Nation, the Borough President's Office created Staten Island's Columbus Day Parade in 1991, which has become a favorite October tradition down New Dorp Lane for all those who are Italian-American, or just Italian at heart; and*

***Whereas:*** *The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., celebrates its 34<sup>th</sup> annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month this October with the theme: "A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician"; and*

***Whereas:*** *Staten Islanders of all ethnic backgrounds applaud Italian-American New Yorkers for their commitment to sharing the wonders of Italian culture with us, for their status as model citizens, and for their remarkable record of service to our City,*

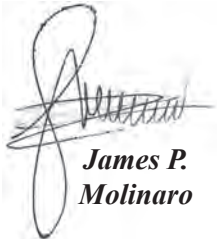
***NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES P. MOLINARO  
President of the Borough of Staten Island, by  
virtue of the power and authority vested in me  
by the laws of the City and State of New York, do  
hereby proclaim the Month of October 2010 as***

# ***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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of Our Lord,  
Two Thousand and Ten.***



***James P.  
Molinaro***

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

2010 Official Events and  
Proclamation Ceremonies

**Staten Island Borough President James P.  
Molinaro's Italian Heritage and Culture Month  
Ceremony**

**October 3 11:00 am**

Ceremony celebrating Italian Heritage and Culture Month honoring a distinguished Staten Island resident. Sponsored by Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro.

New Dorp High School

465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island

Admission: (by invitation only)

Contact: Joanne Nuzzo (718) 816-2133; Fax: (718) 816-2376

*jnuzzo@statenislandus.com*

**Annual Staten Island Columbus Day Parade**

**October 3 12:00 pm**

Grand Marshal, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano will lead annual parade with Borough President James P. Molinaro and community residents. Sponsored by Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro.

Beginning at New Dorp High School, New Dorp Lane and Mill Road, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Joanne Nuzzo (718) 816-2133

*jnuzzo@statenislandusa.com*

**Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz's  
Italian Heritage and Culture Month  
Proclamation Ceremony**

**October 7 6:00 pm**

The Honorable Marty Markowitz, Brooklyn Borough President, will host a proclamation ceremony in honor of Italian Heritage and Culture Month. Sponsored by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Brooklyn Borough Hall

209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn

Admission: open to the public (reservations required)

Contact: Camille Socci (718) 802-4047  
*csocci@brooklynbp.ny.gov*

**Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz's  
Italian American Heritage and Culture Month  
Celebration**

**October 14 6:00 pm**

The Honorable Ruben Diaz, Bronx Borough President, invites you to the official Bronx celebration of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month saluting Italian and Italian American women and honoring Dr. Maria Montessori. Sponsored by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz and hosted by The Bronx Tourism Council and the Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx Zoo.

Schiff Family Great Hall at the Bronx Zoo

2300 Southern Boulevard, Bronx

Parking available at the Southern Boulevard

Entrance located at East 182<sup>nd</sup> Street

Admission: free; space is limited; RSVP is required

Contact: Sonia Malave (718) 590-3989

*smalave@BRONXBP.NYC.GOV*

**Manhattan Borough President Scott M.  
Stringer's Proclamation Celebration and  
Reception for Italian Heritage and Culture  
Month**

**Date to be announced**

Manhattan Borough President, Hon. Scott M.

Stringer, celebrates the accomplishment of

Dr. Maria Montessori and her contribution to

America's educational system with a ceremony

honoring distinguished honorees with a special

salute to Italian and Italian American women for

their contributions to Italian heritage, culture

and education in New York City. Sponsored by

Manhattan Borough President, Scott M. Stringer, in

collaboration with the Italian Heritage and Culture

Committee of New York, Inc.

Location TBA

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Nancy Indelicato (212) 662-8264 or Maggi Peyton (212) 669-2728

*naindel@hotmail.com; mpeyton@manhattan Bp.org*

**Queens Borough President Helen Marshall's  
Italian Heritage and Culture Ceremony**

**October 26 6:30 pm**

An annual tribute to the year's theme to honor the contributions of Dr. Maria Montessori, Hon. Helen M. Marshall, Queens Borough President, presents awards to distinguished individuals in the Borough of Queens. Sponsored by the Office of the Borough President and coordinated by the Italian Heritage and Culture Month Committee of Queens.

St. John's University Marillac Terrace

8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, New York

Contact: Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame (718) 990-1941  
or (718) 990-5892

*sciamej@stjohns.edu*

**New York State Comptroller's Salute to  
Dr. Maria Montessori**

**Date to be announced**

New York State Comptroller, Hon. Thomas P. DiNapoli, will hold a special Salute to 2010's Italian Heritage and Culture Month theme *A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*.

St John's University – Manhattan Campus

The Atrium

101 Murray Street at West Street, Manhattan

Admission: (by invitation only)

Contact: Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame (718) 990-1941)

*sciamej@stjohns.edu*

## **Borough Contact Persons**

Posters, bookmarks and Calendar of Events can be acquired by contacting the following persons:

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610 East 186<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10458  
(718) 933-6410

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UFT Bronx Borough Office  
2500 Halsey Street  
Bronx, NY 10461  
(718) 379-6200

### **Brooklyn**

#### **Anthony Sclafani**

UFT Brooklyn Borough Office  
335 Adams Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 852-4900

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686 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10021  
(212) 879-4242

#### **Rosaria Musco Talone**

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25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor  
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52 Broadway, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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(212) 598-7771

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Vice President for Community Relations  
St. John's University, Administration Building  
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Queens, NY 11439  
(718) 990-1486/1941

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97-77 Queens Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Rego Park, NY 11374  
(718) 275-4400

**Angie Markham**

Federation of the Italian American Organizations of  
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29-21 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Astoria, NY 11105  
(718) 204-2444

**Staten Island**

**John Dabbene**

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420 Tompkins Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10305  
(718) 442-1608

**John Robilotti**

UFT Staten Island Borough Office  
4456 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312  
(718) 605-1400

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AIAE, AATI-LI

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580 Woodbury Road

Plainview, NY 11791

516-364-5798

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Executive Director

Westchester Italian Cultural Center

Generoso Pope Place

Tuckahoe, NY 10707

(914) 771-8700

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**Mary Ann Re, Ph.D.**

Director

Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in  
America

One Normal Avenue

Dickson Hall, Suite 171

Montclair, NJ 07043

(973) 655-4038

**The Board of Directors of the  
Italian Heritage and Culture Committee  
of New York, Inc.**



The presentation of the Inaugural Poster for the 2010 theme, *A Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*.

## Calendar of Events

The following events are arranged in chronological order.

### Italian Cultural Institute

#### Dates to be confirmed

A series of lectures with the participation of prominent artists, academics and scholars related to science, technology, literature, and politics (UN assembly on women rights) will be offered. Other events include: Art exhibit entitled “Alexander Calder” and special programs to celebrate 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of Italy. Please consult web-site for additional information. Sponsored by Italian Cultural Institute.

*www.iicnewyork.org*

Italian Cultural Institute

686 Park Avenue, Manhattan

Contact: (212) 879-4242

### Lecture: “Where Building is An Art”

**September 8 7:00 pm**

Construction-magnate-turned-developer, Frank Sciame, entrusted with some of the metropolitan area’s most notable renovation projects will discuss his vision and dedication to preserving New York City’s treasures. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

### National Symposium:

#### Re-thinking Italian-American Studies

**September 10 5:00 pm September 11 9:00 am-5:30 pm**

In light of recent developments—such as those in the state of Arizona—regarding immigration and ethnic studies and their reverberations around the nation, the Calandra Institute sees the need to gather those distinguished professors and holders of endowed chairs who develop and direct programs in Italian American Studies to discuss their work as it pertains to twenty-first-century “ethnic” studies. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Institute Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: (212) 642-2094

*calandra@qc.edu*

### **Bocce Tournament**

**September 11 and 12 3:00 pm**

Bocce Tournament – members' teams. Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society, Inc.

Mount Pleasant Community Center Bocce Courts

Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY

Admission: members only

Contact: Brigida Colitto (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

### **Book Presentation: *The Failure of Italian Nationhood***

**September 13 and 14 2:30 pm**

Presentations by author, Manlio Graziano (Sorbonne and University of Tours) of his new publication,

*The Failure of Italian Nationhood* which is part of

Palgrave Macmillan Italian and Italian American Studies

Series. Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University.

September 13 at Center for Italian Studies, Frank Melville Memorial Library, Room E4340

September 14 at Harriman Hall, Room 137

Stony Brook University/SUNY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444

*jfusco@italianstudies.org*

### **Staged Reading of *Baroque* by Richard Vetere**

**September 14 7:00 pm**

*Baroque* is the story of the young painter Mario Minitti

and several others who lived in Rome at the turn of the

century in 1600 seeking fame and fortune. The story

follows the lives of Fillide Meladrone, Archbishop Pietro

Aldrobondini, Ranuccio Tomassoni and Nunzio Pulzone

as they intersect and share a common bond that they were

each painted by the great Caravaggio. Sponsored by Casa

Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

**Art Exhibit by Celebrated Italian Artist Enzo Cucchi  
September 15 – October 15**

For information regarding the exhibit please see: [www.iicnewyork.org](http://www.iicnewyork.org). Sponsored by Italian Cultural Institute.  
Italian Cultural Institute  
686 Park Avenue, Manhattan  
Contact: (212) 879-4242

**Mary Jo Bona Reads from: *By the Breath of Their  
Mouths: Narratives of Resistance in Italian America*  
September 16 5:00 pm**

Professor Mary Jo Bona will read excerpts from her text and examine the oral use of language and the liberating power of speech in Italian American writing, as well as the influences on generations of assimilated Italian American writers. Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University.

Center for Italian Studies Meeting Hall, Stony Brook University, Melville Library, Room E4340

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444

[jfusco@italianstudies.org](mailto:jfusco@italianstudies.org)

**Italian Opera: A Celebration of Life  
September 16 6:30 pm**

Louis Barrella, well known musicologist, will present a varied range of operatic examples allowing one to fully appreciate the intellectual stimulation and emotional excitement of this wonderful art form. Barrella will play recorded musical examples, show video excerpts, invite you to follow libretti and provide interesting narrative and insight into the minds and souls of composers who affect audiences today. Amusing parallels between operatic situations from the stage and Hollywood film reflecting life situations that many individuals can relate to regarding aspects of the Italian American experience will be examined. Sponsored by Columbus Citizens' Foundation

8 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Contact: Anthony Correra (212) 249-9923

**Discover Italy: Emilia Romagna  
September 16 6:30 pm**

A travel presentation by Professor Barry Goldsmith from New York University. A tasting of regional food

will conclude the evening. Capacity limited to 50. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Caffè e Conversazione**

**September 16 and October 21 1:00 – 2:00 pm**

Facilitated by a Baruch College Italian language professor, an informal gathering for students who wish to practice speaking Italian. All levels of fluency are welcome to participate. Espresso and cookies will be served; feel free to bring lunch. Sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Vertical Campus, Room 10-175

55 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free

Contact: Dr. Nancy Ziehler (646) 312-2164

*Nancy.ziehler@baruch.cuny.edu*

### **Feast of San Gennaro**

**September 16 – 26**

**Thursday – Sunday 11:30 am - 11:30 pm**

The 83rd Annual Feast of San Gennaro in honor of the Patron Saint of Naples. Sponsored by Figli di San Gennaro. The feast is located along Mulberry and Mott Streets, between Canal and Houston Streets.

Contact: Joseph M. Mattone, Sr. (718) 353-5500

Fax: (718) 353-0704

*jmattonesr@mattonegroup.com*

### **Baaria**

**September 17 6:30 pm**

Giuseppe Tornatore's lush and romantic reimagining of the path of a Sicilian, who grows up, marries, has children, matures and ages, compiling a rich breadth of experiences along the way. Film screening with instruction, Q & A, and reception during intermission. In Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

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### **La Festa di San Gennaro**

**September 17 – 19            Friday: 12:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Saturday: 11:30 am – 9:00 pm**

**Sunday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm**

A three day festival sponsored by Utica Coed Lodge #2054, Order Sons of Italy in America. Featuring a religious celebration including a festal mass, symphony orchestra, processions, international food, contests, games and crafts. Sponsored by Utica Coed Lodge #2054, OSIA. 644 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Alfred J. Valentini (315) 733-4689

[Alfred6123@aol.com](mailto:Alfred6123@aol.com)

### **Souvenir D'Italia Radio Interview with Cav. Uff.**

**Joseph Sciamè – WRGH88.7FM**

**September 18**

Listen as Giovanna Auriemma, host of Souvenir d'Italia interviews Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciamè, President/Chairperson, Italian Heritage and Culture Month Committee of New York, Inc., as he discusses this year's theme which celebrates *Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*.

Hofstra University Radio

Every Saturday at 10:00 am

Contact: (516) 463-WRHU

### **“Motori D'Italia”**

**September 18 (Rain Date 9/19)    10:00 am**

First annual Italian Car and Motorbike Show. Come to an incredible showcase of the most recognized new and old Italian performance and luxury autos and motorbikes.

Please check web site: [www.casa-belvedere.org](http://www.casa-belvedere.org) for vehicle registration and show time details. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

[marian@casa-belvedere.org](mailto:marian@casa-belvedere.org)

## **Mario Lanza Society of New York**

**September 18 1:00 pm**

Luncheon with live performance by tenor Giuseppe Taormina. Recorded performances of Mario Lanza. Raffle and 50/50. Benefit for Mario Lanza Museum in Philadelphia. Sponsored by Mario Lanza Society of New York.

Patsy's Restaurant

236 West 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Admission: \$70; open to the public

Contact: Bill Ronayne (212) 852-8023

*WJRONAYNE@JUNO.COM*

## **Celebrating the Century-old Manteo Sicilian**

### **Marionette Tradition in New York**

**September 18 2:00 pm**

A family program presented by Tony De Nonno. Presentation includes a brief marionette demonstration and film presentation. In collaboration with the New York State Council for the Humanities. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: free; registration is required.

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

## **Italian Experience Festival**

**September 19**

The American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI), Long Island Chapter, will participate in the Annual Outdoor Hofstra Italian Experience Festival. Music, entertainment, poetry, food, vendors. Fun for young and old. AATI will show case projects and disseminate information about the AATI and its mission to facilitate Italian Studies programs.

Hofstra University

South Campus, Hempstead, New York

Contact: Hofstra University, special events

## **Columbus Day Dinner Dance**

**September 19 2:30 pm**

Sponsored by The Italian American Club of Mahopac.

Villa Barone Hilltop

Route 6, Mahopac, NY

Admission: \$85; open to the public

Contact: Luigi Cefaloni (845) 216-6141

**Talk: Fashion, Design, Architecture**

**September 21 6:00 pm**

Conversation with Stefano Tonchi, Grazia D'Annunzio and Eugenia Paulicelli. Sponsored by New York University Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest updates, please visit [www:casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call (212) 998-8739

**Secret Recipes of Great Italian Chefs:**

**Sicilian Recipes Every Italian Should Know**

**September 21 6:30 pm**

Hands on culinary class and demonstration presented by executive chef Giusto Priola of Cacio & Vino in New York City. Capacity limited to 28. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

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**Lecture: “Living the Revolution: Italian Women’s Resistance and Radicalism in New York City”**

**September 22 6:00 pm**

At the turn of the twentieth century, Italian Americans led and participated in some of the period’s most volatile labor strikes. Yet Italian women’s political activism and cultures of resistance have been largely invisible. Historian Jennifer Guglielmo, author of *Living the Revolution: Italian Women’s Resistance and Radicalism in New York City, 1880 – 1945* (University of North Carolina Press, 2010), brings to life the Italian, working-class women who helped shape the vibrant, transnational, radical political culture that expanded into the emerging industrial union movement. In this presentation, she shows how their commitment diminished as they became white, working-class Americans. The rise of fascism, the Red Scare, and the deprivations of the Great Depression led many to embrace nationalism and racism, ironically to try to meet the same desires for economic justice and dignity that had inspired their enthusiasm for anarchism, socialism, and communism. Professor Guglielmo will be joined by historian Gerald Meyer, Ph.D., actress Chiara Montalto, and artist Annie Lanzillotto. Sponsored by the

Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series, John D. Calandra  
Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

*calandra@qc.edu*

### **A Journey of Operatic Italy**

**September 22 7:30 pm**

During the summer of 2009 Lou Barrella and his wife Kathleen made a long awaited trip to Italy. In addition to visiting some major cities, they went to places important in the lives of Verdi and Puccini. This pictorial souvenir is accompanied by operatic music celebrating these beautiful locations. Sharing this experience will bring back wonderful memories for some and a yearning to visit Italy for many others. Buon Viaggio a tutti! Sponsored by the Italian American Group at the Greens at Half Hollow.

1 Altessa Blvd., Melville, NY

Admission: Members and Guests

Contact: Pat Rizzo (631) 385-4021

### **Italian Language and Literature Series:**

**Le Origini della Lingua e San Francesco d'Assisi**

**September 23 6:30 pm**

Presented in English by Professor Joseph Spedaliere.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$20

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Brindiamo – Italian Wine Tasting 101**

**September 23 7:00 pm**

Sommelier, Roberto Rossi, presents Vini D'Italia. Sample incredible wines while learning how to identify and appreciate different varieties of Italian wine with one of Italy's and America's most popular vintners. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

## **A Journey of Operatic Italy**

**September 24 2:00 pm**

Louis Barrella, well known musicologist, will present a slide presentation accompanied by operatic selections that highlight places important in the lives of Giuseppe Verdi and Giacomo Puccini. Sponsored by the Italian American Culture Club of Seabrook.

Village Square

3000 Essex Street, Tinton Falls, NJ

Admission: Members and Guests

Contact: Josephine Arminio (732) 918-9711

## **Festa della Vendemmia**

**September 24 6:30 pm**

Display of wine press and related accessories used in the art of wine making. Wine contest using wine products created by our members. Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society.

Heydorn Hall, Hawthorne Reformed Church

65 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY

Admission: \$25 for dinner; open to the public

Contact: Brigida (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

## **Mercer County Italian American Festival**

**September 24 – 26 12:00 noon – 10:00 pm**

The festival celebrates the rich heritage and culture of Italian Americans and includes a Food Piazza featuring regional Italian restaurants; an Italian Market with Italian specialty products; Heritage Pavilion with art, memorabilia, and historical artifacts; Cultural Theater with cooking demonstrations and authors; entertainment on two stages including national recording acts; amusement rides; bocce, children's entertainment; and fireworks. Imagine a picnic with your closest friends sharing food, laughter, music and a good time and you will capture the essence of the Mercer County Italian American Festival. Named one of the Mid-Atlantic region's top events by [aaaworld.com](http://aaaworld.com). Sponsored by Mercer County Italian American Festival Association.

Mercer County Park

Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ

Admission: Adults - \$3; Children 12 and under – free open to the public

Contact: Barry Chiorello (609) 695-5007

*barry@barrychiorello.com*

## **Howard Beach Columbus Day Parade**

**September 26 12:00 – 3:00 pm**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Howard Beach Parade will commence on Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach. This year's honorees: Joseph Sciame, Vice-President for Community Relations, St. John's University and President/Chairperson, Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., and Tracy Catapano-Fox, President, Queens County Women's Bar Association will join the second largest celebration of its kind throughout the city. Sponsored by the Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation, Inc.

101-42 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Ozone Park, NY

Contact: Mario Faulisi (718) 641-3469

*columbusdayhb@aol.com*

## **Mary Caponegro Reads from *All Fall Down***

**September 27 6:00 pm**

Mary Caponegro's experimental fiction blurs the line between fantasy and reality. In these stories of love and healing gone awry, we visit Rome and a marriage therapy retreat, encounter orphans performing abortions in their playroom, witness a mother's impotence in the face of the 9/11 attacks, meet a man buckling under the pressures of caregiving, and observe couples on the brink of dissolution. All of the characters are heading toward "ninety mile-an-hour psychic crashes euphemistically referred to as epiphanies." The tragicomedies of failure, resilience, and transformation are rendered with exuberant lyricism, striking characterization, and elaborately detailed settings. Sponsored by Writers Read Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY and the Italian American Writers' Association.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

*calandra@qc.edu*

## **Nicola Gardini Reads from *Rinascimento***

**September 27 6:00 pm**

Sponsored by New York University Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest updates, please visit [www.casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call (212) 998-8739

## **Celebrating the Life of Don Bosco**

**September 28 – October 5      10:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**(Closed on Sunday, October 3)**

In collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute of New York and Salesian High School in New Rochelle we celebrate the life of Don Bosco on the occasion of the world-wide pilgrimage of his remains to the New York area. A special selection of related material will be on view in our library. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

## **Lecture: “Don Bosco, Pioneer in Education and Maria Montessori, Educational Reformer”**

**September 28      6:30 pm**

Lecture in English. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: \$20; Senior Members \$15; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

## **Film Screening: *Zampogna: The Soul of Southern Italy***

**September 29      6:00 pm**

In a journey through Southern Italy, Italian American film director David Marker explores the *zampogna*, a south Italian bagpipe historically considered a shepherd's instrument. Traditionally made by hand from goat skin and wood pipes, the *zampogna* continues to be manufactured on a small scale although instrument-makers now utilize machine tools to some degree. In the film, musicians and instrument-makers demonstrate their art and share stories about the history and state of this folk instrument and its associated music. As Marker travels through Sicily, Calabria, Campania, and Molise, he reflects on Italian folk culture as a route of return to his family's origins. Post-screening discussion with the director led by Dr. Joseph Sciorra, Calandra Institute. Sponsored by the Documented Italians Film & Video Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

*calandra@qc.edu*

### **Welcome Back Party**

**September 30 12:45 – 2:15 pm**

The Italian American Club of Baruch College/CUNY is sponsoring a Welcome Back Party during club hours. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, reconnect with returning members, and learn about the club's activities held on campus and off site. Baruch students interested in Italian heritage, culture, and language are invited to attend. New members are welcome! Lunch will be served. Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Baruch College/CUNY and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Vertical Campus, Room 10-175

55 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free

Contact: Dr. Nancy Ziehler (646) 312-2164

*Nancy.ziehler@baruch.cuny.edu*

### **Sebastian Rotella, Foreign Correspondent Reflects on His Journalistic Work & Career**

**September 30 2:20 pm**

Sebastian Rotella, award winning foreign correspondent formerly with the *Los Angeles Times* and currently based in Washington, DC, as a senior reporter for *ProPublica* will talk about his frequent coverage of Italy (e.g. terrorism, organized crime, and migration) while he was the Paris bureau chief for the *LA Times* and share his experience interviewing Italian authors Andrea Camilleri and Roberto Saviano (a combination of hard news and cultural topics.) As this event is offered in collaboration with The School of Journalism, Mr. Rotella is looking forward to an opportunity to dialogue with students and have his talk extend to topics that are of special interest to them. The public is invited to attend this class presentation with permission secured by calling 631-632-7444. Co-Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies and the School of Journalism at Stony Brook University.

Stony Brook University

Harriman Hall, Room 137

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444; Fax: (631) 632-7421

*jfusco@italianstudies.org*

**Howard Beach 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Gala**

**September 30 6:00 – 11:00 pm**

A gala dinner to support the Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation, Inc.'s programs to provide scholarships and support Italian Language Programs. Parade honorees include: Joseph Sciame, Vice-President for Community Relations, St. John's University and President/Chairperson, Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., and Tracy Catapano-Fox, President, Queens County Women's Bar Association. Sponsored by The Howard Beach Columbus Day Foundation, Inc.

Russo's on the Bay

162-45 Cross Bay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY

Admission: \$135

Contact: Mario Faulisi (718) 641-3469

*columbusdayhb@aol.com*

**Mary Jo Bona Reads from**

***By the Breath of Their Mouths***

**September 30 6:00 pm**

Sponsored by New York University Casa

Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

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**Shrinking Cities, Smaller Cities: Modern Crisis or  
New Path to Prosperity? Is Smaller Really Better?**

**September 30, October 1 8:30 am – 6:00 pm**

An international conference will address the issue of cities in the United States and Europe with declining populations across different time periods with a focus on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Sponsored by the Herbert H. Lehman Center for American History at Columbia University, the Italian Academy.

The Italian Academy, Columbia University

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Abigail Joseph (212) 854-2306

Fax: (212) 854-8479

*lehmancenter@columbia.edu*

## ***ITALICS*, The Italian-American TV Magazine**

**October TBA**

Time Warner, Channel 75; RCN, Channel 77

*ITALICS*, The Italian-American TV Magazine and the Calandra Institute present their 4th Annual Italian Heritage and Culture Month programming on CUNY TV. *ITALICS* will feature four one-hour long specials to celebrate Maria Montessori. Sponsored by The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College, CUNY and CUNY TV.

## **Day Trip to Saint Patrick's Cathedral**

**October 1**

Don Bosco's relic will be on display at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for one day only. Bus will leave the Westchester Italian Cultural Center at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served upon return to the Cultural Center. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$35; Non-Members \$45

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

## **Ciao Tony – Italian ICN Radio Interview with Cav. Josephine A. Maietta**

**October 1 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

Listen as Tony Pasquale host of the popular Italian radio show "Ciao Tony" interviews Cav. Josephine A. Maietta, Board Member of Italian Heritage and Culture Month Committee of New York, Inc., as she informs the audience of the many events pertaining to this year's theme which celebrates *Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*.

ICN Radio

[www.ICNradio.com](http://www.ICNradio.com)

## **GIAA Festival of Short Films and Videos**

**October 1 – 3 Friday 7:00 – 10:00**

**Saturday 2:00 – 10:00 pm; Sunday 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

Film festival.

Sponsored by the Guild of Italian American Actors.

Anthology Film Archives

2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Manhattan

Admission: \$10/Day; open to the public

Contact: Mara Lesemann (551) 200-8112

[MaraLesemann@yahoo.com](mailto:MaraLesemann@yahoo.com)

**Exhibit: History of Order Sons of Italy in  
America and Sgt. John Basilone**

**October 1 – 31 Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

Photo and artifact display depicting the history and development of the Sgt. John Basilone Lodge #2442. Order Sons of Italy in America, is the largest and oldest organization of men and women of Italian heritage in North America. Sponsored by Sgt. John Basilone Lodge #2442, OSIA.

Connetquot Public Library

760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Cliff Miller (631)-563-8413

*OSIA2442NY@AOL.COM*

**Exhibit: Italian and Italian American  
Inventions and Modernity**

**October 1 – 31 Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

This month long multi-model display uses models and miniatures to demonstrate over 100 inventions and discoveries initially conceived by Italians and Italian-Americans that contribute to contemporary life. Sponsored by Sgt. John Basilone Lodge #2442, OSIA.

Sayville Public Library (Lobby)

88 Greene Avenue, Sayville, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Cliff Miller (631)-563-8413

*OSIA2442NY@AOL.COM*

**Popular Italian Music and Dance**

**October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**

Enjoy Italian music and dancing. Taste delicious Italian specialties. Call for reservations (Saturday evenings).

Carmela's Italian Restaurant

912 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square

Admission: Ala carte

Contact: Bart Calia (516) 488-9898

**Concorso d'Eleganza V: Fifth Annual Celebration of  
Italian Vehicle Excellence and Beauty**

**October 3 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

A display of "art forms on wheels" as a means of illustrating one form of Italian culture. Various Italian

car and motorcycle clubs will be represented. Display vehicles will rally on the Stony Brook University Campus Lawn. Owners of Italian automobiles interested in participating in this display, please contact Center for Italian Studies, at (631) 632-7444 or email: [jfusco@italianstudies.org](mailto:jfusco@italianstudies.org). Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University.

Stony Brook University, campus lawn area directly across from the Sports Complex on John S. Toll Drive  
Stony Brook, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444; Fax: (631) 632-7421  
[jfusco@italianstudies.org](mailto:jfusco@italianstudies.org)

**John N. LaCorte Memorial Ceremony & Luncheon  
October 3            11:00 am**

The Italian Historical Society of America will host a special ceremony commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of John N. LaCorte. Luncheon to follow at 1:00 pm at the Fort Hamilton Community Club.

Sponsored by the Italian Historical Society of America.

John N. LaCorte Monument, John Paul Jones Park  
Brooklyn, NY

Admission: \$75; open to the public

Contact: John J. LaCorte (310) 488-4233  
[mail@italianhistorical.org](mailto:mail@italianhistorical.org)

**Federation of Italian American Organizations of  
Brooklyn: Fund Raising Columbus Parade Brunch  
October 3            12:00 pm**

A wonderful time to celebrate the lives and contributions of our 2010 Grand Marshal and other dignitaries marching in the Columbus Day parade. Enjoy music, brunch and gifts to be raffled at the event. Sponsored by FIAO of Brooklyn, Ltd.

Sirico's Caterers

8015 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn

Contact: Rita Schettini (718) 259-2828  
[info@fiaobrooklyn.org](mailto:info@fiaobrooklyn.org)

**Lecture: "Italian Americans and the Media:  
Cinema, Video, Television"**

**October 3            2:30 pm**

Cav. Anthony Julian Tamburri, Ph.D., Dean, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/

CUNY will trace the representation of Italian Americans in each medium and examine the foundation of negative stereotypes of the Italian American gangster, womanizer and buffoon. Sponsored by Loggia Glen Cove #1016, OSIA and the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Glen Cove Public Library

4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Kathryn Grande (516) 676-7436

*aigrande@yahoo.com*

### **Putnam County Columbus Day Parade**

**October 3            2:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac

Route 6, Mahopac, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Giulio Cefaloni (646) 533-7284

*gcefaloni@fordham.edu*

### **Italian-American Film Festival: *Intervention***

**October 3            3:00 pm**

Screening of the film *Intervention*, an intimate and powerful family drama that explores the marital dyad and choices encountered in family life. Discussion with the director Anton Evangelista (in English). Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College,

Classroom Bldg. Room 200, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

### **Opera and Pops**

**October 3            3:00 pm**

A two-hour concert of opera selections, Italian songs, and Broadway tunes, performed by Regina Opera soloists.

Sponsored by Regina Opera Company.

Regina Hall

1210 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Admission: open to the public

Contact: Fran Garber (718) 259-2772

*reginaopera@yahoo.com*

## **Art Exhibit**

**October 3            3:30 pm**

Exhibit featuring works by artist Fran D'Atria Romano in watercolors and oils. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

The Hormann Library's "Spotlight Gallery"

Wagner College

1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014

*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

## **Autumn in Puglia**

**October 3            4:00 pm**

Cocktails, entertainment and a taste of Italy at the Tuscan Garden, dinner following at the Great Hall. Ceremony

will include the presentation of the Catherine De' Medici

Award to Cav. Giuliana Ridolfi Cardillo; other honorees

include: Elizabeth and Vincent D'Antuomo, Joseph

Manfredi, John Mustaro, Cav. Anthony Julian Tamburri,

Ph.D. and Maria Tamburri.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden

Tuscan Garden, Bldg. P

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

Admission: \$175; open to the public

Contact: Miriam Camera (718) 425-3502

*Mcamera@snug-Harbor.org*

## **Film Screening: *Uncle Nino***

**October 3            5:00 pm**

A wonderful feel-good movie about family brought closer together when the father's long-estranged Uncle

Nino comes from Italy to Chicago for a surprise visit.

Moderated by Frank Polizzi.

Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

Spiro Hall, Wagner College

1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014

*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

## **Lecture: "The Life and Times of Enrico Caruso"**

**October 3 and 24            2:00 pm**

Cav. Uff. Aldo Mancusi will examine the life and career of Enrico Caruso through film and post-screening

discussion. Tour the Enrico Caruso Museum of America.

Sponsored by Enrico Caruso Museum of America.  
1942 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Cav. Uff. Aldo Mancusi (718) 368-3993  
*CarusoMuseumNY@aol.com*

### **Study Abroad in Italy**

**October 4            12:15 pm**

The Education Abroad Office at Queens College facilitates a range of short-term summer and winter programs to several Italian cities. Learn more about these exciting opportunities to visit and study in Italy. Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Queens College and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Queens College

Room TBA

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Joseph Grosso (718) 997-5769

*Joseph.grosso@qc.cuny.edu*

### **Film: *Life of Don Bosco***

**October 5            2:00 pm**

Directed by Goffredo Alessandrini. Explores the work and life of Don Bosco. Discussion and commentary by Father Pat Angelucci. Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Honoring Maria Montessori: The Positive Power of Italian American Women in Education**

**October 5            6:00 pm**

Invited panelists are Dr. Regina S. Peruggi, President of Kingsborough Community College;

Matilda Cuomo, Former First Lady of New York State and Educator; Founder, Mentoring USA;

Elizabeth F. Defeis, Professor of International Law and former Dean of the Seton Hall Law School;

Baroness Mariuccia Zerilli Marimò, founder, Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò at New York University and philanthropist presides on boards of several educational and cultural institutions;

Cristina Matera MD, College of Physicians and Surgeons Columbia University, Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology. Please RSVP by October 1<sup>st</sup> at: [NOIAW@NOIAW.ORG](mailto:NOIAW@NOIAW.ORG). Sponsored by National Organization of Italian American Women.

Consulate General of Italy in New York

690 Park Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Maria Tamburri (212) 642-2003

Fax: (212) 642-2006

[mtamburri@noiaw.org](mailto:mtamburri@noiaw.org)

**Readings from *Avanti Popolo: Italian-American Writers Sail Beyond Columbus***

**October 5            6:00 pm**

The *Avanti Popolo* poetry anthology, edited by the Italian-American Political Solidarity Club, focuses on re-interpreting the glorification of Christopher Columbus in mainstream Italian-American culture. Instead of celebrating conquest, the book celebrates the Italian-American immigrant experience and those who fought for social justice: teachers, laborers, union organizers, and free speech advocates. Book contributors: Rosemary Cappello, Gil Fagiani, Edvige Giunta, Annie Lanzillotto, Maria Lisella, Jim Pignetti, Linda Simone, James Vescovi, and Angelo Zeolla will present their work. Sponsored by Writers Read Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY and the Italian American Writers' Association.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscece (212) 2094;

Fax (212) 642-2030

[calandra@qc.edu](mailto:calandra@qc.edu)

**Lecture: "The Body in Aesthetic Experience: A Multidisciplinary Perspective"**

**October 5            6:00 pm**

Renowned neuroscientist, Vittorio Gallese, of the famed Parma Group, speaks about his recent research as part of the Italian Academy's series on art and the neurosciences. Sponsored by the Italian Academy.

The Italian Academy, Columbia University

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Abigail Joseph (212) 854-2306

Fax: (212) 854-8479

*aa2481@columbia.edu*

**Tribute to Father Vincent Capodanno,  
Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient**

**October 5            7:30 pm**

Tribute and screening of film *Grunt Padre*, which tells the story of Capodanno's life. Discussion by John Dabbene.

Sponsored by Fr. Capodanno Lodge #212, OSIA.

4 Arthur Kill Road, Richmond Town, Staten Island

Admission: Donations accepted; open to the public

Contact: John Dabbene (718) 984-5404

*johndabbene@hotmail.com*

**Lecture: "You Don't Need a Green  
Thumb to Grow Your Family Tree"**

**October 6            11:15 am**

Genealogist Arthur Brady will provide information how you can discover your family roots. Learn the search process to locate valuable genealogical information.

Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College,

Classroom Bldg. Room 100, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

**Italian American Club Informational Meeting**

**October 6            12:15 pm**

The Italian American Club at Queens College has a long and vibrant history. Enjoy the opportunity to make new friends and learn about the exciting schedule of activities for the year. Join us as we march in the Columbus Day Parade – October 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by Italian Club of Queens College and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Queens College

Room TBA

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Joseph Grosso (718) 997-5769

*Joseph.grosso@qc.cuny.edu*

**Lecture Series: “Student Panel –  
Study Abroad in Italy”**

**October 6            12:20 – 1:10 pm**

This panel will have 3-4 students who were recent participants in a variety of summer, winter and semester study abroad programs to Rome, Florence, and Venice. Students will discuss their experiences adjusting to Italian culture and society, culture shock, re-entry adjustment, and their assessment of academic learning experiences in Italy. Sponsored by the Center for International Service at the College of Staten Island.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, Campus Center 1C  
2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Winnie Brophy (718) 982-2100

Fax: (718) 982-2108

*Winnie.brophy@csi.cuny.edu*

**Exhibit Opening: D’Annunzio**

**October 6            6:00 pm**

Sponsored by New York University

Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest updates, please visit [www:casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call (212) 998-8739

**Film Screening: *A Sicilian Odyssey***

**October 6            7:00 pm**

Jenna Maria Constantine’s film is an epic adventure of a young woman’s daring voyage to Sicily in search of a mysterious treasure. The film is dedicated to Sicilian-born Director Frank Capra, three-time Academy Award winner for films that celebrate the nobility of the common man. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

**Italian Harpsichord Music**

**October 6            8:00 pm**

The Fall 2010 concert series at Columbia University’s Italian Academy for Advanced Studies will present

harpsichordist Andrew Appel in a program featuring music of Das Paradies, Domenico Scarlatti and Zipoli. Sponsored by The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America.

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rick Whitaker (212) 854-1623

*Rw2115@columbia.edu*

### **Italian American Museum 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Annual Golf Tournament**

**October 7**

All proceeds benefit the Italian American Museum Capital Fund. Please call for sponsorships and other information.

Sponsored by the Italian American Museum.

Wheatley Hills Golf Club

East Williston, New York

Contact: (718) 478-3551

*djacome@ItalianAmericanMuseum.org*

### **Italian Fest: Celebrate Launch of New Italian Studies Major at College of Staten Island**

**October 7            12:00 – 3:00 pm**

Celebration of the newly created Italian Studies major at the college, history of Italian immigration and significant cultural aspects of the Italian experience in America will be presented. Food, live music to be provided. Sponsored Department of Modern Languages, the Pluralism and Diversity Program, and Student Activity Board.

Campus Center - Green Dolphin Lounge, College of Staten Island/CUNY

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Winnie Brophy (718) 982-2100, *Winnie.*

*brophy@csi.cuny.edu* or Gerry Milligan (718) 982-3700

*Gerry.milligan@csi.cuny.edu*

### **Lecture: “Prima del suo Tempo: Dr. Maria Montessori, Ahead of her Time”**

**by Leonisa Ardizzone, Ph.D., President**

**Salvadori Center**

**October 7            2:00 pm**

Special tribute to Montessori’s contributions to education, developmental disabilities and psychiatry. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

899 Tenth Avenue, Theater Lobby, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Janet Rubel (212) 237-8612  
Fax: (212) 238-9616  
*jrubel@jjay.cuny.edu*

**Lecture: “Ancient Pompeii”**

**October 7            2:30 pm**

Mario Macaluso will examine the daily life of the inhabitants of Pompeii before and after the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius on August 24, 79 A.D. Comparison of Pompeian mores, life-styles, religious beliefs, and artistic creativity with contemporary times and slide presentation depicting the architectural design of the Forum, Greek Theatre, Baths, Fountains, homes and shops, including the well-preserved house of the Vettii Brothers will be viewed. Sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Half Hollow Hills Community Library.

55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Karen Cognato (631) 498-1229

*KC810404@optonline.net*

**Life and Times of Christopher Columbus**

**October 7            5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Biography of Columbus, with selected music, song, poetry and call in audience requests. Sponsored by Profumi D'Italia Radio Show.

W.H.PC Radio – 90.3 F.M.

Garden City, LI

Admission: free

Contact: Rita Monte (516) 572-7440, (515) 572-7438

*RITAMONTE17@HOTMAIL.COM*

**Adventures in Italian Opera:**

**Remembering Renata Tebaldi**

**October 7            6:00 pm**

Sponsored by New York University

Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

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**Lecture: “Sicily and Greece:  
Its People, Places and Traditions”**

**October 7            6:30 pm**

Lecture presented in English by Professor Gaetano Cipolla from St. John’s University. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

**Conference: “Italian American Mental Health and  
Wellness”**

**October 7-9            6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Opening Reception: Keynote Address by Richard Gambino, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Queens College, author of *Blood of My Blood*.

**October 8**

9:00 am – 6:30 pm

Conference will examine the changing nature of psychological and familial structures in the Italian American community. Issues concerning ethnic identity development, personal narratives, women and family issues, grief and loss, and Italian Americans as consumers of mental health services will be examined. Morning program will commence with: Joseph Giordano, MSW, co-editor of *Ethnicity and Family Therapy* and Aileen Riotto Sirey, Ph.D., founder of National Organization of Italian American Women, pioneer in Ethnotherapy. Sessions will include personal narratives by Italian Americans regarding their psychotherapy and recovery experiences; program will conclude with a reception and presentation entitled, *Where Did The Humor Go?: Comedy Styling* by Professor Fred Gardaphé, Distinguished Professor, Italian American Studies and English, Queens College/CUNY.

**October 9**

9:30 am – 7:00 pm

Day two of the conference will continue to explore Italian American identity, mental illness and recovery. The film *Canvas*, which chronicles the relationship between a young boy and his father, as the mother in the film struggles with schizophrenia will be screened. The character in the film is based on the early childhood

of writer/director Joseph Greco who will be on hand to discuss the film. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY. 25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor (between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues), Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Dominick Carielli, Ph.D.

*iacenter@brooklyn.cuny.edu*

### **Italian American Club General Meetings**

**October 7 and 14                      12:30 pm**

The Italian American Club of Baruch College/CUNY is pleased to invite students to join their recently renamed student organization. While the name may be different, the full array of activities—both on campus and off site—remain unchanged. Social, cultural, language, and travel-related events for students to enjoy. Learn more about the club and how you can get involved. General meetings are open to the Baruch College community and typically include Italian card games, movies, and informal meals. Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Baruch College/CUNY and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Vertical Campus, Room 10-175

55 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free

Contact: Dr. Nancy Ziehler (646) 312-2164

*Nancy.ziehler@baruch.cuny.edu*

### **Dramatic Productions by Cav. Prof. Mario Fratti**

**October 7 – 9; October 14 – 16;**

**October 21 – 23 8:00 pm**

**October 10, 17, & 24                      3:00 pm**

Three new plays by renown playwright Mario Fratti exploring themes of religion, politics and sex in contemporary society. Sponsored by Italian Theatre in New York.

Theater for the New City

155 First Avenue (at 10<sup>th</sup> Street), Manhattan

Admission: \$12; open to the public

Contact: Mario Fratti (212) 582-6697

*mariofratti@aol.com*

**Raising of the Italian and American  
Flags in Honor of Dr. Maria Montessori**

**October 8            12:00 pm**

Cav. Uff. Joseph Sciame, President of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., will officiate at the ceremony to honor the legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori at the statue "Mother Italy" by Giuseppe Massari. Attending dignitaries will include Consul General Francesco Maria Talò. Sponsored by the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc., John D. Calandra Italian American Institute and Hunter College/CUNY.

The Mother Italy Sculpture located at Poses Park,  
Hunter College/CUNY

East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, between Lexington  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues, Manhattan

Contact: Joan Migliori (212) 642-2094

*joan.migliori@qc.cuny.edu*

**Musica di Sicilia**

**October 8            7:00 pm**

Singer Michela Musolino makes traditional Sicilian folk songs contemporary and turns her modern world fusion music into timeless pieces. A reception with the artist will follow the performance. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$25; Non-Members \$30

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**DisCanto: Traditional Music  
from Rural Southern Italy**

**October 8            7:00 pm**

The musical group from Abruzzo, DisCanto, will perform traditional music from rural southern Italy. They perform in dialect, with a very powerful and unique singing style, and use traditional and non-traditional musical instruments. Sponsored by College of Staten Island.

Center for the Arts, Williamson Theater,

College of Staten Island/CUNY

2800 Victory Blvd., Staten Island

Admission: open to the public

Contact: Christina Tortora (718) 982-3659

Fax: (718) 982-3643

*christina.tortora@csi.cuny.edu*

## **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Celebration Gala**

**October 9**

Black tie dinner. Sponsored by Columbus Citizens Foundation.

Waldorf=Astoria

301 Park Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: \$1,000; \$10,000 per table

Contact: (212) 249-9923

*ccf@columbuscitizens.org*

## **Annual Queens Columbus Day Parade**

**October 9            12:00 pm**

Parade route commences on Steinway Street and ends on Astoria Blvd. at the newly renamed Cav. Vincent Iannece Street named in honor of the co-founder and driving force in reinstating this parade. Sponsored by Federation of Italian American Organizations of Queens Inc.

Assemble at Kaufman Studios

34-12 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Astoria

Contact: Angie Markham (718) 204-2444

*fiao@juno.com*

## **Albany's Columbus Italian Festival**

**October 9            12:00 – 5:00 pm**

One of the largest celebrations of Italian culture and tradition in upstate New York. Procession, entertainment, food, crafts, Roman riding, Zona Bambini (Kids' Zone), dancing, historic artifacts and much more. Sponsored by Albany's Columbus Italian Festival.

Washington Park

Madison and New Scotland Avenues, Albany, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Kathy Condon (518) 436-1103

Fax: (518) 436-7346

*CondonKathy@gmail.com*

## **Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn Columbus Day Parade**

**October 9            1:00 pm**

Parade of floats, marching bands, schools, public elected officials, community leaders, member organizations preceded by FIAO's Board of Directors and the 2010 Grand Marshals. Prior to the parade Mass will be celebrated at St. Athanasius Church at 11:00 am located at 61<sup>st</sup> Street and Bay Parkway, Brooklyn. Sponsored by

FIAO of Brooklyn, Ltd.

Kick off from 18 Avenue “Cristoforo Colombo Boulevard” and 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Contact: Barbara Pascarella (718) 259-2828

Fax: (718) 236-4405

*info@fiaobrooklyn.org*

### **“Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori”**

**October 9            2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Elisa Infosino, freelance writer, will deliver a lecture about Dr. Montessori’s life and legacy. Dr. Montessori developed the Montessori Method of education and was the first Italian female physician. Power point presentation will accompany the lecture. Sponsored by the Garibaldi Meucci Museum.

420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: \$5 museum members; \$10 non-museum members; open to the public

Contact: Nicole Fenton (718) 442-1608

*e.infosino@att.net*

*www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org*

### **Piccoli Cuochi: Biscotti della Nonna**

**October 9            2:00 pm**

Hands on culinary classes for children presented in our demonstration kitchen by Cathy Blanco. Children have fun while learning to prepare traditional biscotti. Adults will not be admitted without a child. One adult per child. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$30; Non-Members \$40; Parent and Child: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Italian American Writers’ Association/Literary Readings**

**October 9            5:45 – 7:45 pm**

The Italian American Writers’ Association is the only forum that has consistently given voice to numerous writers – famous and emerging – at the Cornelia Street Café on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month in Greenwich Village. Readings begin with an open mic followed by two featured authors. Watch for IAWA’s special events

in 2011 with *The Triangle Fire Remembrance Coalition* to commemorate the centennial, March 25, 2011 ([www.rememberthetrianglefire.org/](http://www.rememberthetrianglefire.org/)) as well as fundraisers, and special events to commemorate the IAWA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For information, visit: [www.iawa.net](http://www.iawa.net). Sponsored by IAWA.

Cornelia Street Café

29 Cornelia Street, Manhattan

Admission: \$7; open to the public

Contact: Prof. R. Viscusi, M. Lisella/G. Fagiani

(718) 777-1178

*ML Journeys@aol.com*

### **Art Exhibit**

**October 9 – November 10**

Enjoy artistic productions created by various Italian American artists. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College, Academic Arts Gallery  
75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

### **Wreath Laying Ceremony at Columbus Circle**

**October 10 9:00 am**

Join the Columbus Citizens Foundation as it honors civil servants in a ceremony at Columbus Circle. Sponsored by Columbus Citizens Foundation.

Columbus Circle

59<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Park West, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: (212) 249-9923

*ccf@columbuscitizens.org*

### **An Afternoon of Calabrese Culture**

**October 10 3:00 pm**

History of Calabria and famous Calabresi in Italy and USA; Calabrese poetry reading; display of Calabria; food tasting of Calabrese appetizers – formaggi, salami, olio d'oliva. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College,

Classroom Bldg. Room 200, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790  
Fax: (914) 606-6439  
*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

### **Italian Serenade – Beautiful Love Songs**

**October 10 5:00 pm**

Enjoy beautiful musical compositions from Italy that continue to delight American audiences. Alba Mazza will accompany at the piano. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

Student Performance Center, Wagner College  
1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014  
*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

### **Columbus Day Mass**

**October 11 9:30 am**

His Excellency, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, Celebrant and Homilist. Sponsored by the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York in cooperation with the Columbus Citizens Foundation. Contact the Archdiocese of New York for reserved seating tickets email: *robert.aufieri@archny.org* or call (212) 371-1011, ext. 3055 St. Patrick's Cathedral

50<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public  
(reserved seating tickets)

Contact: Rev. Robert Aufieri (212) 371-1000 ext. 3055  
*robert.aufieri@archny.org*

### **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus Day Parade**

**October 11 11:30 am**

Leading the parade along Fifth Avenue from 47<sup>th</sup> Street to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Manhattan, will be the Grand Marshal, Maria Bartiromo, anchor of CNBC's "Closing Bell" and host and managing editor of the nationally syndicated *Wall Street Journal Report*. Sponsored by Columbus Citizens Foundation.

Fifth Avenue between 47<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: (212) 249-9923  
*ccf@columbuscitizens.org*

## **Columbus Day Parade**

**October 11 11:00 am**

Join Queens College's Italian American Club as we march in the Columbus Day Parade. Students from all CUNY campuses are invited to join us as well as students from other colleges and high schools. Sponsored by Italian American Club of Queens College and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

New York City

Fifth Avenue

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Joseph Grosso (718) 997-5769

*Joseph.grosso@qc.cuny.edu*

## **Columbus Day Parade**

**October 11 11:30 am**

The Italian-American Women's Center, Inc. has been marching in the parade since 1997. Join them in their march to celebrate Columbus' discovery of America. Sponsored by Italian-American Women's Center, Inc. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jacqueline Gagliano (718) 805-1833

*jbgagliano14@yahoo.com*

## **Dramatic Presentations of Italian Texts and Plays**

**October 11 – 13; October 18 – 20 7:30 pm**

New Italian plays in Italian and English *Celeste e Galileo* by Marcello Lazzarini. A Florentine theatre company will honor Italian heritage and culture month. Playwrights include: F. Celenza, M. Boggio, E. Bernard, M. Lazzarini, D. Morganti, R.G. Petrarca, O. Marinelli Rabke, A. Formosa, G. Antonucci, C. Berti, C. Fiorletta, M. Leseman, and M. Moretti. *La strada* by Federico Fellini in Spanish will be presented (Lewis Carlos De La Lombana). Readings of contemporary texts in Italian and English: Antonio Panzarella, *Eight Italian-American Plays: An Anthology*; Goffredo Palmerini, *Oltre Confine*; Sandro Cordeschi, *Occhio al Viandante - Antropologia*; Emanuela Medore, *Hot to Translate*. Sponsored by Italian Theatre in New York.

Theater New City

155 First Avenue (at 10<sup>th</sup> Street), Manhattan

Additional presentation at Hunter College/CUNY to be determined.

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Mario Fratti (212) 582-6697 or Joan Migliori  
(212) 642-2094

*mariofratti@aol.com*

**Panel: Careers in Education Highlighting Italian Literature and Language**

**October 12 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Including the achievements of Maria Montessori.  
Sponsored by Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY.

199 Chambers Street, Manhattan

Contact: Professor J. Thomas Means

(212) 220-8000 x 5275

*jmeans@bmcc.cuny.edu*

**A Journey of Operatic Italy**

**October 12 12:30 pm**

During the summer of 2009, Lou Barrella and his wife Kathleen made a long awaited trip to Italy. In addition to visiting some major cities, they went to places important in the lives of Verdi and Puccini. This pictorial souvenir is accompanied by operatic music celebrating these beautiful locations. Sharing this experience will bring back wonderful memories for some and a yearning to visit Italy for many others. Buon Viaggio a tutti! Sponsored by the Garden City Community Club.

The Garden City Casino

51 Cathedral Blvd., Garden City, NY

Admission: Members and Guests

Contact: Paula Howe (516) 488-3246

**Maria Montessori: Revisiting Montessori**

**October 12 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

This symposium will feature two speakers who will revisit Maria Montessori and her thinking on topics such as pedagogy, feminism, social interaction and identity.

The speakers are: Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg, Professor of Italian Studies and Comparative Literature (Brown University) and Erica Moretti, Candidate for the Ph.D. in Italian Studies (Brown University). Sponsored by the Italian Heritage & Culture Committee of New York, Inc. and the John D. Calandra Institute Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan

Contact: (212) 642-2094

*calandra@qc.edu*

**Wines of Southern Italy: Enotria,  
the Land of Staked Vines**

**October 12 6:30 pm**

Wine lecture and tastings presented by author and wine connoisseur Charles Scicolone. Seating is limited. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Lecture: "The Monumental Contributions of  
John N. LaCorte and the Italians in America"**

**October 12 7:00 pm**

In celebration of the centennial of John N. LaCorte's birth, Tony De Nonno will take the audience on an enlightening journey through five centuries of Italian American history in New York State and across America with special emphasis on the indelible imprint that John LaCorte and the Italian Historical Society of America made. A special feature of this presentation will be the screening of Tony De Nonno's half hour PBS documentary *John N. LaCorte: A Monument to History* which contains archival video footage, documents and photographs. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

**Italian and Italian American Pioneers in Education**

**October 13 9:00 am – 12:15 pm**

Program to review and examine contributions of Italian pioneer Maria Montessori and Italian American pioneers Angelo Patri, Leonardo Covello and Henry Viscardi in field of education. Sponsored by the Center for Italian American Studies, Nassau Community College, AIHA Chapter and Order Sons of Italy in America.

CCB Building, Nassau Community College

One Education Drive, Garden City, NY

Contact: Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina (516) 572-9985

*sallagumina@yahoo.com*

**Lecture: “Venice in Technicolor”**

**October 13 11:15 am**

Prof. Lynne Mayocole will discuss Venetian artists such as Titian, Tintoretto, Giorione, and Veronese. Venice was a natural center for the development of rich coloristic effects by these Renaissance artists. Board your armchair gondola for a trip into the wonderful world of Venetian art. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College

Classroom Bldg. Room 200, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

**Lecture: “Maria Montessori’s Early Struggles: Scientist, Feminist and Educator”**

**October 13 12:00 pm**

Erica Moretti, doctoral candidate at Brown University completing her dissertation on Maria Montessori, will provide an overview of her groundbreaking work in the fields of science and education. Sponsored by Department of European Languages and Literature, the Italian Program at Queens College and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Queens College

65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Eugenia Paulicelli (718) 997-5659

*Eugenia.Paulicelli@qc.cuny.edu*

**Lecture: “A Different Florence”**

**October 13 12:20 – 1:10 pm**

Dr. Paola Ureni, Assistant Professor of Italian Studies in the Department of Modern Languages, is a native of Florence. The worldwide famous artistic attractions make Florence a major destination for university programs abroad. For the same reason, the cultural patrimony of the city is often thought of as already known and investigated. On the contrary, Florence reveals countless, less explored, treasures: different itineraries take shape following the words of Florentine poets and writers, from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth century. Elements taken from those creative works, and still present on the streets of Florence,

can be combined in different paths which lead us through the city, while Florence tells its history through less evident traces, and becomes a classroom itself. Sponsored by the Center for International Service and Modern Languages Department.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, Campus Center 1C  
2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Winnie Brophy (718) 982-2100

Fax: (718) 982-2108

*Winnie.brophy@csi.cuny.edu*

**Lecture: “Southern Italian-American Comedy”**

**October 13      8:00 pm**

Professor Salvatore Primeggia of Adelphi University will trace the significance and meaning of humor dating back to the immigrant era to the present. This lecture is made possible through the NY Council for the Arts. To be followed by refreshments. Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society, Inc.

Mount Pleasant Town Hall

1 Town Hall Plaza, Valhalla, NY

Admission: open to the public

Contact: Brigida (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

**Italian Film Festival**

**October 14      1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Sponsored by Department of Modern Languages.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, Modern Languages,  
Media Center 2S-114D

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Contact: Valeria Belmonti (718) 982-4155

*Valeria.belmonti@csi.cuny.edu*

**Lecture: “The Power of What Comes After: Italian-American Death Talk”**

**October 14      6:00 pm**

Mary Jo Bona, author of *By the Breath of Their Mouths: Narratives of Resistance in Italian America* examines the liberating powers of speech in Italian-American Writing, with specific emphasis on the ways in which narratives of mortality function as gestures of continuity. That Italian Americans die in literature is as important as *how* they die. Italian immigrants were subject to the degradations of

nativism, poverty, and untimely deaths, inspiring writers of Italian America to illuminate the New-World status of Italian immigrants by fulsomely portraying their suffering and dying, and be re-imagining those who mourned those deaths. Stories of death-inclusive of deathbed scenes, widows' lamentations, and textual endings – illuminate operative ways in which the United States writers of Italian America explore bereavement and insist on their ancestors' New World status and humanity through dying. Like Persephone returning, these authors portray death as a story of continuity, a story about how things change, but do not end. Sponsored by the Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

[calandra@qc.edu](mailto:calandra@qc.edu)

### **Classic Books & Cinema: *Il Gattopardo***

**October 14 6:30 pm**

An insightful interpretation of the classic novel *Il Gattopardo* by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa presented in English by NYU Professor in Residence Antonio Rutigliano. Lecture will address the historical and social context in which the story takes place. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnny.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnny.org)

### **Is Italian American Studies Extinct?**

**Past, Present and Future Trends**

**October 14 6:30 pm**

A discussion of the evolving nature of Italian American studies will be examined by Dr. Joseph V. Scelsa, Founder and President of the Italian American Museum and Professor Emeritus, Queens College, CUNY. Sponsored by Italian American Museum.

155 Mulberry Street, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Dr. Joseph V. Scelsa (212) 965-9000

Fax (212) 965-9004

[jvscelsa@ItalianAmericanMuseum.org](mailto:jvscelsa@ItalianAmericanMuseum.org)

**Symposium: Teaching Italian:  
Workshop for Instructional Materials**

**October 15      8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

Elementary, high school, and college instructors participating in this annual symposium will be engaged in both methodological discussions and hands-on design to create pedagogically sound instructional materials using a myriad of technological tools to enhance language learning: explore technological tools (e.g., YouTube videos, blogs, voice tools, online exercises, etc.); examine and critique various design models; investigate different strategies and approaches; create your own series of materials for immediate classroom use. Additional events celebrating women educators will be presented during Women's History Month at MSU – a collaboration between the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services. Sponsored by The Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America and the Department of Spanish and Italian at Montclair State University.

Montclair State University – University Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Center & Lecture Halls

1 Normal Avenue, Montclair, NJ

Admission: \$50 for teachers/professors, \$25 for prospective teachers of Italian; open to the public (includes breakfast, lunch and parking)

Contact: Mary Ann Re, Ph.D. (973) 655-4038  
*rem@mail.montclair.edu*

**Book Exhibit in Celebration of  
Maria Montessori, M.D.**

**October 15      1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Collection of texts authored by Dr. Montessori on display. Special readings by librarian for schools by appointment only. Sponsored by Italian Historical Society of America. Italian Historical Society of America

Library Conference Room

111-113 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn

Admission: free

Contact: Theresa Capece Rosen (718) 852-2929

**Eighth Annual Savoy History Lecture: “The Venus  
Fixers: The Art of Italy and World War II”**

**October 15      6:00 pm**

An illustrated lecture by author Ilaria Dagnini Brey will examine the genesis of the specialized units that were created by both American and British commands to

identify and safeguard significant artistic sites subsequent to the liberation of Italy by the Allies in the period 1943–1945. Dinner to follow. Sponsored by the American Foundation of Savoy Orders.

The Grolier Club

47 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Admission: \$125; open to the public

Contact: Marco Grassi (212) 972-1100, ext. 245

*amsavoy@aol.com*

### **Storie di Famiglia: Westchester County Cemetery Records**

**October 16      10:00 am**

Patrick Raftery from the Westchester County Historical Society will discuss the best strategies for uncovering genealogical information utilizing Westchester County cemetery records. Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **The Italian Welfare League Annual Luncheon and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**October 16      11:00 am – 3:30 pm**

Founded in 1920, the Italian Welfare League (IWL) has a long history of providing services to Italian immigrants. Today the IWL meets the needs of hard pressed Italian American families through fundraising and financial assistance to worthy causes. This year the IWL is honoring Buddy Valastro, star of the TLC's hit TV program, *The Cake Boss*, his mother, Mary Valastro and Alexandra Guarnaschelli, Executive Chef of Butter Restaurant. Sponsored by the Italian Welfare League.

St. Regis Hotel

2 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Contact: Vivian Cardia or Linda Carlozzi (212) 545-4040

*VCARDIA@aol.com*

*carlozzil@jacksonlewis.com*

**Gala: Celebration of the Launch of the Italian Studies  
Major at the College of Staten Island**

**October 16 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Held at Tuscan Garden, Snug Harbor Cultural Center &  
Botanical Garden.

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

Contact: Dr. Ann Lubrano (718) 982-2673

*ann.lubrano@csi.cuny.edu*

**Serata Italiana: Tributo al lavoro e passione della  
Dottssa. Maria Montessori**

**October 16 7:00 pm**

Una serata all'Italiana per celebrare I pregi della nostra  
bella cultura a tempo di musica, specialità culinary  
e Tarantella. Sequirà una presentazione sul lavoro  
dell Dottressa Maria Montessori. Sponsored by  
Associazione Culturale Pugliese – Figli Maria S.S.  
Addolorata.

Church of St. Athanasius

School Auditorium

2154 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Contact: Lucrezia Nardulli (917) 509-2803

*Lucrezianardulli@yahoo.com*

**Due Giuseppi: Celebrating the Life of Garibaldi  
and the Music of Verdi**

**October 17 1:00 pm**

This presentation by well known musicologist Lou  
Barrella will trace how Giuseppe Garibaldi's actions  
and Giuseppe Verdi's music both had a positive impact  
on the Italian Risorgimento. Musical (political) excerpts  
from Verdi's operas will interject a summary of the  
historical undertakings of his compatriot, reminding us  
of how both military action and artistic expression in  
the theater influenced the politics and populace of their  
times, ultimately giving rise to the Unification of Italy.  
Sponsored by the Garibaldi Meucci Museum.

420 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island

Admission: \$5; open to the public

Contact: Nicole Fenton (718) 442-1608

Fax: (718) 442-8635

*www.garibaldimeuccimuseum.org*

**Italian Heritage Tour at The Woodlawn Cemetery**

**October 17 2:00 pm**

The Friends of Woodlawn and Uguaglianza N.E. Bronx  
Lodge #83, OSIA, present a walking tour celebrating

some of New York's most famous and prominent Italian men and women. The tour visits the gravesites of: Fiorello LaGuardia, Joseph Stella, Generoso Pope, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, playwright Clemente Giglio, the Piccirilli Family, Order Sons of Italy in America founder Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro, and others. Refreshments to follow. Sponsored by Friends of The Woodlawn Cemetery and Uguaglianza N.E. Bronx Lodge #83, OSIA.

The Woodlawn Cemetery

Jerome Avenue (southern) entrance at the intersection of Jerome and Bainbridge Avenues, Bronx

Admission: \$10; \$5 seniors and students;  
open to the public

Contact: Josephine M. Bastone (718) 618-1344

*jbastone@courts.state.ny.us*

**Lecture: "Padre Pio: His Life,  
His Time and His Mission"**

**October 17      2:30 pm**

Offered in collaboration with Nassau Community College's Center for Catholic Studies. Introductions by Dr. Joseph Varacalli, Director, Center for Catholic Studies. Presentation by Monsignor Robert Batule, Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY and remarks and power point presentation by Vito Faraci on the life and works of Padre Pio. Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University and Nassau Community College, Center for Catholic Studies.

Center for Italian Studies Meeting Hall,  
Stony Brook University

Melville Library, Room E4340, Stony Brook, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444; Fax: (631) 632-7421

*jfusco@italianstudies.org*

**Columbus Celebration Concert**

**October 17      2:45 pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of Italy's finest music presented by the 30-piece Yonkers Concert Band. Formed in 1941 and now the last surviving Italian Concert Band in the tri-state area. Performance includes vocal selection by guest soprano and tenor, marches, operatic highlights, and a sing-along of Neapolitan songs, with lyrics provided to the audience. Sponsored by Yonkers Columbus Day Committee and Yonkers Department of Parks & Recreation.

Saunders High School  
183 Palmer Road, Yonkers  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Frank Cardone (914) 377-6440  
*Frank.cardone@yonkersny.gov*

**Film Screening: *Basilone*  
Marine Corp. Legend and Hero**  
**October 17 5:00 pm**

A film that pays homage to Italian American hero Sgt. John Basilone, awarded the Medal of Honor, The Navy Cross and The Purple Heart during WWII. Moderated by John Dabbene. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.  
Spiro Hall, Wagner College  
1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014  
*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

**Putnam County Columbus Day Golf Outing**  
**October 18 2:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac.  
Trump National Golf Club  
Fishkill, NY  
Admission: \$140; open to the public  
Contact: Arthur DeFeo (845) 208-7044  
*gcefaloni@fordham.edu*

**Film Screening: *In Altro Mare***  
**October 18 6:00 pm**

Gloucester, Massachusetts, is home to over 6,000 residents of Sicilian origin, many of them from the town of Terrasini, near Palermo. *In Altro Mare* looks at fishermen, their families, and the community established by the Italian Americans of Gloucester. Director and anthropologist Franco La Cecla interweaves the stories of Gloucester Sicilians with those of immigrants who returned to live and work in Terrasini, suggesting a diasporic experience of being caught between two worlds. The film pays particular attention to changes in the fishing industry that have challenged the viability of smaller-scale independent fishing in Gloucester, such as environmental regulation and globalization. Post-screening discussion with the director led by Dr. Joseph Sciorra, Calandra Institute. Sponsored by the Documented Italians Film &

Video Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute,  
Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

*calandra@qc.edu*

### **A Journey of Operatic Italy**

**October 19 12:30 pm**

During the summer of 2009, Lou Barrella and his wife Kathleen made a long awaited trip to Italy. In addition to visiting some major cities, they went to places important in the lives of Verdi and Puccini. This pictorial souvenir is accompanied by operatic music celebrating beautiful locations. Sharing this experience will bring back wonderful memories for some and a yearning to visit Italy for many others. Sponsored by Brooklyn College, Center for Italian American Studies and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Student Center

Campus Road & East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Dominick Carielli, Ph.D.

(718) 951-5000, ext.6264

*iqcenter@brooklyn.cuny.edu*

### **Afternoon Cinema: *The Leopard***

**October 19 2:00 pm**

Luchino Visconti's 1968 film version of Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel *Il Gattopardo*. In Italian with English subtitles. Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Cooking Lesson with Executive Chef Richard Mancino**

**October 19 6:00 pm**

Chef Mancino will demonstrate how to make a roast loin of pork Italian style with pesto and sausage. Tasting

afterward. Question and answer period regarding Italian cooking. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

The Faculty Dining Room in the Student Union,  
Wagner College

1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014

*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

### **Laughter in Opera: Physical & Psychological Therapy**

**October 19 7:30 pm**

Laughter is the most natural therapy for physical well-being and mental stability. Opera is a reflection of the human condition, and musicologist Lou Barrella will illuminate how laughter in opera affects us. This presentation will explore examples of composers' prompting of audience laughter via examples of comic and non-comic situations, laughter by characters, chorus, audience and orchestra. As laughter is universal, we will hear examples from opera and song in Italian, French, German, Spanish, Russian and English. Sponsored by the Society for Italian Culture of Long Island.

Garden City Library

60 Seventh Street, Garden City, NY

Admission: Members and Guests

Contact: Lillian Alessi (516) 674-3090

### ***Pinocchio* The Italian Musical**

**October 19 – 23 8:00 pm**

**(except Saturday 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm)**

Direct from Italy to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the most popular Italian fairy tale in the world, the biggest Italian musical will be staged in its original version.

*Pinocchio* the Italian Musical, based on Collodi's novel and universally acknowledged as Italian culture's symbol, is a show suitable for the whole family: a musical with 20 Italian performers which amuses and moves, surprises with its great special effects and fascinates with dances and songs written by the popular Italian band I Pooh. An unforgettable show performed in Italian with English subtitles. The cast will be at the Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available at the Kaye Box Office East 68<sup>th</sup> street between Park and Lexington Avenues. Telephone (212) 772-4448; Fax: (212) 650-3661 and on [www.Ticketweb.com](http://www.Ticketweb.com). K – 12 Students' Matinees only: Wednesday, October 20 at 10:00 am, Thursday,

October 21 at 10:00 am; \$25 per ticket.

Contact IACE (212) 772-8755.

The Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse, Hunter College  
East 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

*incanto@incantoproductions.com*

*www.pinocchio.musical.it*

**Meet the Italian Professors  
at the College of Staten Island**

**October 20 2:30 pm**

The Department of Modern Languages is pleased to invite students to learn about Italian language courses and academic offerings. Students interested in Italian heritage, culture and language are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by Department of Modern Languages.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, 2S Study Lounge

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Contact: Prof. Gerry Milligan (718) 982-3700

*Gerry.milligan@csi.cuny.edu*

**Panel Discussion: “Maria Montessori”**

**October 20 4:30 pm**

Exploration of Maria Montessori’s contributions to the field of education. Sponsored by St. John’s University, Multicultural Affairs, Italian Cultural Center, School of Education and Italian Heritage Month Committee.

St. John’s University

300 Howard Avenue, Kelleher Center – Kiernan Suite,  
Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jamaal Brown (718) 390-4433

Fax: (718) 390-4531

*browni@stjohns.edu*

**Italian Heritage and Culture Night**

**October 20 8:00 pm**

Membership will prepare regional dishes and share family artifacts with attendees. Sponsored by Donatello Lodge #2559, OSIA.

Westbury Community Center

360 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Annette Lankewish (516) 933-7393

## **Italian Music, Film, Art and Literature**

**October 21 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Live music and film screening. Panel discussion will examine Italian American literature.

Sponsored by Borough of Manhattan  
Community College.

199 Chambers Street, Manhattan

Contact: Professor J. Thomas Means

(212) 220-8000 x 5275

*jmeans@bmcc.cuny.edu*

## **Italian Film Festival**

**October 21 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Sponsored by Department of Modern Languages.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, Modern Languages,  
Media Center 2S-114D

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island

Contact: Valeria Belmonti (718) 982-4155

*Valeria.belmonti@csi.cuny.edu*

## **Lecture: “Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori”**

**October 21 2:00 pm**

Elisa Infosino, freelance writer, will examine Dr. Montessori’s life and legacy as creator of the Montessori method of education and the first Italian female physician.

Sponsored by Brooklyn Public Library.

Brooklyn Public Library, New Utrecht Branch

1743 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Edward D’Angelo (718) 236-4086

## **Renaissance Sax Quartet**

**October 21 6:30 pm**

A classical quartet of saxophones from Bari (Apulia) will perform new Italian music by Annunziata, Nicolau, Zannoni and others. Sponsored by United Pugliesi Federation.

Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Pope Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Davide Zannoni (212) 414-1780

*DAVIDEZANNONI@aol.com*

**Italian Language and Literature Series:**

**La Scuola Siciliana**

**October 21 6:30 pm**

Presented in English by Professor Joseph Spedaliere.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$20

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnyc.org*

**Out of This Fountain of Grace II**

**October 21 7:00 pm**

A fundraiser for the Church of St. John the Baptist's Bread of Life Food Pantry. Featuring classic soulful Italian songs from Italian tenor Micheal Castaldo's critically acclaimed CD *Aceto* with the Richmond County Orchestra directed by Alan Aurelia. Light refreshments and olive oil tasting served in the Padre Pio Prayer Garden following the concert. Call for priority seating and advance ticket sales. Sponsored by Church of St. John the Baptist and Majestic Castle Music Productions.

Church of St. John the Baptist

210 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street (directly across from Penn Station - Madison Square Garden), Manhattan

Admission: \$15 suggested donation

Contact: Fr. Philip F. Fabiano (212) 564-9070

*palumbofabiano@yahoo.com*

**Annual Columbus Dinner Dance**

**October 22 6:00 pm**

Honoring Professoressa Rossana Caringi, NIAF's "Teacher of the Year" and Italian instructor at Westlake High School, Thornwood, New York. Catherine Long, former Treasurer, will also be celebrated for her contributions. Music by Emilio Capuano of Top40 Entertainment. Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society, Inc.

Villa Barone Hilltop Manor

Route 6, Mahopac, NY

Admission: \$90; open to the public

Contact: Brigida (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

**Musical Program: Giada Valenti – Una Notte in Italia**

**October 22 8:00 pm**

Giada Valenti's new show is a unique and entertaining program that appeals to the romantic spirit. With her great storytelling and emotional vocal skills Giada takes her audience on a virtual trip through the most beautiful love songs from the Italian and American song book.

Etcetera, Etcetera

352 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10036

Admission: \$25.00 - \$ 40.00

Contact: (212) 399-4141 or visit: [www.theatermania.com](http://www.theatermania.com)

**Anthony Maggiacomo Lodge #2320,**

**OSIA, Dinner Dance**

**October 22 7:00 pm**

Annual dinner dance in Yonkers, Anthony Maggiacomo Lodge #2320, honoring Rev. Andrew Carrozza and Hon. Dee Barbato. Sponsored by the Lodge.

Westchester Manor

Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

Admission: \$80

Contact: Peter Tamburri (914) 843-3285

**Cinema Italia: *Pane Amaro (Bitter Bread)***

**October 22 7:00 pm**

Film screening and discussion of *Pane Amaro (Bitter Bread)* with the filmmaker, Gianfranco Norelli. The Museum will be open for tours and shopping, and refreshments will be served. Sponsored by American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark.

Botto House National Landmark

83 Norwood Street, Halendon, NJ

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Angelica M. Santomauro (973) 595-7953  
[labormuseum@aol.com](mailto:labormuseum@aol.com)

**Pier Paolo Jacopini Quartet:**

**Renaissance Jazz Concert**

**October 22 7:00 pm**

Italian quartet that blends the historical repertoire of classical Italian music with music from contemporary composers. A reception with the artists will follow the performance. Must register in advance and prepay.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$25; Non-Members \$30

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Renaissance Sax Quartet**

**October 22 8:00 pm**

A classical quartet of saxophones from Bari (Apulia) performing new Italian music by Annunziata, Nicolau, Zannoni and others. Sponsored by United Pugliesi Federation.

Greenwich House Music School

46 Barrow Street, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Davide Zannoni (212) 414-1780

*DAVIDEZANNONI@aol.com*

### **Expo Italia**

**October 23 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

A sampling of Italian food, crafts, music and traditions. This festival is the culmination of Italian Heritage and Culture Month at Snug Harbor Cultural Center.

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

Contact: Vincent Innocente (718) 425-3516

*vinnocente@snug-harbor.org*

### **Renaissance Sax Quartet**

**October 23 3:00 pm**

A classical quartet of saxophones from Bari (Apulia) performing new Italian music by Annunziata, Nicolau, Zannoni and others. Sponsored by United Pugliesi Federation.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden

1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Davide Zannoni (212) 414-1780

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### **Feast of San Vincenzo, Martire**

**(Patron Saint of Craco, Italy)**

**October 24 12:00 pm**

Traditional Catholic Mass honoring the patron saint of the town of Craco, Italy. The Church of St. Joseph's is the repository of the saint's relic that dates back to 1769 and also has a 109 year old statue of San Vincenzo, donated

by the first Italian immigrants to New York in 1901.

Sponsored by the Craco Society.

Church of St. Joseph

5 Monroe Street, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Frederick Spero (774) 269-6611

**I Giullari Di Piazza Present Tarantella – Spider Dance  
October 24 2:00 pm**

I Giullari Di Piazza featuring, Southern Italian folk music and dance, with theatre company featuring Alessandra Belloni in excerpts from “Spider Dance.” Information to purchase tickets go to: [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org) or [www.alessandrabelloni.com](http://www.alessandrabelloni.com)

Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. James Chapel  
1047 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: \$25

Contact: Alessandra Belloni (646) 322-4637  
[abelloni@aol.com](mailto:abelloni@aol.com)

**Concert: The New Rochelle Opera Company  
Presents Highlights of Italian Opera**

**October 24 3:00 pm**

Join the New Rochelle Opera Company as it celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A selection of famous arias by Puccini will be performed by renowned singer from the opera company. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College, Academic Arts Theatre  
Parking lot 2

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790;

Fax: (914) 606-6439

[carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu](mailto:carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu)

**Musical Concert with Tenor Aaron Caruso  
October 24 6:30 pm**

Enjoy beautiful Italian compositions to celebrate Italian Heritage and Cultural Month. Sponsored by Gruppo Italiano Sant’Atanasio.

Church of St. Athanasius

School Auditorium

6120 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn

Admission: \$25

Contact: Freddy Felletti (718) 614-9683

**Book Presentation: *Una Guida all'Architettura Moderna dell'Eur (How Fascism Redesigned Rome: A Guide to Eur's Modern Architecture)***

**October 25 6:00 pm**

Art historian Adachiara Zevi in conversation with Alexander Levi (SLO Architecture). Sponsored by New York University Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest updates, please visit [www.casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call (212) 998-8739

**Secret Recipes of Great Italian Chefs**

**Contemporary Italian Cuisine –**

**La Cucina di Casa Spadaro**

**October 25 6:30 pm**

Hands on culinary class and demonstration presented by Antonio and Rina Spadaro from Spadaro Restaurant, New Rochelle, NY. Capacity limited to 28. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$50: Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnny.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnny.org)

**Exploring Italy**

**October 26 12:00 pm**

Italy is as beautiful as a film. Join us for an exciting illustrated presentation of the twenty regions of the “Bel Paese” enjoying history, art, culture, typical food and local traditions. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY, Agenzia Nazionale del Turismo, and York College/CUNY. York College, CUNY

94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd, Jamaica, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Samuel Ghelli (718) 262-2462

[sghelli@york.cuny.edu](mailto:sghelli@york.cuny.edu)

**Film Screening: *Prisoners in Paradise***

**October 26 12:30 pm**

Award winning documentary film *Prisoners in Paradise* chronicles the lives of the more than 51,000 Italian prisoners of war in the U.S. during WWII. Post-screening

discussion by Director/Producer Camilla Calamandrei.  
Sponsored by Brooklyn College Center for Italian  
American Studies and the John D. Calandra Italian  
American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Student Center

Campus Road & East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Dominick Carielli, Ph.D.

(718) 951-5000, ext.6264

*iqcenter@brooklyn.cuny.edu*

### **Third Annual Food and Dessert Expo**

**October 26      5:00 pm**

Participants will share samples of Italian food and/  
or dessert in recipe competition. Sponsored by St.  
John's University Multicultural Affairs, Italian Cultural  
Center, School of Education and Italian Heritage Month  
Committee.

St. John's University

300 Howard Avenue, Kelleher Center – Kiernan Suite,  
Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jamaal Brown (718) 390-4433

Fax: (718) 390-4531

*browni@stjohns.edu*

### **Italian Folk Vernacular Culture in Italian-American Lives**

**October 26      5:30 – 7:30 pm**

Book presentation by Dr. Joseph Sciorra, Director,  
Academic and Cultural Programs, John D. Calandra  
Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.  
Sciorra will examine the cultural life of Italian Americans  
through Sunday dinners, basement kitchens, backyard  
gardens and daily entities associated with Italian  
Americans as demonstrated in his edited collection of  
essays. Refreshments will be served. Additional events  
celebrating women educators will be presented during  
Women's History Month at MSU, a collaboration between  
the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the  
College of Education and Human Services. Sponsored by  
the Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America.  
Montclair State University, Dickson Hall – Cohen Lounge  
1 Normal Avenue, Montclair, NJ

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Mary Ann Re, Ph.D. (973) 655-4038

Fax (973) 655-4284

*rem@mail.montclair.edu*

**Italian American Heritage and  
Culture Month Celebration**

**October 26 7:30 pm**

Appreciation and celebration of Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. Sponsored by *L'Esperienza* Italian American Magazine (copyright 1994-2010).

The Italian Cultural Society at Farmingdale  
Ellsworth Allen Park, Farmingdale

Admission: Membership or guest;  
includes refreshments and presentation

Contact: Dr. Mario Macaluso (516) 935-7418  
*Dr.MacPress@aol.com*

**Cultural Film: *The Vatican:  
Its History, Past and Present***

**October 27 11:15 am**

The history of the Vatican from its origin to the present is highlighted in this documentary film. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College,  
Classroom Bldg. Room 100, Parking lot 4  
75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790  
Fax: (914) 606-6439  
*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

**Study Italian Language and Culture in Perugia, Italy**

**October 27 12:15 pm**

Queens College and the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute offer a program to study Italian language and culture in Perugia, Italy. The low-cost 4-week or 8-week program provides students and members of the community the opportunity to earn 6 or 12 credits in one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Italy. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY and the Italian Department at the college.

Queens College  
65-30 Kissena Blvd, Room TBA  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Joseph Grosso (718) 997-5769  
*Joseph.grosso@qc.cuny.edu*

**Linda Cardillo Reads from *Across the Table***

**October 27 2:00 pm**

Author Linda Cardillo will read from her unforgettable story of family and forgiveness, loyalty and love.

Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: free

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Italian Wine Tasting Dinner**

**October 27 6:30 pm**

An exquisite five-course Italian meal featuring an Italian wine pairing with each course. Reservations necessary.

Limited to 80 people. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

The Faculty Dining Room in the Student Union, Wagner College

1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island

Admission: \$110; open to the public

Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014

*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

**Lecture: “Empire State of Mine: Reshaping Post-Modernism Through Ancient Traditions”**

**October 28 12:30 – 2:15 pm**

Tommaso Cuccia, visual artist from Italy, will discuss the impact of Italian American religious feasts on

contemporary art, urban theater and set design; slide and sculptures will illustrate the lecture. Open to the

Baruch College community. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by The Italian American Club of Baruch College and the John D. Calandra Italian American

Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

Vertical Campus, Room 10-175

55 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free

Contact: Dr. Nancy Ziehler (646) 312-2164

*Nancy.ziehler@baruch.cuny.edu*

**Italian Film Festival**

**October 28 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Sponsored by Department of Modern Languages.

College of Staten Island/CUNY, Modern Languages,

Media Center 2S-114D

2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island  
Contact: Valeria Belmonti (718) 982-4155  
*Valeria.belmonti@csi.cuny.edu*

### **Tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori**

**October 28 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Life and biography of Maria Montessori, educator and physician. Sponsored by Profumi D'Italia Radio Show. W.H.PC Radio – 90.3 F.M.

Garden City, LI

Admission: free

Contact: Rita Monte (516) 572-7440/(515) 572-7438  
*RITAMONTE17@HOTMAIL.COM*

### **In Cucina – Chef Demonstration**

**Dinner with Wine Pairing**

**October 28 7:00 pm**

The evening will be a delectable Italian culinary demonstration featuring regional Italian dishes with a guest chef. Dinner and wine pairing is included in the price of admission. Please check website: [www.casa-belvedere.org](http://www.casa-belvedere.org) for updated information or call or e-mail us at (718) 273-7660 or [info@casabelvedere.org](mailto:info@casabelvedere.org). Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc. 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

### **Conference:**

**“Is An Italian American History Possible?”**

**October 29 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

The second Forum in Italian American Criticism conference organized by the Alfonse M. D'Amato Chair in Italian and Italian American Studies at Stony Brook University will examine the topic of “Is an Italian American history possible?” The program will feature noted historians Donna Gabaccia, Stanislao Pugliese, Mary Ann Trasciatti, and other speakers. For further information, contact Peter Carravetta at (631) 632-6141 or email [Peter.Carravetta@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Peter.Carravetta@stonybrook.edu), and/or the Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University (631) 632-7444 or [jfusco@italianstudies.org](mailto:jfusco@italianstudies.org)  
The Alfonse M. D'Amato Chair at Stony Brook University

Stony Brook Manhattan  
401 Park Avenue South 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Manhattan  
Admission: open to the public  
Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444  
*jfusco@italianstudies.org*

### **Putnam County Columbus Day Fashion Show**

**October 29 7:30 pm**

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac.  
Club House

141 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac, NY

Admission: \$15; open to the public

Contact: Lucy DeFeo (845) 208-7044

*gcefaloni@fordham.edu*

### **Viva Italia Grand Musical Finale**

**October 31 3:00 pm**

Individual and group music performances by students and faculty. Moderated and directed by Dr. Roger Wesby, Professor, Music Department. Sponsored by The DaVinci Society.

Student Performance Center, Wagner College

1 Campus Road, Grymes Hill, Staten Island

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Betty McComiskey (718) 420-4014

*EMcComis@wagner.edu*

### **Montessori Book Jacket Contest**

**November 1 7:30 pm**

Middle grade students in local schools were encouraged to design and illustrate book jackets, or select an education toy and relate the product to Montessori philosophy.

Celebration and presentation of award recipients.

Sponsored by Cellini Lodge #2206, OSIA.

Clinton Martin Park

1601 Marcus Avenue, Hew Hyde Park

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jean Gagliardo (516) 935-5084

*jeangag@verizon.net*

### **Afternoon Cinema: *Il Postino***

**November 2 2:00 pm**

Directed by Michael Radford. Screening in Italian with English subtitles. Registration is required. Sponsored by

Westchester Italian Cultural Center.  
One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY  
Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5  
Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109  
[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

**Lecture: “Bitter Spring: A Life of Ignazio Silone”  
November 3 11:15 am**

Stanislao G. Pugliese, Professor of History at Hofstra University, will discuss his new book on the life and work of the Italian novelist Ignazio Silone. This publication is the first biography of the Italian writer in English. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College, Classroom Bldg.  
Room 100, Parking lot 4  
75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790  
Fax: (914) 606-6439  
[carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu](mailto:carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu)

**Charles Gasparino Reads from *Bought and Paid For*  
November 3 7:00 pm**

Charles (Charlie) Gasparino, senior correspondent for the Fox Business Network, where he reports on major developments in the world of finance and politics. A blogger, occasional radio host, *New York Times* bestselling author and print journalist, he will discuss his new book *Bought and Paid For*. This explores the unholy alliance between business, banking, and government. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc. 79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island  
Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660  
Fax (718) 273-0020  
[marian@casa-belvedere.org](mailto:marian@casa-belvedere.org)

**Italian Harpsichord Music  
November 3 8:00 pm**

The Fall 2010 concert series at Columbia University's Italian Academy for Advanced Studies will present harpsichordist Andrew Appel in a program featuring music of Bargello, Galuppi, Platti and songs by Hasse with tenor Thomas Cooley. Sponsored by The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America.

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Rick Whitaker (212) 854-1623  
*Rw2115@columbia.edu*

**Special Event: Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

**November 4**

Concert and Gala. Sponsored by New York University  
Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest  
updates, please visit [www.casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call  
(212) 998-8739

**Film Screening: *Average Community***

**November 4 6:00 pm**

Growing up in Trenton, New Jersey, in the mid-1980s,  
filmmaker, Fred Zara went by the name Fred Fatal,  
played drums in a punk-rock band called Prisoners of  
War, and managed to get kicked out of high school before  
reaching the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. While visiting his hometown on  
the occasion of the Trenton Film Festival, he decided to  
confront his troubled past and the troubled people in it. He  
is joined by his two older brothers and former band mates,  
one a disheartened New York journalist, the other a free-  
spirited Seattle musician, as he reunited with old friends  
from Trenton's punk scene, revisits painful memories,  
and tries to make sense of what it meant to grow up in a  
dying city. Post-screening discussion with writer/producer  
Christopher Zara led by Roseangela Briscese, Calandra  
Institute. Sponsored by the Documented Italians Film &  
Video Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute,  
Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094

Fax (212) 642-2030

*calandra@qc.edu*

**Il Dolce Stil Nuovo**

**November 4 6:30 pm**

Presented in English by Professor Joseph Spedaliere.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$20

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Discover Italy: The Heart of Tuscany - Montepulciano**

**November 5 6:30 pm**

Presented by Marco Evangelista from Visit Italy. A tasting of regional delicacies and wines will follow. Capacity limited to 50. Must register in advance and prepay.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: \$20; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Mario Lanza Ball**

**November 6 5:00 pm**

Dinner Dance fundraiser with scholarship award finalists and performance by tenor Cody Austin. Recorded performances of Mario Lanza. Sponsored by Mario Lanza Society of New York.

Doubletree Hotel

Broad and Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA

Admission: \$150; open to the public

Contact: Bill Ronayne (215) 238-9691

*WJRONAYNE@JUNO.COM*

**Seventh Annual New Italian Film Festival**

**November 6 and 7 2:00 – 8:00 pm**

Screening of six recently produced Italian films. Guest filmmakers will offer remarks and conduct Q & A sessions. Details will be made available as program is finalized. Call (631) 632-7444 for updated information.

Sponsored by Center for Italian Studies at Stony Brook University in collaboration with the Department of European Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

Stony Brook University, Wang Center Auditorium

Stony Brook, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jo Fusco (631) 632-7444; Fax: (631) 632-7421

*jfusco@italianstudies.org*

## **Homemade Wine Extravaganza**

**November 7 1:00 pm**

Homemade wine competition; music – dancing – luncheon- raffles – best wine will get a prize. Wine judged by Sommeliers.

Verdi's Restaurant & Catering.

680 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY

Admission: free

Contact: Rita Monte (516) 426-1701

*RITAMONTE17@HOTMAIL.COM*

## **Award Ceremony: Premio Letterario**

**Zerilli-Marimò/City of Rome**

**November 9 6:00 pm**

9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Literary Prize. Sponsored by New York University Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò.

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Casa Italiana programming is subject to change. For latest updates, please visit [www.casaitaliananyu.org](http://www.casaitaliananyu.org) or call (212) 998-8739

## **Sicilian Language and Poetry**

**November 9 6:30 pm**

In collaboration with Arba Sicula, a not-for-profit international society whose main objective is the preservation and promotion of the Sicilian language and culture. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$15; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnyc.org*

## **Enrico Caruso: His Life, His Time and His Music**

**November 9 7:00 pm**

Cav. Uff. Aldo Mancusi, Founder, President and Curator of the Enrico Caruso Museum of America, will conduct a lecture, exhibition and play the music of Enrico Caruso: the most admired Italian operatic tenor of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

**Lecture: “The Politics of Verdi”**

**November 10 11:15 am**

Rosemarie Serrano, Prof. and Chair of the Music will examine Verdi’s messages of “freedom” and “homeland” in his operas. Beginning with his first success, *Nabucco* the composer purposely included political messages in his opera. Politics helped determine Verdi’s success as well as the difficulties he encountered. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College,  
Classroom Bldg. Room 100, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

[carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu](mailto:carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu)

**Pauline Spatafora Reads from *Dear Sister: Letters Home to Sicily from Wartime America***

**November 10 2:00 pm**

A unique insight into the lives of Italians and Italian Americans during the tumultuous WWII period.

Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: free

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnny.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnny.org)

**Gioia Timpanelli Reads from *What Makes a Child Lucky***

**November 10 6:00 pm**

Acclaimed storyteller Gioia Timpanelli presents her latest book, a novella of danger and survival in late nineteenth-century rural Sicily. After his best friend is killed by bandits, thirteen-year-old Joseph is kidnapped by the murderers. The gang’s cook, a fierce woman of great practical wisdom and humanity, guides Joseph in the cycles of the seasons, the earth’s gifts in a time of starvation, and the animal sense that enables one to anticipate the action of others. Her lessons ultimately help him to escape the grip of perpetual violence. Sponsored by Writers Read Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094  
Fax (212) 642-2030  
*calandra@qc.edu*

### **Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance (ILICA) Annual Celebration**

**November 10 6:00 – 11:00 pm**

ILICA's annual event to celebrate and promote the Italian language as a tool for understanding and study of a culture in constant evolution. ILICA operates in the U.S. and Italy and raises funds for the support and training of American teachers of Italian. This year's celebration will honor Cav. Anthony Julian Tamburri, Ph.D., Dean, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY; Cristiana Pegoraro, pianist/composer; and the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce (IACC). Sponsored by ILICA.

The Lighthouse at the Chelsea Piers

61 Chelsea Piers, Manhattan

Admission: \$100 (includes 3 raffle tickets)

Contact: Cav. Vincenzo R. Marra (718) 392-2020

### **General Meeting and Cultural Presentation**

**November 10 8:00 pm**

Mara DeMatteo, Italian writer, translator and educator will share highlights from her book *Dreams, Lies and a Touch of Smoke* regarding her participation in a program with an Italian high school in Portici, Italy. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society, Inc.

Mount Pleasant Town Hall

1 Town Hall Plaza, Vahalla, NY

Admission: open to the public

Contact: Brigida Colitto (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

### **Tribute to Maria Montessori and Italian American Women**

**November 11 7:30 pm**

Italian and Italian American women who are practicing physicians and educators with an affiliation to the Cellini Lodge will be recognized with certificates of appreciation for their contributions in their respective fields. Sponsored by Cellini Lodge #2206, OSIA.

Marcus Christ Hall  
Jericho Turnpike and New Hyde Park Road,  
New Hyde Park  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Jean Gagliardo (516) 935-5084  
*jeangag@verizon.net*

**Lecture: "Art in a Bottle"**

**November 12 6:30 pm**

Wine lecture and tasting of selected Sicilian wines, presented by wine enthusiast Salvatore Cottone. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Member \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Storie di Famiglia: Finding Your Ancestral  
Records by Mail & Internet Research**

**November 13 10:00 am**

Peter Scalcione presents intermediate and advanced steps to help with your genealogical research using old and new technologies. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Piccoli Cuochi: Pasta A to Zeta**

**November 13 2:00 pm**

Hands on culinary classes for children presented in our demonstration kitchen by I Trulli Restaurant. Children have fun while learning to prepare various types of pasta. Limited capacity to 28. Adults will not be admitted without a child. One adult per child. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$30; Non-Members \$40; Parent and Child: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Italian Film Festival: *Johnny Stecchino***

**November 14 3:00 pm**

Starring Roberto Benigni. A great funny film of mistaken identity. Benigni plays the dual roles of Gianni Stecchino (Johnny Toothpick) and Dante, a naïve bus driver.

Outrageous and hysterical, one of the best comedies in years. In Italian with English subtitles. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College

Classroom Bldg. Room 200, Parking lot 4

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

**Roundtrip: Linguistic/Cultural**

**Migrations and Diaspora**

**Andata e ritorno: Migrazioni e diaspora  
linguistico-culturali**

**November 16 5:00 – 8:00 pm**

This symposium will examine issues of identity as manifested through the various social phenomena such as migration, language, and culture. Speakers will include scholars from CUNY and the University for Foreigners Perugia. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Institute Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY) and the University for Foreigners Perugia.

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan

Contact: (212) 642-2094

*calandra@qc.edu*

**Wine Dinner & Auction**

**November 16 6:30 pm**

Celebrate Sicilian food & wine! Wine dinner and auction of rare art and fine wines. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$125; Non-Members \$150

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

## **Bordighera Poetry Prize**

**November 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Bordighera Press celebrates the winner of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual award for the best poetry written in English by an Italian/American poet. Present will be the winner of the 2009 Prize, Carla Panciera, and the 2010 winner, to be announced in the early fall. Sponsored by the Sonia Raiziss Giop Charitable Foundation and Bordighera Press. John D. Calandra Institute Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY  
25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan  
Contact: (212) 642-2094  
[calandra@qc.edu](mailto:calandra@qc.edu)

## **Lecture: “Catholic Action, Anti-Catholicism, and National Security Politics in World War II San Francisco”**

**November 18 6:00 pm**

William Issel, author of *For Both Cross and Flag: Catholic Action, Anti-Catholicism, and National Security Politics in World War II San Francisco* and professor at San Francisco State University, will discuss the ordeal of civic leader Sylvester Andriano, an Italian-born naturalized citizen falsely accused of being a Fascist agent in 1942. The FBI and the United States Army accepted the spurious charges and excluded Andriano from California for over a year. The evidence Issel uncovered, drawn from declassified FBI files, Catholic Church and Communist Party records, and a variety of other sources, proves Andriano was framed by Italian anti-Catholic activists and political enemies in the Communist Party. Exploring the ramification of Andriano’s story, Issel presents interesting implications for contemporary issues relating to urban politics, ethnic groups, and religion in a time of war. Sponsored by the Philip V. Cannistraro Seminar Series, John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY.  
John D. Calandra Italian American Institute  
25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, Manhattan  
Admission: free; open to the public  
Contact: Rosangela Briscese (212) 2094  
Fax (212) 642-2030  
[calandra@qc.edu](mailto:calandra@qc.edu)

**Lecture: “Sicily, Its People, Places and Traditions:  
The Arabs’ Paradise”**

**November 18 6:30 pm**

Lecture presented in English by Professor Gaetano Cipolla from St. John’s University. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Brindiamo – Italian Wine Tasting 101**

**November 18 7:00 pm**

Sommelier, Roberto Rossi, presents Vini D’Italia. Sample incredible wines while learning the basics of how to identify and appreciate different varieties of Italian wine, with one of Italy’s and America’s most popular vintners. Sponsored by Casa Belvedere, The Italian Cultural Foundation, Inc.

79 Howard Avenue, Staten Island

Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660

Fax (718) 273-0020

*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

***Nuovomondo (The Golden Door)***

**November 19 6:30 pm**

Film screening with introduction, Q & A, and reception during intermission. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Arturo DiModica Sculpture**

**Exhibit Opening Reception**

**November 20 7:00 pm**

Learn the works and meet the artist best known for his sculpture of the “Charging Bull” on Wall Street. Please check the web site: *www.casa-belvedere.org* for exhibit hours and opening reception information or call/e-mail at (718) 273-7660 or *info@casa-belvedere.org* . Sponsored

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Contact: Marian Rodi (718) 273-7660  
Fax (718) 273-0020  
*marian@casa-belvedere.org*

**Brotherhood Breakfast Featuring  
Singer Giada Valenti**

**November 21 9:30 am – 12:00 pm**

As a tribute to Dr. Maria Montessori, Cellini Lodge #2206, OSIA of New Hyde Park invites community residents and members to breakfast with Italian vocalist – Giada Valenti, who will perform Italian/Italian-American music. Sponsored by Cellini Lodge #2206, OSIA.

Clinton Martin Park

1601 Marcus Avenue, Hew Hyde Park

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Jean Gagliardo (516) 935-5084

*jeangag@verizon.net*

**International Recording Artist Cristina Fontanelli's  
7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Christmas in Italy" Concert**

**November 28 3:00 pm**

A vocal journey through Italy's best-loved folk songs, Neapolitan songs, arias and Christmas classics with piano, mandolin, guitar and accordion accompaniment. Sponsored by Fontanelli Productions.

Merkin Concert Hall at the Kaufman Center

129 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street (between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue), Manhattan

Admission: \$55, \$45, \$40; open to the public

Contact: Tickets – Box Office (212) 501-3330

*www.Kaufman-Center.org*

**Storia del Natale & Opening of Presepio Exhibit**

**November 30 6:30 pm**

On the occasion of the opening of Westchester Italian Cultural Center's annual Presepio display enjoy a lecture on the history, development and evolution of Christmas. Holiday reception will follow. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Paolo Corso Reads from *Catina's Haircut***

**December 1 2:00 pm**

Popular author Paola Corso, links stories of loss, hope, struggle, and freedom. Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: free

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

### **Italian Harpsichord Music**

**December 1 8:00 pm**

The Fall 2010 concert series at Columbia University's Italian Academy for Advanced Studies will present harpsichordist Andrew Appel in a program featuring music of Boccherini, Cimarosa and Clementi, with violinist Krista Bennion Feency and cellist Loretta O'Sullivan. Sponsored by The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America.

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Rick Whitaker (212) 854-1623

[Rw2115@columbia.edu](mailto:Rw2115@columbia.edu)

### **Holiday Presepio Exhibit**

**December 1, 2010 – January 12, 2011**

Presepio is the most popular traditional Christmas decoration in Italy. Nearly every Italian home and Italian church has a beautiful and artistic nativity scene on display. On exhibit will be sections depicting life in the village and the nativity scene. Exhibit hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (closed on December 24, 25, and 31, 2010 and January 1, 2011). Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Suggested donation: Adults \$10

Children and Seniors \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

[pcalce@wiccnyc.org](mailto:pcalce@wiccnyc.org)

### **Classic Books & Cinema: *I Malavoglia***

**by Giovanni Verga**

**December 2 6:30 pm**

Lecture presented in English by Professor Antonio Rutigliano whose interpretation conveys Verga's lyrical

realism and conveys superbly the flavor of Sicilian village life. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$20; Senior Members \$15

Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**“Sicily: Culinary Crossroads –  
Classic Recipes and Traditions”**

**December 3      6:30 pm**

Presented by Polly Franchini from Oronzioeditions.com with the participation of Maria Tuttocuore from Sicilyguide.com. A discussion and tasting showcasing seasonal Sicilian culinary traditions and select Sicilian regional wines and cheeses. Capacity limited to 50. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$25

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit**

**December 3      7:00 pm**

Annual meeting and dinner. Sponsored by the Italian Legions of Merit.

Union League Club

Park Avenue at 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan

Admission: By invitation only

***Blood Type: Ragu***

**December 5      3:00 pm**

One-man show written and performed by Frank Ingrasciotta features more than 20 characters. This off-Broadway critically acclaimed hit is a hilarious and poignant ride through the Italian immigrant experience depicting personalities who live, love and laugh as they struggle to thrive in American culture. Sponsored by the Italian Club of Westchester Community College.

Westchester Community College, Academic Arts Theatre, Parking Lot 2.

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Admission: \$15; \$12 Seniors; \$10 Advance sales open to the public

Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani (914) 606-6790

Fax: (914) 606-6439

*carlo.sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

**Afternoon Cinema: *La Terra Trema* –  
*The Earth Trembles***

**December 7 2:00 pm**

Luchino Visconti's 1948 adaptation of Verga's *I Malavoglia*. Screening is in Italian with English subtitles. Registration is required. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$5

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Secret Recipes of Great Italian Chefs**

**December 7 6:30 pm**

Hands on culinary class and demonstration presented by executive chef Salvatore Fraterrigo from Tre Otto Restaurant in New York City. Capacity limited to 28. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Italian Language and Literature Series:**

**Dante e La Vita Nuova**

**December 9 6:30 pm**

Presented in English by Professor Joseph Spedaliere. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members free; Non-Members \$20

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

**Neurotechniques: Modern Techniques Redefining our  
Understanding of Mind, Brain and Behavior**

**December 10 9:00 am – 6:30 pm**

A one day conference organized by Dr. Franco Pestilli. Neuroscientists from major labs present their research and methodological approaches for experts and for the general

public. Sponsored by the Italian Academy.

1161 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Abigail Joseph (212) 854-6867

Fax: (212) 854-8479

*aa2481@columbia.edu*

### **Concerto di Natale**

**December 11 2:00 pm**

Presented by TiPiace, Italian American Presentations, Inc.

Live Nativity show with holiday music to be enjoyed by the entire family. A reception with the artists will follow the performance. Must register in advance and prepay.

Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Members \$25; Non-Members \$30; Special family rate: First child free, additional children \$10 each

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Piccoli Cuochi: Dolci delle Feste**

**December 18 2:00 pm**

Hands on culinary classes for children presented in our demonstration kitchen by Cathy Blanco. Children have fun while learning to prepare traditional holiday sweets.

Limited capacity to 28. Adults will not be admitted without a child. One adult per child. Must register in advance and prepay. Sponsored by Westchester Italian Cultural Center.

One Generoso Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Children: Members \$30; Non-Members \$40

Parent & Child: Members \$50; Non-Members \$60.

Contact: Patrizia Calce (914) 771-8700, ext. 109

*pcalce@wiccnny.org*

### **Dramatic Reading: “Look at the Child”**

**TBA**

An original script to be presented as a theatrical and dramatic staged reading. Maria Montessori will be presented as a courageous and brilliant woman who changed the face of education. Actress Kathleen Mucciolo will capture the “face” of Dr. Montessori and bring to life the journey of this extraordinary humanitarian. Sponsored by Music and Theatre Legacy Foundation.

Mr. Robert Spiotto (director) and Ms. Kathleen Mucciolo would like to present this at various venues provided by organizations.

Contact: Kathleen Mucciolo (516) 455-9393

Fax: (516) 248-2130

*Katieact@hotmail.com*

### **Italian Scholarship Fund Raiser**

**TBA 6:30 pm**

The Kensico Italian American Society awards scholarships to meritorious Italian-American high school seniors who have studied Italian and will be attending college. Dinner and entertainment will be provided.

Sponsored by the Kensico Italian American Society.

Heydorn Hall, Hawthorne Reformed Church

65 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY

Admission: \$25 for dinner; open to the public

Contact: Brigida (914) 769-8846

*MoliseBC@aol.com*

### **Neapolitan Serenade**

**TBA**

Beautiful Neapolitan songs will be performed by various singers including: Antonio Guarna, Enrico Rubio, Gianvito Botallicao and Francesca Cavaliere. Sponsored by Italian Culture Month.

Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island

Contact: Alba Mazza (718) 921-7290

*italiandawn@msn.com*

### **San Gennaro Festival**

**TBA**

The Italian American Club of Queens College is hosting a special San Gennaro Festival on campus for students, faculty and staff to enjoy. Sponsored by the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, Queens College/CUNY and the Italian American Club.

Queens College

65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY

Admission: free; open to the public

Contact: Joseph Grosso (718) 997-5769

*Joseph.grosso@qc.cuny.edu*

**Participating Schools**  
**Elementary through Secondary**

**Local Poster Contest**

Students will create a poster based on the theme of *Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator*. The winning posters will be selected on creativity and effectiveness of message and displayed at the local Public Library.

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia (914) 793-6130, ext. 4285  
*LLINDIA@eastchester.k12.ny.us*

**A Taste of Calabria**

Culinary chefs from Calabria will prepare a wide range of regional foods in a well-known restaurant. Date, time and place to be announced

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia (914) 793-6130, ext. 4285  
*LGLINDIA@HOTMAIL.COM*

**ITA-AATI Programs**

The Italian Teachers' Association of NYC and Westchester will celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month with a series of cultural activities. Dates and programs will be announced on the AATI website: [www.aati-online.org](http://www.aati-online.org), ITA Chapter

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia (914) 793-6130, ext. 4285  
*LLINDIA@eastchester.k12.ny.us*

**Pinocchio Comes to Long Island**

**September 17**

Simona Rodano, international artist, will discuss the musical *Pinocchio* written by I Pooh premiering in New York during October. AATI Italian teachers on Long Island will trace the development of the *Adventures of Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi with singing, acting and dancing. Special handouts will be given to the teachers. For Teachers only.

J. Irving Baylis School

580 Woodbury Road, Plainview, New York

Contact: Cav. Josephine A. Maietta (516) 364-5798

**The Legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori  
Educator and Physician  
Month of October**

In integrated studies students will focus on the life, work and contributions of Dr. Maria Montessori, Italy's first female physician and creator of the Montessori Method of education. The faculty will re-examine Dr. Montessori's philosophy and methodology in professional discussions. The community will be able to view *Maria Montessori, Una vita per i bambini*. Sponsored by P.S. 42, the Benjamin Altman School  
71 Hester Street, Manhattan  
Contact: Rosa Casiello ODay, Principal (212) 226-8410  
[rcasiel@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:rcasiel@schools.nyc.gov)

**Gallery of Italian Women  
Month of October      Throughout the school day**

Posters will be on display to create a gallery atmosphere. Students will be invited to view the "exhibit" and to listen to presentations by students enrolled in college level Italian class. Sponsored by Students of Italian.  
Garden City High School  
170 Rockaway Avenue, Garden City, NY  
Admission: free; members only  
Contact: Lea Brunetti (516) 478-2436  
[BrUNETTI1@gcufsd.net](mailto:BrUNETTI1@gcufsd.net)

**The Life of Dr. Maria Montessori  
October 4**

Fourth graders will learn about the life of *Dr. Maria Montessori: An Internationally Renowned Educator and Physician*. Students will create a biographical timeline highlighting her achievements and travels around the world. For students only.  
Robbins Lane School  
157 Robbins Lane, Syosset  
Contact: April Lambert (516) 364-5804

## **Cristoforo Colombo Visits Baylis School**

**October 11**

Colombo will greet the students as they arrive to school. For students only.

J. Irving Baylis School

580 Woodbury Road, Plainview, NY

Contact: Cav. Josephine A. Maietta (516) 364-5798

## **Conosciamo Dottoressa Maria Montessori**

**October 12 – 15            11:45 am**

Italian 3R Regents classes will explore the life and legacy of Dr. Maria Montessori. Power point presentations and Montessori theories in action will be the cornerstone of the classes, to be conducted principally in Italian. The event will culminate with the development of a hands-on art project that will be implemented later in the academic year with Ms. Theresa Gervasi's classes in Child Psychology. Students will display photographs, art work, and critiques of the project will be discussed, recorded, compiled and available for review.

Bethpage High School

10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage, NY

Admission: free; not open to the public

Contact: Jacqueline Jill Rito (516) 644-4100

*jjill-rito@bethpage.ws*

## **Lecture on Italian Explorers:**

**Colombo, Vespucci, Caboto, and Verrazzano**

**October 13**

Presented by historian Devon LaRosa from Stony Brook University to fourth grade students who are studying about Italian explorers as part of their fourth grade curriculum. For fourth graders only.

J. Irving Baylis School

580 Woodbury Road, Plainview, NY

Contact: Cav. Josephine A. Maietta (516) 364-5798

**Italian Cultural Film: *Maria Montessori: una vita per i bambini* (Italia 2007) in Italian/Italian subtitles**

**October 14 10:00 am**

“La vita di Maria Montessori, l’educatrice italiana che ha percorso i tempi diventando célèbre in tutto il mondo grazie al suo metodo pedagogico rivoluzionario. All fine dell’Ottocento fu tra le prime donne italiane a laurearsi in medicina, una donna modern ache combatte le ipocrisie del proprio tempo, e ha dedicato tutta la sua vita al “metodo”, tentando di farlo entrare nel sistema arcaico della scuola italiana mentre il resto del mondo ne comprende subito l’importanza.” School related event; not open to the public.

Plainedge High School

241 Wyngate Drive, No. Massapequa, NY

Contact: Aurora Biuso O’Brien (516) 992-7542

[Aurora.obrien@plainedgeschools.org](mailto:Aurora.obrien@plainedgeschools.org)

**Festival Culinario**

**October 15 6:30 – 9:30 pm**

Italian food – appetizers, main course, dessert, coffee will be served. DJ will play traditional Italian music and modern songs. Students will sing and dance in Italian/English. List of outreach projects completed in 2009 and 2010 will be celebrated. Sponsored by Italian Club – Preston High School.

2780 Schurz Avenue, Bronx

Admission: \$10; open to the public

Contact: Rosemary DeMaio (914) 667-9757; Fax: (718) 863-6125

[Rosemary.demaio@gmail.com](mailto:Rosemary.demaio@gmail.com)

**A Spasso in Italia**

**October 29**

Special guest, Italian teacher Merry White from Port Washington H.S. will take the Baylis Elementary Italian Enrichment Club to Italy via video and share her experience in treno, alla biglietteria, al mare, a scuola etc. For students only.

J. Irving Baylis School  
580 Woodbury Road, Plainview, NY  
Contact: Cav. Josephine A. Maietta (516) 364-5798

### **The Life of Maria Montessori**

**November 2**

Students in grades 2 – 4 studying Italian will screen and discuss a film about the life of Maria Montessori. For students only.

J. Irving Baylis School  
580 Woodbury Road, Plainview, NY  
Contact: Cav. Josephine A. Maietta (516) 364-5798

### **Who was Dr. Maria Montessori?**

**September After school**

The Mary Louis Academy Italian Club will present a lecture discussion and power point presentation concerning Dr. Maria Montessori and her special role as a ground breaker in Education and women's rights. Sponsored by The Mary Louis Academy Italian Club.

The Mary Louis Academy  
176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, NY  
Admission: free; members only  
Contact: N. Maurantonio (718) 297-2120  
*NMaurant@aol.com*

### **Learn Bocce in Honor of Dr. Maria Montessori**

**September/October After school**

Bocce games will be held on the school's lawn and new Italian Club members will receive instructions on how to play the ancient Italian game of Bocce. Sponsored by The Mary Louis Academy Italian Club.

The Mary Louis Academy  
176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, NY  
Admission: free; members only  
Contact: N. Maurantonio (718) 297-2120  
*NMaurant@aol.com*

## **Dr. Maria Montessori Italian History and Culture Trivia Contest**

**October 20      School hours**

In honor of Dr. Montessori, The Mary Louis Academy Italian Club will sponsor an Italian History and Culture Trivia contest. Homerooms will submit answers to a series of questions relating to Dr. Montessori and Italian history and culture. Sponsored by The Mary Louis Academy Italian Club.

The Mary Louis Academy  
176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, NY

Admission: free; members only

Contact: N. Maurantonio (718) 297-2120

*NMaurant@aol.com*

## **Cultural Harmony Celebration**

**October 21      After school**

The Mary Louis Academy will host a “Cultural Harmony Celebration Day.” Included will be a display about Italy. Italian club members will dress in cultural attire, perform cultural dancing, read poetry, and provide fun facts about Italian culture. Sponsored by The Mary Louis Academy Harmony Club.

The Mary Louis Academy  
176-21 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, NY

Admission: free; members only

Contact: N. Maurantonio (718) 297-2120

*NMaurant@aol.com*

## **Participating Colleges and Universities**

(Activities listed in Calendar of Events)

Baruch College/CUNY

Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY

Brooklyn College/CUNY

College of Staten Island/CUNY

Columbia University

CUNY Graduate Center

Hofstra University

Hunter College/CUNY

John Jay College/CUNY

Kingsborough Community College/CUNY

Montclair State University

Nassau Community College

New York University

Pace University

St. John's University

Stony Brook/SUNY

Queens College/CUNY

Wagner College

Westchester Community College/SUNY

York College/CUNY



## **Italian and Italian American Institutions in New York**

### **Manhattan**

#### **Consulate General of Italy in New York**

690 Park Avenue, NY 10021

(212) 439-8600 [info.newyork@esteri.it](mailto:info.newyork@esteri.it)

[www.consnewyork.esteri.it](http://www.consnewyork.esteri.it)

#### **Istituto Italiano di Cultura**

686 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021

(212) 879-4242 [segr@italcultny.org](mailto:segr@italcultny.org)

[www.iicnewyork.org](http://www.iicnewyork.org)

#### **Italian Trade Commission**

33 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10065

(212) 848-0300 [newyork@newyork.ice.it](mailto:newyork@newyork.ice.it)

[www.italtrade.com](http://www.italtrade.com)

#### **Italy-America Chamber of Commerce**

730 Fifth Avenue, Suite 600, New York, NY 10065

(212) 459-0044 [info@italchamber.org](mailto:info@italchamber.org)

[www.italchamber.org](http://www.italchamber.org)

#### **Italian Government Tourist Board**

630 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065

(212) 245-5618

[www.italiantourism.com](http://www.italiantourism.com)

#### **Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò,**

#### **New York University**

24 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10011

(212) 998-8739 [casa.italiana@nyu.edu](mailto:casa.italiana@nyu.edu)

[www.nyu.edu/pages/casitaliana](http://www.nyu.edu/pages/casitaliana)

#### **Italian American Committee on Education**

686 Park Ave LL New York, NY 10021

Tel: (212) 772-8755 [info@iacelanguage.org](mailto:info@iacelanguage.org)

[www.iacelanguage.org](http://www.iacelanguage.org)

#### **Italian American Museum**

155 Mulberry Street

New York, NY 10013

(212) 965-9000 [info@italianamericanmuseum.org](mailto:info@italianamericanmuseum.org)

[www.ItalianAmericanMuseum.org](http://www.ItalianAmericanMuseum.org)

## **Italian Welfare League**

8 East 69<sup>th</sup> Street

New York, NY 10021

(212) 861-8480

*www.ItalianwelfareLeague.org*

## **i-Italy (Italian/American Digital Project)**

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10036

(212) 642-2094 *editors@i-italy.org*

*www.i-italy.org*

## **John D. Calandra Italian American Institute Queens College/CUNY**

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10036

(212) 642-2094 *calandra@qc.edu*

*www.qc.edu/calandra*

## **National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW)**

25 West 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10036

Tel: (212) 642-2003 Fax: (212) 642-2006

*noiaw@noiaw.org • www.noiaw.org*

## **The Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America at Columbia University**

Casa Italiana, 1161 Amsterdam Avenue, New York,  
NY 10027

(212) 854-2306 *itacademy@columbia.edu*

*www.ItalianAcademy.columbia.edu*

## **Bronx**

### **Enrico Fermi Cultural Center, Belmont Branch of the New York Public Library**

610 East 186<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10458

(718) 933-6410

*www.arthuravenuebronx.com/enrico\_fermi.htm*

## **Brooklyn**

### **Enrico Caruso Museum of America**

1942 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229

(718) 368-3993 *CarusoMuseumNY@aol.com*

*www.EnricoCarusoMuseum.com*

## **Queens**

### **Italian Language Inter-Cultural Alliance (ILICA)**

27-28 Thompson Avenue, Suite 441

Long Island City, NY 11101

(718) 392-2020 Fax: (718) 392-2020

*ilica@aol.com*

*www.ilica.org*

## **Staten Island**

### **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*

## **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*

## **Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Gardens**

1000 Richmond Terrace

Staten Island, NY 10301

(718) 448 2500 Fax: (718) 815-0198

*info@snug-harbor.org*

*www.snug-harbor.org*

## **Westchester**

### **Westchester Italian Cultural Center**

Generoso Pope Place

Tuckahoe, NY 10707

(914) 771-8700 Fax: (914) 771-5900

*info@wiccnny.org*

*www.wiccnny.org*

**New Jersey**

Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in  
America

One Normal Avenue

Dickson Hall, Suite 171

Montclair, NJ 07043

(973) 655-4038 Fax: (973-655-4050

*[www.chss.montclair.edu/cocciainstitute](http://www.chss.montclair.edu/cocciainstitute)*

## Teaching Strategies

**Unit of Study:** Women's Contributions

**Lesson:** Maria Montessori, the Children's Champion

**AIM:** Students will learn about the revolutionary Italian physician and educator, Maria Montessori, and the contributions she made to the field of childhood education.

**Do Now:** Maria Montessori was an Italian physician and educator. Do you know an Italian American that fits this description? Write a short passage telling about this person.

**Introduction:** Provide students with background information on Maria Montessori: her life, philosophies, achievements in education, etc. Students can listen to a reading about the life and work of Maria Montessori, and/or teacher can show students a 5-10 minute video on Montessori.

**Activity option 1:** Students work in groups of 4-5 and try to answer the question: "Who was Maria Montessori and what did she accomplish in her lifetime?"

**Activity option 2:** While working in groups, students create posters highlighting the main achievements of Montessori; students collect data and photos on the net and print out information and tools to include on poster.

**Activity option 3:** Students engage in a mock interview with Montessori by forming questions and answers in groups. *Teacher reminds the students to keep in mind: How would Montessori respond to questions regarding the developmentally disabled?*

**Activity option 4:** Students write letters to their local community leaders advocating for the renaming of a street after Maria Montessori. Preferably, the street should reflect a school nearby that practices Montessori educational values and philosophies.

**Extended Activity 1 or Homework option 3:**

Students research the Montessori schools in their communities. Focusing on one of Montessori's educational philosophies, describe why it is important and how their local Montessori school practices this philosophy.

**Extended Activity 2 or Homework option 3:**

Students answer one of the following question (s):  
“In today's world, in which autism and children with special needs are receiving more care and attention, how do we recognize the importance of Montessori's early work in this field? How might Montessori react to the growing study of autism?”

**Extended Activity 3 or Homework option 3:**

Student answer the following questions in essay form: “Consider Montessori's philosophy in relation to adolescents and teens. How is this concept different or unique? How does it compare to the way adolescents and teens are educated today? Do you agree or disagree with Montessori's idea of educating adolescents? Why?”

## Italian Language Resources

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

### **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*

### **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  
Tel: (212) 772-8755, Fax: (212) 772-8756,  
*info@iacelanguage.org*  
*www.iacelanguage.org*

### **Westchester Community College/SUNY**

75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595  
Contact: Prof. Carlo Sclafani  
(914) 606-6790, *Carlo.Sclafani@sunywcc.edu*

### **Westchester Italian Cultural Center**

Generoso Pope Place  
Tuckahoe, NY 10707  
(914) 771-8700, Fax: (914) 771-5900,  
*info@wiccnny.org*  
*www.wiccnny.org*

## Related References

**Listed below is a sampling of publications regarding the life and work of Maria Montessori:**

### **Books by Maria Montessori:**

*Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook: A Short Guide to Her Ideas and Materials.* New York: Schocken Books, 1965.

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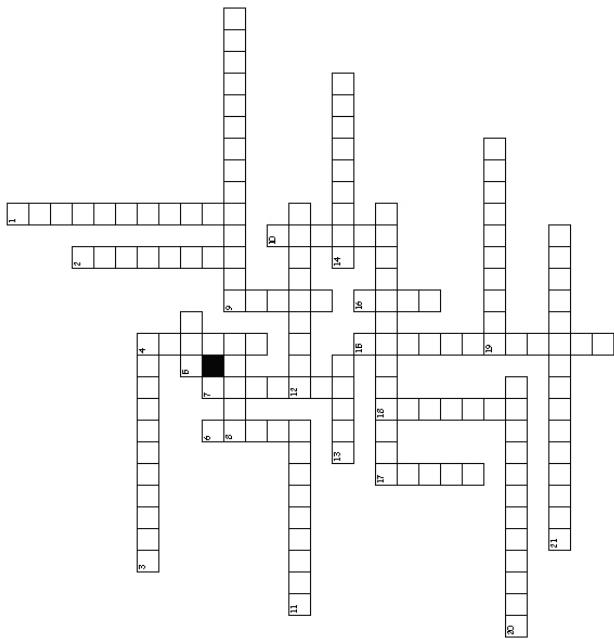
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## WORD CLUES

### ACROSS

3. School Attended as Child
5. Montessori Schools in \_ Continents
8. Developed “Education for \_\_\_\_” in India
9. Where Died (2wds.)
11. Greatest Contribution in This Field
12. Appointed to This School Post
13. Son’s Name
14. Site of Her International Assoc.
17. Belief How Children Could Work
19. Other Field Worked In
20. Kind of Children First Treated (2 wds.)
21. Child’s Pace-“Spontaneous \_\_” (2 wds.)

## DOWN

1. Where Born
2. First Woman to Receive What Degree
4. Teacher’s Method
6. Where Moved Due to Fascism
7. Founded School, “Casa dei \_”
9. Times Nominated for Nobel Prize
10. Studied What Group of Children
15. Professor of What Subject
16. Invited to America by Whom
17. Country Worked in During WWII
18. Royal Reception in What Country

## ANSWERS

### ACROSS

3. Engineering
5. Six
8. Peace
9. The Netherlands
11. Education
12. Inspector
13. Mario
14. Amsterdam
17. Independently
19. Psychiatry
20. Special Needs
21. Self Development

### DOWN

1. Chiaravalle
2. Medicine
4. Guide
6. Spain
7. Bambini
9. Three
10. Normal
15. Anthropology
16. Bell
17. India
18. England

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Maria Montessori was born in 1870 in Chiaravalle, Italy. As the first woman to graduate from the University of Rome La Sapienza Medical School, Montessori became the first female doctor in Italy. She was a member of the University's Psychiatric Clinic and became intrigued with trying to educate children with special needs in Rome. In 1896, after a lecture she gave at the Educational Congress in Torino, the Italian Minister of Education was so impressed that he appointed her director of the Scuola Ortofrenica, an institution devoted to the care and education of the mentally challenged. Using her method, the children not only passed the state exams but had above-average scores, an achievement described as "the first Montessori miracle." Montessori's response to the success of bringing these challenged children to the level of "normal" children was to study even further the potential of normal children.

She was asked to start a school in Rome, and Casa dei Bambini (Children's Home) opened on January 6, 1907. In this child care center in an apartment building in a poor neighborhood she focused on teaching the students ways to develop their own skills at a pace

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In 1939, the Theosophical Society of India extended an invitation, which Dr. Montessori accepted. She was accompanied on the journey by her only son, Mario Montessori. This trip heralded the beginning of her special relationship with India. With the help of her son, she conducted courses called the Indian Montessori Training Courses. These courses laid a strong foundation for the Montessori Movement in India. In 1949 she returned to the Netherlands and died there in 1952, after a lifetime devoted to the study of child development.

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—Dr. Maria Montessori

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