

The
Italian Cultural Society

Presents

*Festa di
Natale*

A Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 14, 2008

1:30 - no host cocktails

2:30 - entertainment

3:00 - dinner & raffle

Il Fornaio

400 Capitol Mall
(Free parking in garage)

\$45 Per Person
(children under 12) \$25

Join us for this Gala Christmas Dinner
Featuring your Italian Christmas favorites
by Mike Trucco on the Accordion
and our Italian Singers performing popular Italian opera arias

*Dinner includes antipasti, insalate del Fornaio, penne all'arrabiata, pollo Toscano
& salsiccia, tiramisù originale and coffee*

Reservations can be made by sending in the attached form.

Tickets will be held at the door.

Call 916-399-9592 for information

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PONTE ITALIAN CLASSES

Our 4-week Ponte program is the perfect bridge for continuing students or those who already know some Italian. Ponte classes offer students a chance to review grammar, practice speaking Italian and to gain confidence along with vocabulary. The classes are offered at \$80. Register on line at www.italiancenter.net or by phoning (916) 482-5900 to reserve a class. Free tutoring, for students enrolled in our language school, continues throughout the break on Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:15 to 11:15 at the Carmichael Center. Students are encouraged to drop in!

Italiano Tre Ponte:

20 November to 18 December
Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
-at Carmichael Center with Lucia

Italiano Quattro Ponte:

18 November to 16 December
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
-at Carmichael Center with Lucia
18 November to 16 December
Mondays, 10:15 am - 12:15pm
-at Sacramento Center with Nancy

Italiano Cinque Ponte:

19 November to 17 December
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm
-at Sacramento Center with Lucia



Italiano Otto Ponte:

19 November to 17 December
Wednesdays, 5:00 pm - 6:50 pm
-at Sacramento Center with Lucia

Corso Avanzato e Superiore Ponte:

17 November to 15 December
Mondays, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
-at Sacramento Center with Nancy

*Intermediate Conversation:

17 November to 15 December
Mondays, 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm
-at Carmichael Center with Lorella
*(prerequisite: completion of Italiano 3 or teacher OK)

Winter Classes Start January 12, 2009. Day and Evening classes will be offered at both our Sacramento and Carmichael Campus. Learn Italian. Live the Passion!

Festa di Natale - A Christmas Tradition

We invite all our readers and the public to attend

This is the annual Christmas party - Italian Style - of the Italian Cultural Society. It is a festive afternoon of Italian food, music and holiday joy all held in the elegant setting of il Fornaio Ristorante in downtown Sacramento. We invite everyone to attend this dinner party. This year event features Mike Trucco on the Accordion performing your favorite Italian holiday music. Our Italian singers, Marcella Sciarrotta and Julie Radke, will sing popular Italian arias and songs to add to the evenings entertainment. Please make your reservation early. **BUON NATALE!**

“Win A Trip To Italy Raffle”

Win a trip to Italy. It's easy to participate in our Christmas Raffle. Just send in the enclosed Raffle Tickets with your check payable to the Italian Cultural Society. Ticket Donation is \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$25. The winner will be announced at Festa di Natale on Sunday December 14. You need not to be present to win the Grand Prize Trip to Italy. In addition to the Grand Prize of a round trip airfare to Italy, many other gifts will be drawn for those who attend the dinner.

Send in Your Reservation Today For Festa di Natale

Name: _____

Phone: _____ No. of seats desired: _____

Make checks payable to Italian Cultural Society
Mail To: PO Box 189427, Sacramento, CA 95818

See Italy with those who know it Best!

The Italian Cultural Society is a cultural organization and language school which organizes and sponsors several very unique trips to Italy each year. Our tours highlight Italy's spectacular natural beauty, its rich patrimony of art, history, music, culture and the delicious local foods and wines. We take care of all the details, from choosing the most beautiful cities, the best local guides and escorts and the most charming hotels to ensure travelers enjoy the trip of a lifetime. Even the most experienced travelers rate the Italian Cultural Society tours as the best trips they've ever taken. Don't miss this opportunity to see Italy with those who truly know it best.



Spring in Sicily

10 days March 18-27, 2009 (\$ 2,799)

Sicily, called the Pearl of the Mediterranean is the largest and most beautiful island in the Mediterranean. In Sicily visit Taormina, Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples, Syracuse, Sciacca, Catania, Sant' Angelo, Palermo, and Monreale and other unforgettable sights. This fabulous tour of Sicily allows travelers to enjoy the island's magnificent contrast of breathtaking beauty and beautiful art treasures, lovely piazzas and magnificent culture.

The tour price includes round trip air fare to and from Sacramento and includes all accommodations in lovely 4-star Hotels. *All buffet style breakfasts, most lunches, and dinners* - and many comprehensive sightseeing tours. While in Italy, the group will enjoy a private motor coach for all excursions. Pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon also included. The tours are hosted by native Sicilian Piera Biundo Peter, and escorted by licensed local English speaking guides. For complete brochure and details call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail Italy@winfirst.com.

Tuscany Rome Adventure

11 days - June 12 -22, 2009 (\$3,599)

Discover the heart and soul of Italy with this Italian Cultural Society exclusive Grand Tour. This fully escorted tour highlights the romantic, legendary region of Tuscany's, Italy's famous capital city of Rome: the Eternal City- and also includes a ferry boat visit and full day excursion to the magical Cinque Terre.

In Tuscany travelers will anchor at one lovely hotel and visit Lucca, Florence, Siena, The Chianti Wine Region, Pisa, Volterra, San Gimignano and the Cinque Terre. In Rome travelers will have fully guided visits to St. Peter's and Vatican City, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and many other piazzas and famous sights.

The tour prices listed above are per person, and include Round Trip airfare from San Francisco - to Pisa and return out of Rome, all accommodations in lovely first class hotels, all-breakfasts, and dinners in Tuscany and all breakfasts in Rome, 6 fully escorted sightseeing tours and museum admissions. While in Italy, the group will enjoy a private motor coach for all excursions. Pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon also included. The tour is hosted by Tuscan native Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, and is fully escorted by licensed local English speaking guides. For a complete brochure and details call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail Italy@winfirst.com.



Enjoy Italian TV

All those who are interested in establishing or maintaining their connections with Italy, its language, culture and society at large, now have the best opportunity to do so.

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Enjoy RAI International, a well-known 24-hour-a-day channel that shows the best of the news, sport and entertainment selected from the three national RAI networks, a la carte or as part of our **Panorama Italiano** package.

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Panorama Italiano, the best value for Italian TV, includes in addition to RAI International, Leonardo World, famous for its great movies, Euronews which gets you updates news from a European perspective, Video Italia and three radio channels.

For a limited time, DISH Network offers up to **20% discount on Lufthansa flights to Europe** when you subscribe to Italian television (offer expires 11/30/2008).

For more information on how to enjoy our Italian channels, call us at 1-888-262-2735.

CHRISTMAS IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE ITALIAN CENTER

THE NEW Italian Center is a special place! Over the past year the Italian Cultural Society has sponsored dozens of unique cultural events at the Italian Center attended by people from across northern California of all ages and cultural interests. **There is no other place that offers so many cultural programs designed to celebrate, preserve and pass on our Italian heritage.** From our children's heritage pre-school to our performing costumed folk dance troupes; from our food, wine, olive oil, summer and children's festivals to our authors and film series; from our language school to our cultural exhibits and historical programs; there is no place in the United States that has achieved this level of staying in touch with our cultural roots. The new Center is proud legacy we shall pass on to future generations. We need your help to raise money for the Italian Center. Every donation we receive is listed in this newsletter so those who give are recognized for their support. We also offer those who give \$1,000 or more a permanent plaque on our Wall of Honor where your family name will be honored. Donations of \$500 will be listed on our Heritage Wall. Building a modern Cultural Center was expensive and operating the Center is also costly. We have a mortgage which we need to pay off so we can keep our doors open for the next generation. Our volunteers work hard to operate the Italian Center and to offer so many rare and wonderful programs for our large community of people. This is a good time to make a gift to the Italian Center Fund to show you support the good work of those who are working for you to create a brighter future for your family and our community. We encourage all of you to make a year end gift to the Italian Center Fund. Your gifts are tax-deductible. We are a non-profit organization. Like most non-profits we need your support. There are many ways to give your support. You can join our Legacy Circle by making a gift to the Italian Center Fund in your estate through your will or trust. Or you can make a direct donation of stocks or simply write a check. Don't forget where you came from. Join us in keeping our heritage alive. Do something Italian this Christmas holiday by giving the gift of your heritage to future generations. Invest in your heritage, your community and our future by making a donation today.



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Please accept my donation of:

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If making a Pledge, please indicate total gift and number of payments below.

Total gift \$___ monthly___ quarterly___ semiannual___ annual___

Dedication

Your Donation to the Italian Center Fund may be made in your name or in memory or in honor of your family or a loved one. Please indicate how you wish your gift to be listed.

(_____)

Yes, I Want To Help Build The Italian Center

Name: _____

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Please make payable to: Italian Center Fund, Send to: P.O. Box 189427, Sacramento, CA 95818