

The Italian Cultural Society
Presents



“LA FESTA DELLA BEFANA”

A Children's Festival

Sunday, January 8, 2012

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Children 16 & Under Free - Adults \$10
At The Italian Center - Carmichael
6821 Fair Oaks Blvd, 95608

Puppet Show, Crafts, Music, Book Fair, T-Shirts,
Folk Dancing by the Bambini Dancers
Italian Biscotti & Panettone
a visit by “La Befana” + A free gift for every child.
Bring the whole family for this annual Children’s Celebration
of an Italian Christmas Tradition, as it is celebrated in Italy.
Children of all ages are welcome.

Please call 482-5900 for more information

LA FESTA DELLA BEFANA



January arrives with the New Year and as tradition has it, *La Befana* passes like Santa Claus (Bobbo Natale) over the rooftops and leaves presents for all the good children (bambini Buoni). On January 5th, the children go to sleep hoping the kindly old lady called *La Befana* will visit them during the night and leave presents for those who have been good. One of Italy's oldest and most renowned legends, *La Befana* is honored with special events throughout Italy. In Sacramento and cities across the United States with Italian communities, "*The Legend Of La Befana*" is celebrated with a Children's Festival.

This year's festival features a Puppet Show about the "Legend of La Befana," folk dances by the Society's children's "BAMBINI" dance group, a Children's Book Fair with dozens of titles for purchase, Crafts tables, special Befana T-shirts and books, and traditional Italian biscotti and desserts. La befana will visit the children of Sacramento with her basket of chocolate gold coins and a free Befana gift for all the kids.

Donations of traditional Italian cookies and kitchen volunteers are needed. Please call Patty Peter at (916) 399-9592 to donate cookies or desserts or to work with her in the kitchen. We need volunteers to also work at the crafts booths and at the book fair and T-shirt tables. Please call Bill Cerruti at (916) 482-5900 to volunteer.

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY A seminar by Susan Luccini

**Sunday, January 15 at 1:30 pm
Admission \$10 - at the Italian Center in Carmichael**

If you have roots in the boot and want to learn more about your family tree and preserving your family history, you will want to attend this unique seminar. Susan Luccini, who has lived and worked in Italy as a university professor and translator, is a personal historian who collects and publishes family histories. In this "how to" presentation, you will learn what options and resources are available to you in collecting your own family history and starting your own family tree. You will learn how others have preserved their family memories. It is important to collect a family history before the links to the past are gone. Losing our roots is akin to losing our identity as a person and as a people. Since most Italian Americans have at least one grandparent who came from Italy there is still a lot of opportunity to collect the stories and traditions of your family.

Knowing about your Italian family, where they lived and what they did will give you a sense of history and your family's part in history. There are an estimated 26 million people of Italian heritage in the United States. The story of your family is the story of America. It is important to know our own unique family history and pass that history on to our children and grandchildren. Learning about our origins is an important legacy and our children need to learn and appreciate where they came from. Tracing one's family history helps us to connect to family members, even the ones that we have lost touch with over the generations both here and in Italy. Knowing about your family history will help you and your family preserve your heritage and sense of identity. So take a walk down memory lane and connect with your personal Italian heritage and you will never walk alone. Refreshments will be served.



TOURING ITALY: Free Travel Film and Seminar

**Sunday, 22 January 2012 at 2:00 pm
at the Italian Center, 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael**



Join the Italian Cultural Society's Travel Director, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, on a virtual tour of Italy's most beautiful regions. The travel film will take you on a virtual visit from Tuscany to Sicily. You will see the famous piazzas, the splendid artwork, the world's most famous monuments and so many other treasures that have made Italy one of the most visited places on earth. The film is followed by a special seminar designed to give travelers to Italy cultural insights and practical travel tips. There will also be a question and answer session. *Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti is an expert travel planner and the author of the book BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELLERS GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.*

MEET THE AUTHOR: "INNOCENT WAR"

February 12, at 1:30 pm

admission \$10 - at the Italian Center - Carmichael

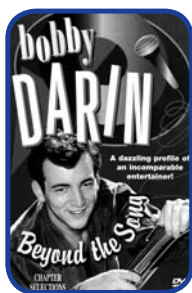
Author Susan Violante has written a heartwarming story of a family caught up in the hardships, tragedies and dangers of World War II. In June, 1940, 10 year old Nino and his family were living in the Italian colony of Tripoli when the city was attacked by French forces. Nino's family struggles to survive and flees to Sicily only to see the war again become part of their lives as Germans and Americans fight for control of Sicily. The book is based upon tapes recorded by Nino as an adult recounting the realities of the war from a child's point of view. The tapes were passed down to Nino's daughter, Susan Violante, whose story of his taped memoirs give a unique perspective on the horrors of war in World War II Italy. Her presentation will include family heirlooms and the story of her journey in getting her parents to open up and talk about their past. Refreshments will be served.



Bobby Darin - Beyond the Song

Sunday, February 26, at 2:00 pm

admission \$10 - refreshments included



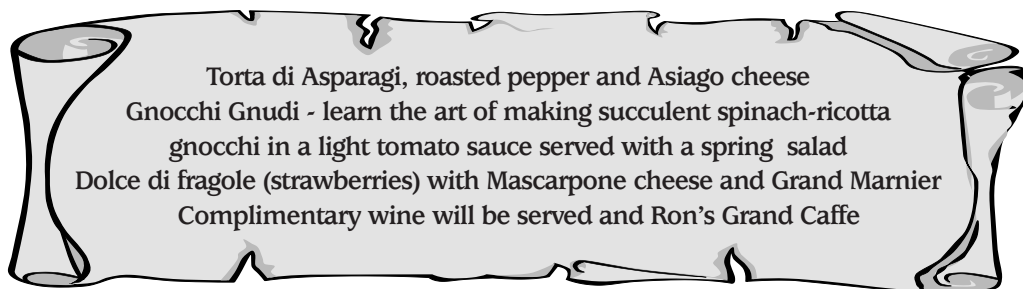
A dazzling profile of an incomparable entertainer. *Beyond The Song* is a quintessential tribute to an innovative performer. This engaging film documentary traces Darin's career from the first television appearance in 1956 to his last in 1973. Along the way, interviews with family and friends help illustrate the impact he had on people. Bronx born Italian American Walden Robert Cassotto left a rich legacy of music and memories. From Rock and Roll teen idol to Las Vegas headliner and film actor, Bobby darin was a legendary performer until his death in 1973 at the age of 37. Featured in the show are live performance clips including: *Mack The Knife*, *Splish Splash*, *Dream Lover*, *Beyond the Sea*, *As Long As I'm Singing*, *If I were a Carpenter*, *That Funny Feeling*, *Higher and Higher*, *Simple Soud Of Freedom* and *For Once In My Life*. Refreshments included.

Italian Cooking Show - A Spring Feast with Franca Brida Lingren and the Italian Center Volunteers

Sunday, March 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Price \$35 - at the Italian Center, Carmichael - Reservations encouraged

Get ready for our annual cooking show. Popular cooking instructor and author Franca Brida Lingren will teach us how to make some delectable Spring favorites:



Participants will get to sample the wonderful Italian specialties featured and served by the Italian center volunteers. Printed recipes will be available and a variety of Italian style door prizes will be given away to those who attend. Franca's new cookbook, *Celebrating Dario* will be available for purchase. Franca will donate a portion from the sale of each book to the Italian Cultural Center.

We encourage advance reservations as seating is limited. Buon Appetito!!

Make Your Reservations Today

Name _____

Phone _____ No. of seats desired _____

Make checks payable to the Italian Cultural Society (ICS). Mail to: PO BOX 189427, Sacramento, CA 95818

Learn ITALIAN Now!

Classes now offered at both Carmichael and Sacramento Campuses!

Buon capo d'anno! This year the Italian Language School celebrates 30 years of bringing Italian language and culture to Sacramento. So many students have achieved the goal of speaking Italian. Not only have they learned Italian, but also developed a real understanding of Italian culture, customs, food and people. In addition to the satisfaction of learning Italian, the classes offer a fun experience and the opportunity to meet great people who share similar goals and interests.

Our classes emphasize the pleasure and beauty of Italian language and culture. Our dedicated teachers know that the most effective learning happens in a dynamic and fun environment. We offer free tutoring and practice sessions to our students.



Tuition is \$175 for 9 week quarter. New and used books, if needed, may be purchased on line or at the first class meeting. Call: 916 ITALY-00 (482-5900) or visit www.italiancenter.net. Learn Italian Now!

WINTER 2011 LANGUAGE CLASSES

ITALIANO UNO:

The perfect introductory class for those with very little or no knowledge of Italian.

Day Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays 12:30 to 2:30pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Francesca

Eve Section 2: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Patrizia

Eve Section 3: 12 Jan to 8 March

Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO DUE:

Students expand vocabulary and learn verbs to use in conversations.

Day Section 1: 9 Jan to 5 March

Mondays, 10:00a to 12:00 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

Day Section 2: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays, 10:00a to 12:00pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

Eve Section 3: 12 Jan to 8 March

Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Patrizia

ITALIANO TRE:

The focus is on conversation with grammar reinforcement.

Eve Section 1: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays 5:00 to 7:00pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Patrizia

ITALIANO QUATTRO

The focus is on conversation with grammar reinforcement.

Eve Section 1: 12 Jan to 8 March

Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

ITALIANO QUATTRO-CINQUE:

Combines similar learning levels to increase vocabulary and enhance conversation.

Day Section 1: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

ITALIANO CINQUE:

Enhances conversation skills using readings and group discussions.

Eve Section 1: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

ITALIANO SEI-SETTE:

Combines similar learning levels to emphasize conversational skills

Day Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays 10:00a to 12:00pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

ITALIANO SETTE:

Learn more advanced grammar with emphasis on conversational skills

Eve Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

ITALIANO OTTO:

Enhance conversation skills using readings, grammar and discussions.

Day Section 1: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays, 10:00a to 12:00pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Patrizia

ITALIANO NOVE:

Learn more advanced grammar with emphasis on conversational skills

Eve Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

CORSO AVANZATO:

Class taught completely in Italian with emphasis on conversation

Day Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 10:00a to 12:00 pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Francesca

Day Section 2: 11 Jan to 7 March

Wednesdays, 12:15 to 2:15 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

Eve Section 3: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Leonardo

CORSO SUPERIORE:

Our most advanced students continue to fine tune their Italian language skills.

Day Section 1: 9 Jan to 5 March

Mondays, 12:15 to 2:15 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Nancy

Eve Section 2: 9 Jan to 5 March

Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Sacramento) Inst: Leonardo

INTERMEDIATE

CONVERSATION

Intermediate level students participate in a variety of activities to speaking Italian as if they were in Italy.

Eve Section 1: 10 Jan to 6 March

Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

(Carmichael) Inst: Orietta

Italian 1-10 use Text Book Prego!

An Invitation to Italian 7th Edition

Free tutoring for our students!

Hours will be announced after the quarter begins

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

“Don’t leave home without this class”

Carmichael Campus - Wednesdays, February 1 to March 7, 7:15 to 9 p.m.

“In the heart of every man, wherever he is born...there is one small corner which is Italian.” Luigi Barzini. Bring out your inner Italian with this class designed especially for travelers to “il Bel Paese:” Italy. Prepare yourself to experience the best the world has to offer: art, history, food, wine, music, culture and spectacular beauty all await the traveler to Italy. The course will make your trip to Italy more enjoyable! Travelers learn basic conversation skills, useful vocabulary and key phrases. Students appreciate the focus on Italian culture and customs, and the valuable travel tips and practical information which prepare travelers to confidently visit and enjoy the Italian Peninsula. Students return from Italy praising the usefulness of the course. Instructor, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, is a native of Tuscany, an expert travel planner and author of the course textbook: *BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER’S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE*. Register now at www.italiancenter.net. **Tuition is \$115 and the course book costs \$30 and may be purchased at the first class meeting.**



ITALIAN FOR KIDS

All classes meet at the Italian Center in Carmichael

Ciao Piccoli: Preschool (2 - 5 yrs) Mondays, 9 January to 5 March - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Ciao Italia: Weekend Class (5 - 12 yrs) Saturdays, 14 January to 10 March - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Ciao Piccoli gives your Pre-school age child a program of their own. *Ciao Italia* gives school age children a week-end class to allow them to pursue Italian language and culture. The gift of learning is the most important gift you can give your child. Studies document the advantages of introducing a second language as soon as possible in a child’s life. Classes are offered year round with small teacher to student ratio for personalized learning. Make sure to get your child learning Italian now. The Ciao programs offered by the Italian Cultural Society recognize the importance of introducing language at an age when children are “hardwired” for effortless language acquisition, and learning is a fun adventure for them. Experts believe that Italian is the easiest language for children to learn. In addition to Italian language, our program includes Italian culture and offers a place where children can learn naturally through play, games, songs, food, and art.



Course registration is offered at only \$95 for this session and includes all material.

We encourage everyone to give their children this wonderful opportunity to learn one of the world’s most beautiful languages. *l’Italiano!* Pre-register NOW at 916 482-5900 or www.italiancenter.net



AT THE ITALIAN CENTER

CENTER HOURS - Sundays from noon to 3 pm. Starting on January 15 the Italian Center, located at 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd in Carmichael, will be open to the public and manned by the Society volunteers. Drop by for a tour of the Center. You can sign up to be a Center Volunteer by calling Shirley Simi at 916-967-4929 or shirleysimi@mac.com.

ITALIAN RADIO SHOW - Tune in every Sunday at noon for the Italian Radio Show “Sacramento Italian Style” for the best of Italian and Italian American Music. Hosted by Phyllis Cupparo, you can request a song by calling her at 916-852-6429 or pcupparo@comcast.net. The show is broadcast on Access Cable Ch.18 and on the net at www.accesssacramento.org

GIOVENTU ITALIANA - The Society group for young adults in their 20s and 30s meets at the Italian Center on the first Saturday of the month. Visit gioventusacramento.com to sign up for their newsletter or find out more.

SISKIYOU COUNTY ITALIANS - Copies of the book *Siskiyou County Italians: Sharing Our History*, are available from author Mary Salanti Silva at tel: 530-673-6414 or email: Marys@stix.com.

See Italy with Those Who Know it Best



The Italian Cultural Society offers travelers unique, specially designed insider's tours to Italy's most famous cities and charming villages with a variety of itineraries and destinations. Unlike other tour packages, we only do Italy- so we can offer travelers the opportunity to discover Italy in the company of a native Italian and enjoy many things tourists seldom get the chance to experience. Enjoy lunch on a magnificent hillside olive oil estate, walk or bike on the walls of Lucca and enjoy a Puccini concert in the town where the composer was born. Our tours will allow you to experience a carefully selected blend of incredible natural beauty, history, art, culture, architecture, wines, olive oil, foods and the people of Italy. These tours also provide the best possible experience at the best value. You will experience a way of life that inspires travelers long after they return home. Here is what people who travel with us say about the experience.

"I want you to know that I had a wonderful time in Italy. The hotel, the food, our group of travelers, the touring arrangements, the tour guides ... everything was fantastic." ... "I have traveled a lot and your tour was by far the best travel experience I ever had." ... "Your tour exceeded even my loftiest expectations...thank you for the trip of a lifetime."

Detailed brochures available on line at www.italiancenter.net

SPRINGTIME IN SICILY, SORRENTO AND POMPEII

11 days - Sicily March 18-28, 2011 (\$2,999)*

Our spectacular tour includes Sicily, Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast and Pompeii. Sicily is unbelievably rich in beauty, history, arts, culture and cuisine. Unpack just once in Sicily and experience it from our lovely home base in gorgeous Taormina. This tour allows you to visit the greatest Greek ruins anywhere, to see incomparable Roman and Norman mosaics; explore remote hilltop villages and spectacular landscapes. Visit the Sicilian cities of Siracusa, Agrigento, Taormina, Mount Etna, Forza d'Agro, and Savoca. Then fly to Rome and transfer to the enchanting city of Sorrento. Enjoy a tour of the "Amalfi Drive" with its stunning views. This is said to be the most spectacular road in Europe. You will also visit the partially buried Roman city of Pompeii which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of the most popular tourist attractions in all of Italy. The tour price of \$2,999 includes round trip airfare from San Francisco to Italy, all accommodations at our 4 star hotels, daily buffet breakfasts and dinners, fully escorted sight seeing tours and excursions, museum admissions and much more! Pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon also included. The tour is hosted by Sicilia native and Italian Cultural Society Vice President, Patty Peter and is fully escorted by licensed local English speaking guides. Please visit www.italiancenter.net for a complete brochure and details or call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail Italy@winfirst.com.



GRAND TOUR: Tuscany, Cinque Terre, Rome, Venice

12 days - June 12 to 23, 2012 (\$3,699)*



This Italian Cultural Society's exclusive Grand Tour takes you to the heart and soul of Italy. This fully escorted tour highlights the best Italy has to offer. You will visit the romantic, legendary region of Tuscany, Italy's famous capital city of Rome, and an incredible journey by ferry boat for a full day excursion to the magical Cinque Terre. An all day excursion to Venice will also be offered.

In Tuscany, travelers will enjoy making their home away from home at our lovely four star villa hotel and take daily excursions to visit Lucca, Florence, Siena, the Chianti Wine Region, Pisa, Volterra, San Gimignano and the Cinque Terre. We then transfer to Rome where we will enjoy fully guided visits to Vatican City and St. Peter's, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and many other piazzas and famous sights. An optional full day excursion to Venice including San Marco Square, the Bridge of Sighs and the Doges Palace will also be available. The tour price of \$3,699 per person includes round trip airfare from San Francisco to Italy, all

4 star accommodations, all breakfasts and all dinners in Tuscany and full buffet breakfasts in Rome, fully escorted sight seeing tours and excursions, museum admissions and much more! The tour is hosted by Tuscan native and Italian Language School Director, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, and is fully escorted by licensed local English speaking guides. Please visit www.italiancenter.net for a complete brochure or call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail Italy@winfirst.com.

DISCOVERING ROOTS AND RELATIVES

This October, a folkloric group from the region of Liguria, Italy visited the Italian Center in Sacramento. The group was on a tour of California and marched in the Columbus Day parade in San Francisco. This group of Genovesi travelers were from the town of Favale and surrounding villages near Genoa. Their trip was sponsored by the Liguri Club of San Francisco.

From 1850 to 1930, more than 5 million Italians entered the United States, mostly through Ellis Island. They settled in various parts of America. Genovesi pioneers were among the earliest Italians to come. Bands of early Genovesi came with the Gold Rush. Northern California was heavily settled by early Genovesi immigrants from the valley and mountain villages around Chiavari on the Italian Riviera near Genoa. Many of their descendants live in northern California. The largest Genovesi club in the world is in Stockton, California. To this day, the descendants of the immigrant Genovesi maintain contact with families in Italy.



While today, new generations of Italian Americans are rediscovering their roots, learning about their family history, and reviving their language and culture; there is also a similar interest by Italians in reconnecting to living relatives in the United States. Many Americans of Italian origin journey back to rediscover Italy and living relatives. There is something unique in visiting ancestral villages, discovering the house where grandparents were born, and reuniting with relatives, sharing family photographs and old letters, eating family recipes together and discovering similarities between our families and those who remained in Italy. Traveling from the United States to Italy to visit those places that are relevant to our family history has become more and more common as has reconnecting to living relatives in Italy.

The Italian Center of Northern California Maintaining Our Italian American Heritage

Italian Americans have a lot of pride in being Italian. For some, being Italian means they are part of a culturally similar people. For others, it is pride in the accomplishments and contributions of Italians in every field of endeavor who have shaped America as we know it. Italian culture is widely accepted and embraced in America and deeply ingrained in our country's history. Yet, despite being a culturally distinctive people and having made enormous and unique contributions to American society, the story of the Italian Americans is not always recognized, respected or represented in our history.

Experience has taught us that if we do not tell our story it will not be told. Fortunately, there are many Italian American organizations across America that engage in activities that help tell our story and celebrate our heritage and history. Italian Americans have their own network of newspapers, magazines, scholarly journals and websites to help preserve and tell our story. Organizations like the Italian Cultural Society make a point to offer programs to help us learn about our history and culture and our many accomplishments so we can educate ourselves and others on what it means to be an Italian American. The programs offered at the Italian center play an important role in maintaining our Italian heritage and pride.



Bambini Dancers maintain Italian heritage

Some of us have been fortunate to be raised in families close to their heritage where they are able to visit with family members, enjoy large family dinners, listen to the stories of their grandparents, celebrate family traditions, speak Italian in the household, look through scrapbooks that hold photographs of family faces throughout the generations, and have traveled to Italy to meet living relatives. But we are not all that fortunate. For some of us, our direct links to our Italian heritage have been weakened over time or have gotten lost for a variety of reasons, yet we desire to more fully connect with our Italian heritage. The Italian Cultural Society, through its active cultural heritage, language and travel programs, offers a way for us to achieve a greater understanding of and closeness to our Italian heritage.

You can help us in our mission of maintaining our heritage by supporting the Italian center with a donation to the Italian Center Fund.

Yes, I Would Like To Make A Donation To The Italian Center Fund

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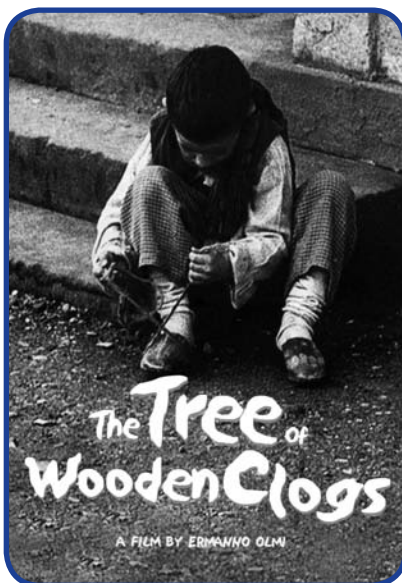
ICS EVENTS CALENDARIO

Jan 8	Festa Della Befana
Jan 9	Language Classes begin
Jan 15	Tracing Your Family History
Jan 22	Free Travel Film & Seminar
Jan 28	Film: "Tree of Wooden Clogs"
Feb 12	Meet The Author: Innocent War
Feb 17	Film: "Macaroni"
Feb 26	Bobby Darin documentary
March 4	Italian Cooking Show with Franca

ITALIAN FILM SERIES

Admission \$10 – Refreshments included

Italian Film is as much a part of Italian culture as the food, the music, and the people. To this day Italian films continue to inspire and amaze us. Our monthly films celebrate the magic found in these films. Enjoy an evening with family and friends at these feature films shown at the Italian Center in Carmichael located at 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd.



Saturday, January 28 at 7 pm

“THE TREE OF WOODEN CLOGS”

This award winning masterpiece is a poignant look at rural peasant life in Northern Italy at the turn of the last century. Considered to be one of the best Italian Films. Running time is 3 hours. In Italian with English subtitles

Friday, February 17 at 8 pm

“MACARONI”

Jack Lemon and Marcello Mastroianni are two World War II buddies reunited in modern day Naples. But this is no simple reunion. A funny, romantic comedy - In English

