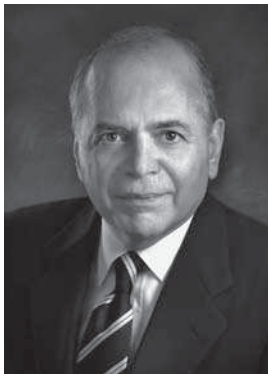


The Casa Italiana of Nazareth College is a center for studying, appreciating, and celebrating the Italian and Italian American experience.

2011 Mancini Lecture

**Dr. J. Richard Ciccone, Director of the Psychiatry and Law Program
at the University of Rochester to Speak at Mancini Lecture**

As Professor of Psychiatry and the founding director of the Psychiatry and Law Program at the University of Rochester Medical Center, he has been called a visionary leader who has helped shape modern forensic psychiatry. Having received the "Golden Apple" Award by the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law for his distinguished contributions to forensic psychiatry, it is with great pleasure that the Casa Italiana announces Dr. J. Richard Ciccone as this year's speaker at the prestigious Mancini Lecture.



this remarkable work on behalf of forensic psychiatry and patient advocacy, he was awarded the Association's Presidential Commendation.

Dr. Ciccone has been prominent in developing relationships with forensic psychiatric organizations in other countries including organizing the first International Congress in Forensic Psychiatry: USA/Italy. He was a visiting professor at the University of Siena from 1994-2000 and again from 2004 and 2008. He has lectured widely in Italy including the universities of Modena, Siena, Rome, Cagliari and Bolzano. With Italian colleagues, Dr. Ciccone has authored papers that have been published in Italian journals and his other international efforts have included presentations in London, Dublin, Cairo, Istanbul and Prague.

Dr. Ciccone's scholarly contributions are significant having published over 90 articles and book chapters on forensic psychiatry. He has conducted numerous notable forensic psychiatric examinations including that of John Dupont, Amy Fisher, John Rogster and David Zacher.

The Casa Italiana is proud to bring this esteemed Italian-American and forerunner in the field of psychiatry to Nazareth College to share his lecture, *The Insanity Defense: Getting Away with Murder?* This lecture will certainly be of special interest to students of psychiatry, law and history. Please join us on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Arts Center, Room A14 with a reception to follow at the Casa Italiana.

The Mancini Lecture is supported by the Mancini Charitable Foundation, established in 1989 to honor the late Joseph Mancini, a Rochester industrialist and founder of the Casa Italiana. The program features Italians and Italian Americans who are leading public servants, industrialists, and statesmen. Past speakers have included retired U.S. Marine Corps General Anthony Zinni, Judge Domenick Gabrielli, New York State First Lady Matilda Cuomo, pioneer psychiatrist John Romano, Gannett newspaper publisher Vincent Spezzano, Paychex President B. Thomas Golisano, Central Trust Company President Angelo Costanza, tenor Micheal Amante and former Bausch & Lomb CEO Ronald Zarrella.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Cari amici,

As fall begins and the cold weather approaches the Casa Italiana

continues to present a multitude of stimulating events throughout the season. This semester is all

about anniversaries as 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy and the 35th anniversary of the death of acclaimed Italian film director, Luchino Visconti. In commemoration, the Casa Italiana is offering a series of tributes in honor of these two anniversaries. You'll take pleasure in learning about the history of the *Risorgimento*, listen to a concert of arias from the most influential composer of the second half of the nineteenth century, Giuseppe Verdi, and enjoy the films of Visconti — *Il Gattopardo*, *Rocco e i suoi fratelli* and *Senso*.

Apart from these events, the highlight of the season is the prestigious Mancini Lecture where we feature a prominent Italian American guest lecturer. The Casa is pleased to announce our Mancini lecturer for this year, Dr. J. Richard Ciccone, professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Psychiatry and Law Program at the University of Rochester. Dr. Ciccone, a long-time friend of the Casa, will share his life's work as an esteemed forensic psychiatrist in his lecture, "The Insanity Defense: Getting Away with Murder?" This event is sure to captivate students of psychiatry, law, history, and biology and should not be missed.

As always, you will find your favorite events such as art exhibits by Suzanne Gilbet El Rayess and Christopher Calabrese, the film series led by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D, Social Committee events including the Card Party and the Christmas Brunch and of course, our adult and children's language classes.

Thank you for your continued support. None of this would be possible without you! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Dr. Stella Plutino-Calabrese
Director, Casa Italiana



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HOTLINE NUMBER

For up-to-date information on upcoming programs or classes, call our program hotline at (585) 389-2464, visit us on the Web at www.naz.edu/casa-italiana/ or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nazcasaitaliana.

Viva VERDI! Lecture and Concert

By Dr. Soo Yeon Kim, Associate Professor of Music at Nazareth College. Location TBA

For those living in the Austrian occupied Northern Italy of the mid-nineteenth century, the words “*oh mia patria sì bella e perduta*” (oh, my homeland beautiful and lost) truly resonated. Although from different worlds, the exiled Hebrews lamenting the loss of their homeland in Verdi’s opera, *Nabucco*, mirrored the sentiment of mid-nineteenth century Italy. Verdi’s famous chorus *Va, pensiero* soon became a nationalistic anthem for Italian patriots wishing to unify the country. As his musical compositions were politicized during unification, Verdi’s name was also used in the acronym Viva VERDI to secretly support Vittorio Emanuele Re d’Italia (Victor Emanuel King of Italy). Join us on October 11 at 7:00 p.m. for what is to be a splendid musical event. Dr. Kim, a coloratura soprano, will lecture on the historical importance of the work of Giuseppe Verdi and sing some of his most memorable arias.

In addition, Dr. Kim will be performing excerpts from Verdi’s *Rigoletto* as part of a National Association of Teachers of Singing event on October 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in Nazareth College’s Wilmot Recital Hall.

Luchino Visconti Film Series

Film schedule TBA

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the death of one of Italy’s most distinguished theater and film directors, Luchino Visconti. In commemoration of Visconti’s life and work, the Casa is presenting a semester-long film series in which each film will be preceded by an introduction from a Nazareth College professor. In connection with the Casa’s theme of “150



Alain Delon on the set of *Il Gattopardo*. photo: Tumbler

Years After the Unification of Italy,” the film *Il Gattopardo* will be showcased because of its depiction of the changes that took place in Sicily during the *Risorgimento*.

Based on the novel by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, *Il Gattopardo* depicts the decline of the Sicilian aristocracy. As the Prince of Salina fights to preserve his family and social status during the upheaval of the 1860’s, he realizes, “*Se vogliamo che tutto rimanga come è, bisogna che tutto cambi*” (If we want things to remain the same, everything must change.)

Other highlights of the film series will be *Rocco e suoi fratelli* depicting the migration of a rural Southern Italian family to the industrial North and the highly acclaimed, *Senso*.

150 Years After Unification

By Dr. Stella-Plutino-Calabrese, Director of Casa Italiana at Nazareth College.

Dr. Plutino-Calabrese will lecture on the *Risorgimento* and the effects of unification seen in Italy throughout the past 150 years. Please join us in the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.

These events were made possible by the collaboration of the Cultura Italiana committee at the Casa Italiana composed of: Dr. Candide Carrasco, Carolina Casella, Dr. Mireille LeBreton, Dr. Stella Plutino-Calabrese, Julie Saltrelli, Susan Senise, and Dr. Maria Rosaria Vitti-Alexander.

Per gli
appassionati
della letteratura
italiana...

{For all
lovers of Italian
literature...}

Interested in brushing up on your Italian grammar?

Want to know more about Italian history or art?

Itching to read some of the greatest literature ever written —
in its original language?

The *Casa Italiana Reading Room* is waiting for you. Come visit us and spend an afternoon in the quiet comfort of the Reading Room, browsing through our large collection of Italian language books and the latest magazines from Italy. Stop in, expand your mind and relax with a good book.

THE CASA ITALIANA READING ROOM IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY,
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Suzanne Gilbert El Rayess: *Un'Avventura*

"Innamorato sempre di più, in fondo all'anima per sempre tu." This verse from Lucio Battisti's song, *Un'Avventura*, expresses Suzanne El Rayess's ever growing love for Italy: "In love, always more; from the bottom of my soul always for you."

"Sono di nascita americana, ma di natura italiana. I was born American, but by nature, I'm Italian. When I capture my photographic images, I try to possess a part of Italy, as I have come to know this beautiful country," Suzanne states.

After majoring in History of Art at Wellesley College, Suzanne lived in Florence for eight years. There she met her husband, Majed El Rayess, an architecture student



Entrata Fiorentina

at the Università di Firenze. When their two daughters were born she became interested in photography. Even after they moved to Aleppo, Syria, where Majed started his architecture practice, they returned every other year to Florence to visit friends and family, and for Suzanne, to photograph.

"I want to capture the magic of what it means to be Italian, to live in Italy, to feel the beauty of the country, its people, its history. Surrounded by the images I create, no matter where I live, I haven't left Italy and my Italian friends. I love sharing my work with others, so they can experience my *avventura*."

In 1980 Suzanne moved with her family to Pittsford and began to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages at MCC. Professor and recipient of the SUNY Excellence in Teaching award 2009, she is the former Chair of ESOL/Foreign Language Dept and current Co-Coordinator of the ESOL Program at MCC.

She has had a number of photography shows at MCC and exhibited in Rochester City Hall her 1st prize winning photograph for the 1991 Ice Storm. In 1997 she partici-



Amore in Piazza Santissima Annunziata, Firenze

pated in a group photography competition of Mt. Hope Cemetery, exhibited at the Rochester City Hall. In the past three years, she has won three medals for honorable mention and a 2nd prize medal in the annual competition held by the Società di San Giovanni Battista in Florence. Suzanne has published many photograph books, including *Venice*, *Volti Toscani (Tuscan Faces)*, *Toscana*, and *Sicily*.

Art Exhibit: Un'Avventura by Suzanne Gilbert El Rayess. Opens September 18 with a reception with the artist from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday November 11, 2011.

Gift Ideas from the Casa Italiana

Keep the spirit of the Italian heritage alive among your family and friends with these special gift ideas from the Casa Italiana!

- * Consider giving a family member or a friend a membership to the Casa Italiana. Your loved one will receive a beautifully wrapped box with a note card acknowledging your thoughtfulness. Their membership entitles them to receive news about the Casa Italiana's programs as well as discounts on some programs and classes offered in the coming year.
- * Is there someone in the family who is interested in learning Italian? Surprise them with a gift certificate for an Italian class. They will learn in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Give the gift of education — a gift that will stay with them forever.

Christopher Calabrese: *Spare a Thought*



Cortina d'Ampezzo

After falling in love and marrying Casa Italiana Director **Stella Plutino**, Christopher Calabrese then fell in love with Italy and has travelled there extensively, always with a camera in tow. Christopher brings his photos of Italy to the Casa Italiana this fall with a show entitled *Spare a Thought*. The photos in the exhibit will generally include people as the main subject, which Calabrese describes as the true beauty of Italy.

Calabrese was born and still lives in Rochester, NY. He is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law and has two daughters, Giulia and Martina, who not surprisingly tend to appear in his work. Calabrese has offered to sell prints of his work at a low cost and all proceeds from the exhibit will be donated to the Casa Italiana.

Art Exhibit: Spare a Thought by Christopher Calabrese opens November 13 with a reception with the artist from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday January 27, 2012.



Giulia with figs

Make an Investment in the Future!



ONE WAY YOU CAN HELP ensure a strong future for the Casa Italiana's unique educational mission is by remembering the Casa Italiana in your will. If you are drafting or revising your will, keep the Casa in mind — your gift can make all the difference for the future of our beloved Italian heritage. For information about planning your gift, contact:

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CASA ITALIANA | FALL 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 18, Sunday** **Art Exhibit:** *Un'Avventura* by Suzanne Gilbert El Rayess. Opening Reception with the artist from 3:00-5:00 p.m., Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday, November 11.
- 22, Thursday** **Open House:** *Open House all'Italiana* with authentic food, bocce and Italian music. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge and Courtyard, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- 25, Sunday** **Film:** *La Siciliana Ribelle*, directed by Marco Amenta. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge, 3:00 p.m.
- 27, Tuesday** **Lecture:** *150 Years After Unification* by Dr. Stella Plutino-Calabrese, Director of Casa Italiana at Nazareth College. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge at 7:00p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3, Monday** **Social Committee Card Party Luncheon:** Midvale Country Club, 11:00 a.m. Reservations are \$25 per person and can be made by calling Arline Liberti at 585-678-4106. Space is limited.
- 9, Sunday** **Film:** *Il Cammino Della Speranza*, directed by Pietro Germi. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. 2:40 p.m. Video introduction in Italian with NO English subtitles. Film at 3:00 p.m.
- 11, Tuesday** **Concert:** *Viva Verdi* by Dr. Soo Yeon Kim. Location TBA. 7:00 p.m.
- 23, Sunday** **Film:** *L'Ultimo Pulcinella*, directed by Maurizio Scaparro. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge, 3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 6, Sunday** **Film:** *Il Piccolo Mondo Antico*, directed by Cinzia Th. Torrini. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge, 3:00 p.m.
- 9, Wednesday** **Trip to Italy Informational Meeting:** Join us for an informational meeting at the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge at 5:30 p.m. A \$250 deposit will be collected to reserve your spot. Space is limited.
- 13, Sunday** **Art Exhibit:** *Spare a Thought* by Christopher Calabrese. Opening Reception with the artist from 3:00-5:00 p.m., Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday, January 27.
- 15, Tuesday** **Mancini Lecture:** *The Insanity Defense: Getting Away with Murder?*, by Dr. J. Richard Ciccone. 7:00 p.m., Arts Center, Room A14, followed by a reception at Casa Italiana.
- 20, Sunday** **Film:** *In Nome del Papa Re*, directed by Luigi Magni. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge, 3:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4, Sunday** **Social Committee Christmas Brunch:** Midvale Country Club, 11:00 a.m. Reservations can be made by contacting Margaret Zanghi at 585-377-7291. Space is limited.
- 4, Sunday** **Film:** *Il Divo*, directed by Paolo Sorrentino. In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge, 3:00 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

Visconti Film Series. Location and film schedule to be announced.
More information to come by mail, or call the Casa Italiana at **585-389-2468**.



JOIN US FOR AN *Open House all'Italiana!*

Come and sample authentic Italian food, play a game of bocce in our bocce court, and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful Italian music!

Thursday, September 22

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge and Courtyard
Free and open to the public

This is a joint program of Casa Italiana and Nazareth College Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures-Italian.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4,
11:00 A.M.**

Midvale Country Club • 2387 Baird Road • Penfield, NY 14526

Adults and children are invited to this joyous occasion. The children will be thrilled by face painting, a visit from jolly old Santa Claus, and the traditional story of La Befana: the old woman who is still searching for the Christ child and leaves sweets and chocolates in the stockings of well-behaved children.

For reservations or more information, contact chairperson

Margaret Zanghi at **585-377-7291**.

Space is limited.

Supported by the Sam and Rose Spoleta Fund

JOIN US FOR THE **Social Committee Card Party Luncheon**

**Monday, October 3, 2011
at 11:00 a.m.**

**Midvale Country Club
2387 Baird Road
Penfield, NY 14526**

There will be plenty of door prizes and raffles. Even if you don't play cards, join us for an exquisite lunch and afternoon of fun.



Tickets sell fast for this well-attended event. Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations or more information, contact **Arline Liberti** at **585-678-4106**.

**FALL 2011
ITALIAN LANGUAGE
& CULTURE
CLASSES AT THE
CASA ITALIANA**

*To register for classes,
please call the Casa at
585-389-2468 or mail us
your registration form.*

**Venite a parlare!
LEVEL I**

This course is for those who want to learn and practice the basics of the Italian language while also exploring interesting aspects of Italian culture. Emphasis will be on providing the student with a beginner's knowledge of Italian through situational contexts. Basic conversation skills and grammar will be covered through the use of the textbook *Espresso I* and corresponding CD. A great class for anyone planning to travel to Italy.

10 Tuesday sessions from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
September 6, 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8
Instructor: Bruna Furguele
\$195.00 for members who have not yet purchased the textbook
\$140 for members who have already purchased textbook
\$205.00 for non-members who have not yet purchased textbook
\$150 for non-members who have already purchased textbook
Golisano Academic Center (GAC),
Room 221

Il Circolo

This fall, surround yourself in the warmth and splendor of Italy by joining our *Circolo* (circle) of friends for an interesting, stimulating and fun approach to learning about the Italian language and culture. Through discussions, readings, music, slides, film, and more, you will immerse yourself in the finest that Italy has to offer while making new friends who share your passion for things Italian. You will work on your conversation skills while improving language basics and learning expressions that are used in Italy. Our *Circolo* is perfect for those who want to connect with their Italian American heritage as well as for those who are preparing for or returning from a trip to Italy and want to share their experiences with others. A basic understanding of Italian is needed.

8 Wednesday sessions, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2
Instructor: Ashley Williams-Wenschhoff
\$85.00 for members
\$95.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

La cucina italiana

Italy is considered one of the culinary capitals of the world. Each of its great cities exhibits its own identity and its own exciting and colorful cuisine. In this class, Bernardina Masci, a professional cook and native Italian, will prepare for you some of the regional cuisine that has made the Italian kitchen justly famous. Sample and learn how to make traditional homemade recipes as you would in an Italian home. The splendor of Italy and the wonders of its kitchen await you. *Buon Appetito!*

8 Thursday sessions, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17 (skip 24)
December 1
Instructor: Bernardina Masci
\$145.00 for members
\$155.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge



The Casa Italiana held its 18th annual Italian Language & Arts Day Camp for children this summer. Campers learned about the Italian national hero, Giuseppe Garibaldi and his role in the unification of the Italy that we know today. Art teacher, Gianpaolo Alexander taught the children about the various regions of Italy by having them paint different monuments representative of each region. During the camps *Grand Finale* recital, campers sang *Tanti Auguri all'Italia* to commemorate Italy's 150 years of unity.

The Children's Camp is sponsored through the generous assistance of the Italian Heritage Foundation of Rochester and utilizes classic Montessori teaching methods. Young students are encouraged to explore their individual interests in order to cultivate their desire to learn.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Musica Maestro!

Ages infant to 3 years, with parent (or other adult).

Italian music activities are presented to multi-age groups of children because this fosters natural, family-style learning. The young students in this course learn to understand the meaning of words, simple phrases, and sentences. Each child participates at his or her own level in singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, or exploring musical instruments.

6 Saturday sessions from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

October 1, (skip 8) 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12

Instructor: Laura De Luccio

\$70.00 for Casa members (Casa members may register a second child for \$60.00)

\$80.00 for non-members

Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

Please fill out both sides of the registration form, cut along dotted line and mail with payment.

REGISTRATION FORM

As you register for classes, consider becoming a member of the Casa Italiana and enjoy the benefits immediately!

Benefits include:

- The *Casa Italiana Newsletter*, published twice a year
- Special invitations to Casa-sponsored events and programs
- Trips and social events
- Discounts on selected programs
- Access to the Casa's reading room
- The joy of continued interest in the language and culture of Italy

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

e-mail: _____

For all children's classes please include child's name and date of birth:

Please make checks payable to Casa Italiana and mail to:

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of Nazareth College
4245 East Avenue
Rochester, New York 14618

If you have questions, please give us a call at 585-389-2468.

REFUND POLICY FOR CASA ITALIANA

A full refund is given in the event that we must cancel a class. If you cancel three days before the first class, you will be refunded all but \$20. If you cancel less than three days before the first class and before the second class, you will be refunded 50 percent of the class fee, minus \$20. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

La scuola italiana (Italian School)

Ages 4 to 11

The Scuola offers age appropriate curriculum and activities. These classes will provide opportunities for beginners to advanced beginners using authentic Italian school textbooks. This engaging program focuses on Italian language, traditional children's music, and games. The Scuola will also include hands-on learning activities, watching video clips, role playing, and projects. Students will be required to bring a 2" binder; all other class supplies and snacks will be provided.

Level I Ages 4 to 7

8 Saturday sessions, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
September 24
October 1, (skip 8) 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
Instructors: Elisabetta D'Amanda and Irene Forgens Hammons
\$145.00 for Casa members (Casa members may register a second child for \$100.00)
\$155.00 for non-member
(Textbook will be provided with an additional fee)
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

Level II Ages 8 to 11

8 Saturday sessions, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
September 24
October 1, (skip 8) 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
Instructor: Alana Capogreco
\$145.00 for Casa members (Casa members may register a second child for \$100.00)
\$155.00 for non-members
(Textbook will be provided with an additional fee)
Casa Italiana Classroom



COURSE LISTING & MEMBERSHIP

Please check the courses for which you are registering.

Venite a parlare, Level I

Casa members who have not yet purchased textbook: \$195
Non-members who have not yet purchased textbook: \$205
Casa members who have already purchased textbook: \$140
Non-members who have already purchased textbook: \$150
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Il Circolo

Casa members: \$85 Non-members: \$95
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

La cucina italiana

Casa members: \$145 Non-members: \$155
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa Italiana Membership

A one year family membership to the Casa is only \$50 — and is also a great gift idea. For those living outside the Rochester area, an Associate Membership is available for \$35. Please enclose *separate* payment for membership.

Number of memberships: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Musica maestro!

Casa members \$70 per child
Non-members \$80 per child
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$60



La scuola italiana Level I

Casa members \$145 per child
Non-members \$155 per child
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$100

La scuola italiana Level II

Casa members \$145 per child
Non-members \$155 per child
No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$100

Fall Films at the Casa by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D.

The Fall 2011 Film Series consists of a variety of fine films focusing on Italian history and culture shown Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. at Casa Italiana.

La Siciliana Ribelle (The Sicilian Girl Rebels)

(2009, 113 min.)

Directed by Marco Amenta

Sunday September 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

This film is based on the true story of 17-year-old Rita Atria, indulged by her father until she witnesses his murder by rival mafiosi. She decides to seek revenge by carefully and secretly documenting Mafia activities in her small town. She brings the information to a sympathetic magistrate, Paolo Borsellino, who was dedicated to bringing down the Mafia. It is the first time that such a young woman from a Mafia family rebels and betrays the Mafia. Her life is never the same as she is marked for death by the same Mafia that murders judges Borsellino and Falcone for their anti-Mafia efforts. The airport at Palermo is named in honor of these dedicated magistrates.

Il Cammino Della Speranza (Path of Hope)

(1950, 98 min.)

Directed by Pietro Germi

Sunday October 9, 2011 film at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

Video introduction at **2:40 p.m.**

In Italian **with NO English subtitles**

The closing of the town's sulfur mine after WWII leaves Capodarso, Sicily without work. After a futile strike, many decide to emigrate to France in search of work. The heartbreak of leaving everything in search of a better life is thoughtfully portrayed in this fine film. Emigration is prohibited by law and the emigrants face many challenges including the police, discrimination in Northern Italy, and border guards to keep them from crossing.

A 20 minute video from Italian television showing the emotional pain of emigration earlier in the 20th century will be shown as an introduction to the film. This has no subtitles, but is largely musical and ends with a brief clip from the film.

L'Ultimo Pulcinella (The Last Pulcinella)

(2008, 92 min.)

Directed by Maurizio Scaparro

Sunday October 23, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

This is the story of a traumatic relationship between a Neapolitan lad and his father played by Massimo Ranieri, a street artist who has trouble making ends meet while continuing to sing and act the stories of Pulcinella in Naples. When the son leaves for Paris, Ranieri goes to find him and reconcile their differences. He discovers an abandoned theater and decides, with the help of his son and the son's friends, to restore and reopen the theater. The film is filled with great music, and Ranieri shines both as an actor and as a singer.

Il Piccolo Mondo Antico (Tides of Change)

(2001, 188 min.)

Directed by Cinzia Th. Torrini

Sunday November 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

Based on Antonio Fogazzaro's esteemed 1895 novel, the film is set in 19th Century Lombardy, under Austrian domination. The story begins with the marriage of Franco and Luisa. Franco's grandmother, the Marchesa, is his only "parent", and this cold-hearted, über-aristocratic matriarch won't permit her grandson to marry Luisa. When he does so, he is disinherited, and the Marchesa does whatever possible to persecute the couple. Franco becomes involved in the Risorgimento, to liberate Lombardy and other Italian states from foreign domination and work toward unification with the Kingdom of Piedmont to create a new Italy. Grandma, an entrenched conservative, condemns her grandson's political agenda and co-operates with the Austrians to harm him. Tragedy befalls the couple, and they become estranged. The film concludes with a remorseful grandmother trying to make amends, Franco and Luisa reconciling, and Franco going off to the Crimean War.

In Nome Del Papa Re (In the Name of the Pope King)

(1977, 115 min.)

Directed by Luigi Magni

Sunday November 20, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

This film is set in 1867, with revolution and Garibaldi's forces close to bringing Rome into the Italian Kingdom. Monsignor Colombo da Priverno (portrayed by Nino Manfredi in an outstanding performance), a world-weary judge on the papal court, wants to resign. He is disgusted by the violence employed by the papacy to maintain secular power. "Open up in the name of the Pope King" is the command of the Pope's forces, seeking entry into homes and a chilling reminder of the Pope's temporal power. Following a rebel bombing, the Monsignor learns that a brief liaison 19 years earlier produced a son, who is arrested for the bombing. To help the lad and his collaborators, the Monsignor engages in a battle of wits with the court. The banter between the Monsignor and his housekeeper provides delightful comic relief to this serious film. In the end, the Garibaldi are defeated at Mentana, and it will be several more years before the French support of the Pope is distracted by Bismark, and the Italian government completes the Risorgimento with the addition of the Papal States.

Il Divo (Giulio Andreotti)

(2008, 110 min.)

Directed by Paolo Sorrentino

Sunday December 4, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

In Italian **with English subtitles**

This is a fascinating docudrama about the life and political career of Italy's Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti and his party's decades-long hold on Italian politics. Highlighting accusations of mafia ties, Sorrentino lays any number of corruption scandals and political assassinations at Andreotti's feet. None of the charges ever resulted in a conviction. While no saint, Andreotti is presented as almost a caricature reflecting the director's viewpoint. The film earned a large number of awards; Toni Servillo won the 2009 Best Actor Donatello for his portrayal of Andreotti.

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