

2026 October Italian Heritage Month *Calendar of Events*

Thursday, October 1	OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT 6:00 PM Event will Honor and Award distinguished members of the Italian American Community, and Present and Award Student Scholarships. Buffet Free SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee LOCATION: Massachusetts State House Chambers, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA COORDINATORS: Richard Vita, 617-512-6565 and Kevin Caira, 508-633-2681
Saturday, October 3	SOUTHERN ITALIAN FOLK DANCE: PIZZICA & TAMMURRIATA – DANCE WORKSHOP 10:45 AM Learn the steps of Tarantellas -Pizzica and Tammurriata, the two most known traditional dances in Italy, originated respectively from Southern Puglia and Campania. More info and Registration: www.pazzilazzitroupe.com Regular: \$50, Working Artist: \$40 SPONSOR: Pazzi Lazzi Troupe LOCATION: Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA COORDINATOR: Carmen Marsico email: pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
Sunday, October 4	MASS AT ST. LEONARD CHURCH IN THE NORTH END 12 Noon Celebrating the 27th Anniversary of October as Italian-American Heritage Month. Refreshments served in the downstairs hall immediately following the Mass. Public is welcomed. SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee LOCATION: 320 Hanover St., North End, Boston, MA COORDINATORS: Debbie Tremblay 781-264-4500 and Kevin Caira, 508-633-2681
Sunday, October 4	BOSTON BEL CANTO OPERA 33rd Season 2026-2027 3:00 PM Bradley Pennington, piano, assisted by Andriana Repetto, soprano. Piano music of Scarlatti, Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, Mozart, and Debussy. Vocal works of Rutter, Rossini, Schubert, De Falla, and Obrador. OPEN SEATING (Parking is FREE, adjacent to the building, but spaces are limited) (Also on-street metered parking is available and free on SUNDAYS) Admission \$29.00 seniors, (62 and older) and students, with proper ID. (Cash and personal checks ONLY paid at the door.) LOCATION: Dante Alighieri Italian Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA COORDINATOR: For more information, please contact 617-943-7429, BBCOpera@outlook.com
Sunday, October 4	POMERIGGIO ITALIANO 4:00 PM A tasting of different foods from different regions in Italy. There will be music. \$50.00 per person SPONSOR: Federazione Associazioni Italiane Italo-Americane New England LOCATION: Orsogna Plaza, 316 Main St., Everett, MA COORDINATOR: Domenic Susi 617-605-5099
Tuesday, October 6	ITALIAN FLAG RAISING LOCATION: Boston City Hall Plaza 1:00 PM Join the celebration of Italian-American Heritage Month. Program will feature a performance by students from The Eliot K-8 Innovation School, followed by light refreshments. HOSTED BY: Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, 617-635-3200
Tuesday, October 6	PASQUALE & THE GOOD ITALIANS 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Live Italian Music Restaurant menu: Pizza and Italian Food SPONSOR: The Square Root Cafe LOCATION: 2 Corinth Street, Boston, MA COORDINATOR: Matteo Casini, mattcasini@yahoo.com
Friday, October 9	BOOK PRESENTATION “WHERE THE MOUNTAINS BURN” BY ANDREW R. NOVO 6:00 PM Cleaning out the attic of his family home in New York, Andrew Novo finds the diary of his grandfather, Rinaldo. At first, Rinaldo lives in comfort in Biella, in the foothills of the Alps. When war begins in 1940, Rinaldo’s life becomes progressively more difficult and his skepticism of Italy’s Fascist regime increases daily. Approaching his 18th birthday, he faces a choice: be conscripted into Mussolini’s army or join the partisans of the Resistenza. Where the Mountains Burn is a tale of trauma, memory, family, and resistance, reminding readers that history never dies, it is carried in each of us and is realized in every decision we make. Free SPONSOR: I AM Books LOCATION: 124 Salem St., Boston MA
Friday, October 9	ITALIAN HERITAGE GOLF CLASSIC 16th Annual Golf Classic 7:30 AM Registration - 9:00 AM Shotgun Start Tee Off Refreshments \$150.00 per player SPONSORS: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183 and Italian Heritage Month Committee LOCATION: Hillview Golf Course, 149 North St., North Reading, MA COORDINATOR: Kevin Caira, 978-657-7734 or 508-633-2681
Friday, October 9	THE TWO LOOK-ALIKES (<i>Li Due Simili</i>) 7:30 PM This performance is an exploration of Commedia dell’Arte, the vibrant Italian Renaissance theater tradition that forms the foundation of modern comedy. Under the guidance of Chiara Durazzini - co-founder and artistic director of the Pazzi Lazzi Troupe and a specialist in Commedia dell'Arte - nine actors have trained in the techniques of this theatrical form and developed an improvisation based on a late 1500s scenario from the Corsiniana collection in Rome. The plot draws inspiration from Plautus’ Latin comedy The Menaechmi, later adapted by both William Shakespeare and Carlo Goldoni. It is one of the most enduring comic structures: the tale of two long lost brothers who, at last, find each other again. Featuring: Francesca Barone, Alessia Dalsant, Andi Dudziak, Chiara Durazzini, Elena Lori, Carmen Marsico, Matthew Martino, Alex Suheck, Luca Tiezzi, Gerardo Vitagliano. Musical intermezzi performed by Carmen Marsico, Alex Suheck and Gerardo Vitagliano. Directed by Chiara Durazzini. In English with some Italian Free and Open to All PG13. More info at www.pazzilazzitroupe.com SPONSORS: Pazzi Lazzi Troupe and Bentley University LOCATION: Lindsay Hall, 38 Koumantzelis Auditorium, 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA COORDINATOR: Chiara Durazzini email: pazzilazzitroupe@gmail.com
Sunday, October 11	EAST BOSTON ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE 1:00 PM Route: Start on Walley Street, continue down Bennington Street, Pass through Day Square, continue to Chelsea Street, Maverick Square, head up Meridian Street, Finish at USPS on Meridian Street (Viewing Stand)
Monday, October 12	COLUMBUS DAY BREAKFAST 9:00 AM Sal R. Perricone will give a presentation on his book <i>Cobblestones: A New Orleans Tragedy</i> , the lynching of 11 Italian Immigrants, and the establishment of Columbus Day. Breakfast Buffet Free SPONSOR: Italian Heritage Month Committee LOCATION: Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 42 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA COORDINATORS: Richard Vita, 617-512-6565 and Kevin Caira, 508-633-2681
Monday, October 12	ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE 5TH ANNUAL ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY 12:00 to 5:00 PM Italian Cultural Celebration with Italian Food and Non-Food Vendors, Raffles. Musical guests include: Sea Breeze Band, DJ Alan Labella (native of East Boston), Maria Hanelin - Frozen; The Strolling Magician Steve Charrette Free Admission, All Are Welcome Rain Date: Sunday, October 18th SPONSOR: National Italian American Foundation LOCATION: Tall Ship Park, 1 East Pier Drive, East Boston, MA COORDINATORS: Florence Guidara, 617-877-7285, Fkane123@yahoo.com ; Marisa Di Pietro, 617-650-3442, Marisadipietro65@gmail.com
Saturday, October 17	ITALIAN FUND GALA 6:00 PM Supporting our mission, charities, and scholarships. Honoring Needham Bank CEO Joseph Campanelli. Special Guest Speaker: Hall of Fame Coach John Calipari. Sponsorships are also available. \$250.00 pp Purchase tickets and sponsorships online: www.osiama.org/events SPONSOR: Grand Lodge of Massachusetts LOCATION: The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA COORDINATOR: Paul Guida, 617-290-9664, pguida@osiama.org
Sunday, October 18	BOOK SIGNING WITH STEVE SCHIRRIPA 1:00 PM Meet Steve, Get a Photo, Receive a Signed Book and a chance to Win \$1000.00. Steve is an actor from the <i>Sopranos</i> & <i>Blue Bloods</i> . He has written a children’s book called <i>Willy Boy Eats the World</i> . \$30.00 SPONSOR: Worcester Lodge #168 LOCATION: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Lady of Loretto Parish, 37 Massassoit Road, Worcester, MA COORDINATOR: Jo Ann Gentile Warren, 508-579-8030, 168presidentwarren@gmail.com
Wednesday, October 21	“Christopher Columbus: The Man, The Myth, The Legend” Doors open 6:15 PM, program begins 7:00 PM Stephen Puleo will be presenting a program on Christopher Columbus entitled “Christopher Columbus; The Man, The Myth, The Legend.” Refreshments Complimentary admission SPONSOR: Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge (Wilmington) # 2183 LOCATION: Wilmington Senior Center, 130 Main St. (Route 38), Wilmington, MA COORDINATOR: Mary Renda, 781-696-2730, mrenda12@gmail.com
Saturday, November 7	ITALIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE AMICI CONCERT 6:00 - 7:00 PM Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, / 7:15 dinner / 8:30 Concert Concert by Alberto Profeta, World Renowned Sicilian Tenor Appetizers and dinner \$85.00 per person SPONSOR: Italian American Alliance LOCATION: Watertown Sons of Italy, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA COORDINATOR: Florence Ferullo Guidara, 617-877-7285, fkane123@yahoo.com ; Marisa Di Pietro, 617-650-3442, Marisadipietro65@gmail.com ; Ginny Gardner, 617-721-1062