

**The Italian Cultural Society**  
Presents

*"La Festa Della Befana"*  
**A Children's Christmas Festival**



**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
**1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

*Children 16 & Under Free | Adults \$10*

*At The Italian Center: 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael 95608*

***BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THIS MAGICAL  
HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL!***

**Enjoy Befana Puppet Show • Crafts Booths • Children's Books and T-Shirts  
Folk Dances by the Children's Folk Dance Troupe the *Bambini Dancers*  
Italian Biscotti and Panettone**

***PLUS A VISIT FROM LA BEFANA WITH A GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD!***

**1:00 pm > *Doors Open - Come Early***  
**1:30 pm > *Children's 'Bambini' Folk Dancers***  
**2:30 pm > *"The Legend of La Befana" Puppet Show***

***Please call (916) 482-5900 for more information***

# LA FESTA DELLA BEFANA

Sunday, January 8 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm @ Italian Center, Carmichael  
Bring the Entire Family! Children 16 & Under Free - Adults \$10

1:00 - 3:30 pm: Book Faire, Keepsake Tee's, Free Crafts & Befana Photo Booth  
1:30 pm: 'Bambini' Folk Dancer Performance • 2:30 pm: La Befana Puppet Show



On January 5th, the children of Italy go to sleep hoping the kindly old lady called La Befana will visit them during the night like Santa Claus (Babbo Natale) and leave presents for those who have been good. The Epiphany feast, known as La Befana, is an important part of the Christmas celebrations in Italy. One of Italy's oldest and most renowned legends, La Befana is honored with special events throughout Italy on this holiday. Many cities and towns organize festivities and parades to celebrate La Befana on January 6th, the Epiphany feast. In Sacramento and cities across the U. S. with Italian communities, "The Legend of La Befana" is celebrated with children's festivals.



This year on January 8th La Befana will visit the children of Sacramento with her basket of gold chocolate coins and a special Befana gift for each child. Everyone is invited to bring their entire family and join in the celebration! Featuring the "Legend of La Befana" Puppet Show and Italian folk dances performed by the Society's "Bambini Dancers" (Children's Dance Troupe). Children get creative making free crafts in our craft room, while nibbling on traditional Italian treats, biscotti and panettone. Be sure to take a special memorial photo with La Befana in the Befana photo booth and get your Befana book signed by La Befana herself! If you don't have a copy of *The Legend of La Befana* book already, be sure to visit our Book Faire to get a copy, plus browse the many other Italian-themed children's books for sale. Keepsake La Befana t-shirts will also be available for purchase.

**Volunteers Needed** to help with Craft tables, Book Faire, and other various tasks. Please contact Janet Kwartler (916) 217-1952 to volunteer. Donations of traditional Italian cookies are always appreciated! Please call Patty Peter at (916) 399-9592 if you can donate cookies or holiday treats. *Viva La Befana!!*

## ITALIAN HERITAGE: DANTE'S WORLD AND THE DIVINE COMEDY

Sunday, January 29, 2017 • Lecture at 2:00 pm • Admission \$10

Visiting Italian Student, *Leonardo Venturino*, fell in Love with Florence, Italy and will share his passion for the city and his appreciation for one of the great writers of the world, the Florentine, Dante Alighieri. Born in 13th century Florence in 1265, at a time when Florence was a major center of trade and banking rivaling Paris, we will learn about Dante's life and times and his great literary work, "The Divine Comedy", a book of spiritual journey for truth and the value of humanity. Dante's works were widely influential in Italy, a country of many dialects, and he wrote in his native Tuscan Dialect which eventually became the common language of Italy due to his influence.

Leonardo is currently studying in Sacramento for the current academic year. If you are interested in Florence and the incredible life of Dante and his epic voyage of imagination, join Leonardo for this journey through Florentine and literary history.

AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM. REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.



## TRAVEL ITALY: BOLOGNA REFLECTIONS MEET THE AUTHOR MARY TOLARO NOYES

Sunday, February 12, 2017 • 2:00 pm • Admission \$10



Author, *Mary Tolaro Noyes'* love affair with the city of Bologna began in 1994 where she traveled to learn the Italian language so she could communicate with her relatives. Intrigued by the history and cultural offerings of this charming medieval town, her fascination has led to publication of her book, "Bologna Reflections: An Uncommon Guide." During her years in Bologna she was welcomed by the Bolognesi who shared their traditions and history with her and through her book she will share her discoveries of the hidden treasures and her life among the people of this magical and charming modern city.

Mary currently lives in San Francisco but regards the Citta Rossa (Red City) as her second home. Bologna, know as the city of arches, is located in the Northern Italian region of Emilia-Romagna and has the oldest university in Europe dating back 9 centuries and is famous for its Italian Food.

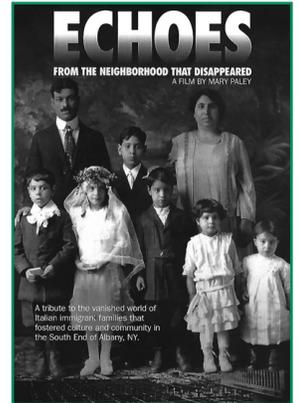
AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM.  
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.

# ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE & GENEALOGY: FILM DOCUMENTARY, "THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT DISAPPEARED, PT. 2"

Sunday, February 26 • Film at 2:00 pm • Admission \$10  
Genealogy Discussion at 3:00 pm with Nick Bloise

In our fall program we screened the first part of the Documentary Film, "The Neighborhood that Disappeared." In this second part of the film we will meet the people displaced by the massive urban renewal project in Albany, New York to make room for a public mall between the State House and the Governors' Mansion. Hearing their memories, we will learn about the culture, values and moral code by which they lived their lives. Between 1850 and 1924 millions of Italians immigrated to America and settled across the country. They established scores of Little Italy communities in America's cities. In Albany, an Italian settlement resembling a southern Italian village was established by the immigrants and then was dealt a death blow. Albany's Little Italy was a large and vibrant neighborhood that housed thousands of courageous immigrants and veterans of World War II.

Following the video presentation, Society Member and Genealogist **Nick Bloise** will conduct a genealogy discussion about DNA testing and how to begin searching for your Italian relatives and ancestors. If you want to know who you are and where you came from, join Nick for information about the latest DNA technology that can provide answers. *AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL. DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM. REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.*



## CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY IN SACRAMENTO

**A large turnout for this year's annual event was proof that Italian-American pride was on display at the Columbus Day Celebration at the Italian Center!**

Columbus Day is a holiday when Italian-Americans celebrate their heritage and enormous contributions to American Society. For Italian-Americans, it is a matter of pride that Columbus, an Italian from Genoa, Italy, crossed the Atlantic ocean on a famous voyage that led to the creation of present day America, which was named for another Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci.

For generations, Italian-Americans have worked to build our nation and build their families and communities. Columbus Day celebrations are part of our national identity and allow the 26 million Italian Americans in the United States to celebrate their own unique cultural identity during this national

holiday.

**We would like to thank the Society volunteers who made this years celebration possible:**

*Patty & Tony Peter, Giovanna Biundo, Bill, Marco & Patrizia Cerruti, Janet & Steven Kwartler, Peter & Mary DiPietro, Phyllis Cupparo, Michael Wallis, Mary & Diana Quilici, Leroy Mohorich and Armando Andreozzi.*

Center Volunteers



Photos Courtesy of Tony Peter



## SAVING COLUMBUS DAY - PROTECT YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

*Italian-Americans are one of the largest ethnic groups in the United States and were the second largest European group to immigrate to America. Our ancestors who immigrated from Italy endured great hardships and prejudice. But Italian-Americans prefer to be measured by their contributions rather than by their pain. As a group and as individuals they have helped shape the history of the United States and current American society.*

Being American doesn't erase being Italian-American. While Italian-Americans have celebrated and maintained their culture and traditions they have also displayed their patriotism and loyalty to the United States as proud Americans, and many have served their country in large numbers in its military.

Columbus' accomplishment speaks for itself as one of the greatest feats of exploration known to man. **Columbus Day has historically been a day of national unity when all Americans can celebrate their place in our great and diverse nation.** The Columbus Day

holiday provides Italian-Americans - and all Americans - the chance to celebrate their presence and accomplishments.

Recently, there have been attempts to eliminate Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day, and this has occurred in some States and localities. But, to Italian-Americans and others, the attack on Columbus Day as a holiday is an attack on our history and heritage and especially, our identity.

**COLUMBUS DAY PETITION: Now there is a national campaign we can all participate in to show our support for Columbus Day and the importance of the immigrant experience. The National Sons of Italy has developed an online initiative to the President to Save Columbus Day. You can sign it at ([www.osia.org/save-columbus-day](http://www.osia.org/save-columbus-day)) and search for ([change.org](http://change.org)).**



# Learn Italian!

## "TANTI AUGURI DI BUONE FESTE" DALL'ITALIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL!

**Many holiday greetings from the Italian Language School!** We have taught Italian for over 35 years and use a proven curriculum to teach students how to speak and understand Italian in a fun, no-stress atmosphere. Our approach gives students a real understanding of Italian culture, customs, food and people, while emphasizing the pleasure and beauty of Italian language and culture. In addition to the satisfactions of learning Italian, the classes offer a fun experience and the opportunity to meet people who share similar goals and interests.

**Give the Italophiles in your life a gift certificate for a full term in any of our classes!** Tuition is \$195, and students enrolling in two or more classes during the same quarter receive a fifty percent discount on additional classes. Classes are taught at both the Italian Center (Carmichael) and Sierra 2 Community Center (Sacramento). **Purchase used books at the first class meeting or online at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net). For your convenience, gift certificates and registration may be purchased online with a PayPal account or credit card, or by check at the first class meeting.**

**Call: 916 ITALY-00 (482-5900) or visit [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) and Learn Italian Now!**



## WINTER 2017 LANGUAGE CLASSES Register Now, Classes Start January 9, 2017!

### ITALIANO UNO (One):

*The perfect introductory class for those with very little or no knowledge of Italian. Students learn the basics: greetings, pronunciation, numbers, days of the week, everyday vocabulary and plenty more!*

#### **Section 1:**

**9 January - 20 March**

MONDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Grazia

#### **Section 2:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

#### **Section 3:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 5:00pm to 6:55pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

### ITALIANO DUE (Two):

*Students build on fundamentals and learn new vocabulary with focuses on verbs, classroom conversations and reading.*

#### **Section 1:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Patrizia

#### **Section 2:**

**11 January - 8 March**

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Patrizia

#### **Section 3:**

**12 January - 9 March**

THURSDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

### ITALIANO QUATTRO (Four):

*Students increase vocabulary, grammar includes reflexive and more past tense verb forms. opportunity to practice and improve conversational skills in classroom discussions*

#### **Section 1:**

**11 January - 8 March**

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:15pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Patrizia

#### **Section 2:**

**12 January - 9 March**

THURSDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Patrizia

### ITALIANO CINQUE (Five):

*This class is for students who have studied Italian. Students learn and practice the imperative tense. The class is taught mostly in Italian to increase students' conversational, grammatical and total language skills*

#### **Section 1:**

**12 January - 9 March**

THURSDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Grazia

#### **Section 2:**

**12 January - 9 March**

THURSDAYS, 5:00pm to 6:55pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

### ITALIANO SEI (Six):

*This class is for students who have studied Italian and wish to reach a more proficient level. Students learn and practice the imperative tense and the use of ne and ci. The class is taught mostly in Italian.*

#### **Section 1:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 12:30am to 2:30pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

### ITALIANO SEI-OTTO (Six - Eight):

*Students use Italian in the class room and continue to review and broaden their grammar, vocabulary and total fluency. Participate in lively discussions and increase spoken fluency.*

#### **Section 1:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

### ITALIANO NOVE (Nine)

#### **Day Section 1:**

**9 January - 20 March**

MONDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

### ITALIANO UNDICI-TREDICI

#### **(Eleven-Thirteen)**

#### **Day Section 1:**

**11 January - 8 March**

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

### ITALIANO DODICI-TREDICI **(Twelve-Thirteen)**

#### **Section 1:**

**10 January - 7 March**

TUESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

### CORSO AVANZATO (Advanced):

*Students will have completed Prego! and begin to broaden their understanding of more complex linguistic constructions, grammar, idioms and expressions. Instructors provide interesting reading and writing assignments to increase vocabulary and fluency while giving students the practice they need. Broaden language skills while learning more about Italian culture and daily life*

#### **Section 1:**

**11 January - 8 March**

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Myriam

#### **Section 2:**

**11 January - 8 March**

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm  
(Carmichael Italian Center) Inst: Lucia

### CORSO SUPERIORE: (Advanced **Grammar, Reading & Conversation)**

*Taught completely in Italian to fine tune the skills of the most advanced students using literature, conversation, film and other media.*

#### **Section 1:**

**9 January - 20 March**

MONDAYS, 12:30pm to 2:30pm  
(Sacramento Sierra 2) Inst: Nancy

**Italian 1-10 Use Text Book Prego!  
An Invitation to Italian,  
7th Edition**



# ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

"IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN, WHEREVER HE IS BORN...THERE IS ONE SMALL CORNER WHICH IS ITALIAN." - Luigi Barzini

## WINTER SESSION 1:

11 January - 08 March • Wednesdays, 5:20p - 6:50p  
Patrizia - Sierra 2 Center, Sacramento

## WINTER SESSION 2:

12 January - 09 March • Thursdays, 7:00p - 8:30p  
Patrizia - Italian Center, Carmichael



**Bring out your inner-Italian with this class designed especially for travelers to "il Bel Paese;" Italy!** Are you planning a trip to Italy? Our Italian for Travelers class prepares you to experience the best the world has to offer: art, history, food, wine, music, culture and spectacular beauty all await the traveler to Italy. This course will make your trip to Italy much more enjoyable! Students learn basic conversation skills, useful vocabulary and key phrases and begin using Italian at the first lesson. The focus is on Italian culture and customs, valuable travel tips and practical information which will prepare you to confidently visit and enjoy the Italian Peninsula. Students return from Italy praising the usefulness of the course.

*"I've just returned from a three week trip in Italy. Thanks to all of your excellent teaching and valuable tips our trip was a complete success. We felt comfortable in bars, restaurants, and train stations knowing how the systems work. We enjoyed meeting the Italian people and talking with them in their own language. ... Our whole experience was deeper and richer because of what I learned from you."* – Chris B.

Instructor Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti is a native of Tuscany who lives and works part-time in Italy. She leads tours to Italy, and is an expert travel planner and the author of the course textbook: BUON VIAGGIO! A TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. **Register now at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net).**

## "CIAO!" CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE PROGRAMS OFFERED FREE AT THE ITALIAN CENTER, CARMICHAEL



Pre-School  
(Ages 2 - 5)

"Ciao Piccoli" >> Mondays, 9 January to 13 March • 10:00am - 11:30am

Children's Class  
(Ages 6 - 12)

"Ciao Italia" >> Saturdays, 14 January to 11 March • 10:30am - Noon

**Ciao Piccoli** gives Pre-school age children a program all their own. **Ciao Italia** gives school age children a week-end class that gives them Italian language and culture which is not available in most school curriculum. The gift of learning is the most important gift you can give your child. Our classes are offered year-round with small teacher to student ratio for personalized learning to give your child the opportunity to learn Italian now in a fun interactive setting. Studies point to the many advantages of introducing a second language as soon as possible in a child's life. These special programs recognize the importance of introducing language at an age when children are "hardwired" for effortless language acquisition, and learning is fun for them. In addition to Italian language, our program includes Italian culture and is a place where children can learn naturally through play, games, songs, food and art. We encourage you to give your child this wonderful opportunity to learn one of the world's most beautiful languages: l'Italiano! **Children's classes are offered FREE with a \$45 materials fee. Pre-register now at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) before classes fill up!**

## SOCIETY DANCE TROUPES WEAR TRADITION

Our Society folk dance troupes perform in regional costumes related to the ancestral region of each dancer. Participating in the folk dance troupes is a way of expressing ones heritage and keeping our Italian traditions alive.

The Bambini Dance Troupe, children ages 5 - 11, and La Danza troupe for ages 12-17, rehearse at the Italian Center in Carmichael and are currently looking for new dancers. **If your child is interested in joining our incredible group of young dancers please contact Diana Quilici at [bellachicca44@yahoo.com](mailto:bellachicca44@yahoo.com).** No prior dance experience is required.

Our adult dance troupe "Balliamo" recently participated in the San Francisco Columbus Day Parade and won 2nd place in the dance/drill team competition. We are so proud of them! **Anyone interested in joining Balliamo should contact Denise Brown at [shadesub@comcast.net](mailto:shadesub@comcast.net).**

"BALLIAMO" Dance Troupe >>



## ITALIAN-AMERICAN RADIO SHOW

BROADCASTS SUNDAY AT NOON ON ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL 18,  
KUBU RADIO 96.5, AND ON THE NET @ [ACCESSSACRAMENTO.ORG](http://ACCESSSACRAMENTO.ORG)

Tune in to "SACRAMENTO ITALIAN STYLE" to listen to the best of Italian and Italian American music every Sunday at noon.  
Hosted by Society Member Phyllis Cupparo.

# SEE ITALY WITH THOSE WHO KNOW IT BEST!

More Americans chose Italy over any other destination when asked where they would most like to visit. Many people wait a lifetime for their trip to Italy. Don't trust your Italian Travels to anyone else! Travel with those who truly know Italy. 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.

Our tours give 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. You will experience a magnificent blend of incredible natural beauty, history, art, culture, architecture, wines, olive oil and foods. Here is what travelers say about our tours.

*"Thank you for an amazing tour!! John and I have talked of nothing else since our return. We were awed by the itinerary and all we learned and saw... fabulous guide and we appreciated ... knowledge, caring and concern. ...really made the tour special for us...We were more than pleased with the accommodations and meals at the Villa not to mention the kindness of the staff. The special dinners you arranged in Rome were fantastic! ...we would not hesitate to recommend this tour to anyone wanting an in depth overview of wonderful Tuscany. Absolutely first class,....! Thanks, again, most sincerely, Gloria (and John) Bruno"*

Detailed brochures and more passenger reviews are available on line at [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net)

TRAVEL  
ITALY

## ITALY GRAND TOUR: TUSCANY, CINQUE TERRE, ROME

12 DAYS: 17 - 28 JUNE, 2017 • \$2,699 (Land Only-Double Occupancy)



When traveler's rave about this Italian Cultural Society exclusive tour we reply, "We don't call this the Grand Tour for nothing!" The Grand Tour will take you to the heart and soul of Italy. This fully escorted tour highlights the romantic, legendary region of Tuscany, Italy's famous capital city of Rome, and includes a ferryboat ride for a full day excursion to the magical Cinque Terre and Portovenere. In Tuscany, travelers will enjoy having their home base at a lovely four star villa hotel and visit Florence, Siena, Lucca, the Chianti Wine Region, Pisa, Viareggio, Volterra, San Gimignano and the Cinque Terre. A fully escorted day tour to Venice is also offered during the tour. Then transfer to our hotel in Rome to 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. The tour price is \$2,699 per

person double occupancy and includes all 4 star accommodations, all breakfasts and all dinners in Tuscany, welcome cocktail party, wine and olive oil tasting and hot buffet breakfasts in Rome, 10 fully escorted sightseeing tours and excursions, museum admissions, pre-departure presentation and orientation luncheon and much more! Travelers may arrange their own airfare or we can assist with air travel. The tour begins in Florence and ends in Rome. Escorted by Tuscan native Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, and by licensed local English speaking guides. \*Prices based on double occupancy and do not include airfare or tips. **Please visit [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) for complete brochures or call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail [italy@italiancenter.net](mailto:italy@italiancenter.net). Buon Viaggio!**

## USEFUL TRAVEL TIPS

BY PATRIZIA CINQUINI CERRUTI

Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti is a native of Lucca, Italy and the Director of Sacramento's Italian Language School. She has been a classroom instructor of Italian language, culture and travel planning for over 25 years. Patrizia plans and escorts tours to all regions in Italy, and has made over 100 return trips to her native country. She is the author of several travel books and articles including the popular textbook, "Buon Viaggio! A Travelers Guide to Italian Language and Culture" (©2000). Over the next several issues, Patrizia will share her favorite Italy travel tips in *Altre Voci*.

**TRAVEL TIP:** Make sure to Reserve and Pre-Book all major sights and attractions through the official websites before leaving the U.S. If you find yourself in Rome without a reservation for the Vatican Museums with the typical 3+ hour lines, you can pay twice the admission and skip the line. There are people hawking tours and holding "skip the line" signs. They reserve blocks of entrance times and then sell them for double the cost, however it is worth paying double to avoid wasting three or more hours of your day in the hot sun. If you do not want the tour, tell them you just want to purchase a skip the line.



Tours hosted and escorted by Tuscany native Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, and by licensed English speaking local guides. The Italian Cultural Society arranges optional shuttle van service from Sacramento to the San Francisco Airport and back if there is interest. Prices based on double occupancy and do not include airfare. Please visit [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net) for complete brochures or call (916) 482-5900 or e-mail [italy@italiancenter.net](mailto:italy@italiancenter.net). Buon Viaggio!



# CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

*Make A Gift to the Italian Center this December*

Christmas is a good time to put the Italian Center on your gift list and make a tax-deductible donation. *This year marks the 35th anniversary of the Italian Cultural Center, our home and the place where we showcase our heritage.* Italian-Americans have their own issues and saving the Italian Center is one of them. Please support us - make a holiday or memorial gift for your Italian heritage today!

Did you know that you can make a tax efficient gift to the Italian Cultural Society from your IRA in 2016? Individuals who are 70 1/2 + can make gifts directly from their IRA accounts to us without paying federal income tax on the

## Grazie To The Following For Their Generous Donations:

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*(In memory of the Simi/Guintoli family)*

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Frank & Dorothy Laprezioso:  
*(In memory of the Laprezioso & Barbera Families)*

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*(in memory of father, mother & brother Renato, Eda & Henry Barsanti)*  
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*(In memory of Al & Jeanne Bosetti)*  
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*(In memory of Peter Vittore)*  
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*(In memory of Fred Zanetta, Lydia Garino, Antonio & Santina Zanetta, the Iorio, Chiesa, Zanetta & Savoini ancestors)*

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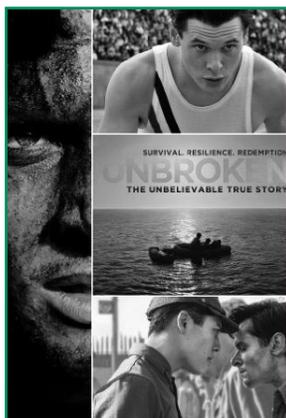
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January 8	Festa Della Befana
January 9	Italian Language Classes START
January 20	FRIDAY FILM: "Unbroken"
January 29	LECTURE: "Dante's World"
February 12	TRAVEL ITALY: "Bologna Reflections"
February 17	FRIDAY FILM: "Se Dio Vuole"
February 26	FILM: "Echoes...Part II"

## ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

At the Italian Center: 6821 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael 95608  
Admission \$10 • Doors Open at 7:30 pm - Film at 8:00pm • Refreshments Included

Italian film is as much a part of Italian culture as the food, music and the people! Come out and enjoy an evening with family and friends at our featured Italian Friday Night Films. This September begins another "Annual Festival of Italian Films," beginning with MA CHE BELLA SORPRESA, the first of six award-winning films chosen especially for the 2016-2017 season.



### Friday, January 20 at 8:00 pm "UNBROKEN"

In this true story Italian-American hero Louis Zamperini, a California star runner in the 1936 Olympics, joins the Army Air Corp as a pilot in World War II, experiences a near-fatal plane crash, spends a harrowing 47 days in a raft with two fellow crewmen, is caught by the Japanese and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp where he is tortured — but survives and lives to become a motivational speaker. His role is played brilliantly by Jack O'Connell in this film directed by Angelina Jolie. (2014) *In English*



### Friday, February 17 at 8:00 pm "SE DIO VUOLE"

("God Willing") This box-office success won "Best New Director" for Edardo Falcone at the Italian Oscars and tells the story of a doctor Tommaso (Marco Gallini), a charismatic priest (Alessandro Gassman), a dysfunctional family and an announcement that takes everyone by surprise. A string of hilarious situations ensue as Tommaso goes undercover to investigate and bring down the priest whom he believes "brain-washed" his family. (2015) *In Italian with English subtitles.*