



# *Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.*



marzo 2019

## **L** 2019 Membership **R**eminder

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By now you should have received your 2019 Membership Renewal Form for the Italian Cultural Center. If you have not done so, please complete and submit your membership renewal today. Please invite your friends and family to join also and, as always, children are very welcome. We have many new programs and events planned.

There's something for everyone. Membership forms are available on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), by calling the ICC at 413-784-1492 or emailing us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net).

*The success of the ICC and its programs depends on your support.*

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**WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI**

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A warm welcome to our returning members and our Benefactors, Patrons, and New Members listed below. We appreciate their support and hope to see them at some of our many activities. New members are encouraged to attend our quarterly membership meetings held the second Wednesday of September, December, March, and June, and take classes and volunteer their many talents.

Benefactors: George Tazzini, Jr.

Patrons: Carmine Capuano, Albert Lattell, Gary and Susan MacQueston, John Tiboni

New Members: Priscilla Mandrachia, Elke Simmons

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The ICC is a Tax-Exempt 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Contributions to the ICC are tax deductible.



# Attenzione! Attenzione!



## 2019 Friday Night at the Italian Cinema



### *Palio*

**By Cosima Spender (2015)**

**Drama, 91 Minutes**

**In Italian with English Subtitles**

Plot: Twice a year the Italian city of Siena goes crazy for the oldest horse race in the world: the Palio. Not your average race: strategy, bribery and corruption play as much a part as the skill of the riders. Horses are allocated by lot four days prior to the race. This is when the madness truly begins. In the eye of the storm stand the jockeys. Loved and loathed by the districts they represent, they forge alliances and make deals promising large cash sums to try and get the best start. Legendary rider Gigi Bruschelli has won 13 Palios in 16 years and is accused by his critics of monopolizing the race. He works the system, paying off younger jockeys and fixing the race with average horses. Two races away from beating the world record, Bruschelli will do anything to win. But one jockey stands in his way, his former trainee, a handsome young Sardinian, Giovanni Atzeni, who is quietly determined to challenge his old mentor. Less interested in bribes and collusion, he rides for the love of the race. *Palio* is the thrilling story of a young 'outsider' keen to break in to the dangerous but lucrative race and the corrupt 'insider' who has manipulated the city of Siena for a decade. Their passionate and dramatic battle is an epic and cinematic tale of Italian life in microcosm.

Trama: Due volte all'anno la città italiana di Siena impazzisce per la più antica corsa di cavalli al mondo: il Palio. Non è una corsa qualsiasi: strategia e corruzione giocano tanto quanto l'abilità dei fantini. I cavalli vengono assegnati per lotto quattro giorni prima della gara. A questo punto la follia ha veramente inizio. Nell'occhio della tempesta stanno i fantini. Amati e detestati dalle contrade che rappresentano, stringono alleanze e fanno affari promettendo ingenti somme di denaro per ottenere un vantaggio alla partenza. Il leggendario fantino Gigi Bruschelli ha vinto 13 pali in 16 anni ed è accusato dai suoi critici di monopolizzare la gara. Lavora all'interno di un sistema, paga i fantini più giovani e truffa la gara con i cavalli mediocri. A due gare dal record mondiale, Bruschelli farà di tutto per vincere. Ma un fantino è sulla sua strada per batterlo, un suo ex-allievo, un giovane e sardo, Giovanni Atzeni, che è determinato a sfidare la sua vecchia guida. Meno interessato alle bustarelle e alla collusione, partecipa per l'amore della gara. *Palio* è la storia elettrizzante di un giovane "outsider" desideroso di irrompere nella pericolosa ma lucrativa gara e nel "membro" corrotto che ha manipolato la città di Siena per un decennio. La loro battaglia, appassionata e drammatica, è un racconto epico e cinematografico della vita italiana in un microcosmo.

**WHEN: Friday, April 5, 2019**

**WHERE: Italian Cultural Center  
56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA**

**Doors Open at 6:00 pm—Film Begins at 6:30 pm**

**Suggested Donation: \$6 Non-Members, \$3 Members**

**Moviegoers Will Be Given a Choice of a Beverage and a Snack**

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iccwm.org> or call at 413 784-1492

# Gnocchi Make and Take



A gnocchi-making class will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the ICC. What could be better than sharing in this Italian tradition together? An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Just bring an apron and take home what you make. Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Jill at 413-244-0526 or email to [CookingwICC@comcast.net](mailto:CookingwICC@comcast.net) to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by April 1, 2019, to guarantee a seat. Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$30 for ICC members, \$25 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$35 per adult non-member, and \$30 for children of non-members 12 years and younger to: Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Gnocchi-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

## The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. Lecture Series



# Traveling in Italy



Are you planning a trip to Italy in the near future? Are you at a loss at where to start? If you are, we have a treat for you. The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts is pleased to announce an encore presentation of their lecture: “Travel Trips to Italy” with Laura Albanese, to be held on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 pm. Italy is a small country with a lot to offer every type of traveler. Whether it is your first time abroad or not, you may have questions about what to see or how to get there. The Italian Cultural Center will be offering an information session to help you clarify some of your questions about traveling in Italy. Learn about local customs and receive some advice on where to go and what to do. Please join us on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 pm. Please come prepared with any questions that you may have about your trip.

Leading the information session will be Laura Albanese. She is one of our Italian language instructors at the ICC. In addition to working with the Cultural Center, Ms Albanese teaches Italian at the University of Hartford and Bryant University. She has participated in three study abroad programs in Italy, spent nearly two years between her bachelor’s and master’s degree teaching English in Italy and has traveled extensively throughout the country. She will be joined by her husband Michelangelo Murina, a native of Reggio Calabria, to answer any questions that you would like to ask.

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 Doors Open at 1:30**

**Lecture Begins at 2:00**

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Complimentary Refreshments will be served

\$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members

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## The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. Lecture Series



### **LOVE THAT MOVES THE SUN**

by Author **Linda Cardillo**

**Vittoria –Colonna and Michelangelo Buonarroti**  
A work of historical fiction set in turbulent 16th century Italy



He was the genius of his age; revered sculptor, painter, architect and poet; fiercely devoted friend; beleaguered artist to the popes; and a pilgrim in search of an elusive redemption.

She was an acclaimed poet; dutiful daughter; adoring yet betrayed wife; powerful political voice; spiritual seeker; suspected heretic; and the only woman Michelangelo ever loved.

Vittoria Colonna ignites the spirit of Michelangelo with love's profound terror and fierce beauty.

Cardillo's novel is a sweeping historical epic and a sensitively observed exploration of the passionate friendship between Colonna and Michelangelo. Ambitious in scope, the narrative covers 1500 to 1547, shifting between their relationship and Colonna's childhood and adolescence on the island of Ischia, her marriage to Ferrante and his betrayal of her trust, and her development as a poet. It is a stirring and emotionally resonant portrait of a pivotal relationship in the life of Michelangelo

"Cardillo gives us an intimate, rich, engrossing glimpse into the life of one of the most celebrated poets of the Renaissance and her extraordinary relationship with Michelangelo. Anyone who loves being immersed in historical detail that's woven organically into a seamless narrative will love this beautifully researched and written novel."

"Linda Cardillo's novel is an elegant portrayal of the friendship between the poet and the artist who stirred her from solitude. Intimate and perspective-driven, it explores faith, love, and the lines where public and private life converge."

**Sunday, April 14, 2019 Doors Open at 1:30**

**Lecture Begins at 2:00**

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## **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME**

We need some volunteers to help us get the ICC Library and Store up and running again. We need to assemble the new library shelves, organize and replace the books appropriately, and set up the store with the new inventory. If you are interested and able to help, please call Stephanie at (860) 305-1175.



# Planning for 2019 Italian Heritage Month

We have already started planning our 2019 Italian Heritage Month activities and we are now accepting nominations for Serviam Award recipients. The Serviam Award recognizes individuals of Italian ancestry who have significantly contributed to the community of Western Massachusetts. The recipient, who must be of Italian ethnic heritage, is someone who has devoted his or her life to the betterment of society through community service, and by exemplary works, has enhanced the communities in Western Massachusetts.

Nomination forms to be used to submit the name of an individual you feel is worthy of this prestigious award are available at the ICC or on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org). Please submit nominations with documenting materials by May 3, 2019, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.,

## The Italian Cultural Center Offers College Scholarships

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc. is offering scholarships to High School Seniors that are pursuing higher education. The Italian Cultural Center Scholarships are open to high school seniors who are:

- Children of ICC members with a family membership, or
- Grandchildren of ICC members, or
- Children of non-ICC members who are of Italian descent, attending a high school in Western Massachusetts, and are sponsored by a member of the ICC



One additional scholarship, the Dante Alighieri Scholarship, will be awarded to a student studying the Italian language.

Italian Cultural Center Scholarship applications are available on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), along with additional information on our scholarship program. **The application deadline is April 1, 2019.** If you are unable to acquire an application, please contact the scholarship committee at [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net) or 413-784-1492 with your name, address, and phone number.



### SCHOLARSHIP DONORS NEEDED!

We are very proud of all the accomplished students of Italian heritage that reflect the hard work and dreams of our ancestors. Please consider becoming a Scholarship Donor and assist us in rewarding these worthy Italian high school students with a scholarship to help defray their college expenses. They will very much appreciate you giving them a helping hand, and you will be our guest at the Scholarship Banquet, seated with the student that you helped. As our current Scholarship Donors can attest, it's a rewarding experience for both you and the scholarship recipient.

A scholarship can be in your name, or as a memorial scholarship in honor of a family member. If you have any questions, please contact the ICC Scholarship Committee at 413-784-1492, or [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net). Your donation is tax-deductible. Thank you for your consideration!

# BUS TRIP TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

## SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>



Join us for an exciting adventure in the Federal Hill (Little Italy) section of Providence, Rhode Island. Have you ever dreamed of taking a ride in an authentic gondola, but haven't been able to get to Venice, or didn't have the time or euros to take a gondola ride while there? Well now is your opportunity to fulfill that dream. On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Italian Cultural Center is taking a bus trip to Providence. We will leave the Eastfield Mall at 9:30 am. We park our cars across from the Markets of Eastfield store close to Boston Road. We arrive in Providence around 11:30 am. You will enjoy lunch and shopping on your own for two hours. At 2:00 pm we will enjoy a gondola ride with live Italian musical entertainment on the shore. At 4:00 pm we head back to Eastfield Mall for a 6:00 pm arrival.

Providence's historic Federal Hill has been called the "Heartbeat of Providence" and begins at Atwells Avenue. There, you can listen to church bells while walking on cobblestone paths, shop at food markets and boutiques, or dine in some of the finest restaurants in the country.

You'll also find bakeries and coffee shops, professional services, and live music outdoors in the square. Federal Hill spreads beyond Atwells Avenue to Broadway, a street with wonderful architecture, restaurants and local merchants, all the way to Westminster and Cranston Streets. A place dedicated to the Italian immigrants who gathered here as a community, Federal Hill remains a place of charm, warmth and hospitality to all who visit.

The gondola experience consists of an 18—20 minute trip along the Riverwalk in Providence, offering passengers (6 per boat) the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the city. The trip is always made complete by a little singing from your gondolier. Each guest is given handmade authentic Italian style wine biscuits.

The cost of the trip (including gondola ride) is \$65.00 per person. Space is limited and seats will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations must be made by calling Jill at (413) 244-0526 or e-mailing to [icwmm@comcast.net](mailto:icwmm@comcast.net).



## **EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA DINNER**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**



The Italian Cultural Center is offering a new dinner menu. Join us on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for our first ever Eggplant Parmigiana dinner. Chef Joe Sapelli will prepare an exquisite dinner consisting of eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, pasta, salad, Italian bread, and dessert. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinner price is \$18.00 for members and \$21.00 for non-members and must be paid for in advance.

Call Jill today at (413) 244-0526 to make your reservations. This will be a very popular dinner, and seating is limited, so make your reservations early!

### **ICC DINNER RESERVATION POLICY REMINDER**

We must strictly adhere to our rule that all dinner attendees must make their reservations and send payment to the ICC by the published deadline. Money and/or unplanned reservations will not be accepted at the door. This policy allows us to plan ahead to ensure that we have enough food, sufficient space for everyone, and no leftover unpaid dinners. We are sure that you can understand the need for this policy, and that no exceptions can be granted. Grazie.

### **DONATIONS STILL NEEDED**

As you can see by the number of activities being offered this month, the Italian Cultural Center is up and running again. But financially, we are still not anywhere near where we were before the water damage. We are still in need and accepting any donations you are able to make to our Rebuilding Fund. Donations can be made directly to the ICC at 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA 01105. All donations are tax deductible, greatly appreciated, and necessary to resume our mission to promote Italian culture in the Western MA community!

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# Calendar of Events

***Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 pm***

***Italian Cinema, Friday, April 5, 6:00 pm***

***Gnocchi Make and Take, Saturday, April 6, 2:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Traveling in Italy, Sunday, April 7, 2:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Love that Moves the Sun, Sunday, April 14,  
2:00 pm***

***Eggplant Parmigiana Dinner, Saturday, April 27, 6:00 pm***

***Providence, RI, Bus Trip, Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am***

*The Mission of the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is to promote Italian culture, traditions, heritage and the Italian language, through the sponsoring of social, culinary and educational events, and to foster appreciation and respect in the community for the rich contributions that Italians have made locally and throughout the world.*