

DECEMBER 2020

Sun Dec 20th, 7:00 EST/ 4:00 PST: Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most beloved holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **Ciclismo Classico**

Tue Dec 15th, 6:00 PM: Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most cherished holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **National Italian American Foundation**

Sun Dec 13th, 4:00 EST/ 7:00 PST: Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most cherished holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **Casa Colombo, Jersey City, NY**

Thurs Dec 10th, 4:00 PST (7:00 EST): Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most cherished holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **IAMLA - The Italian American Museum of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**

Thurs Dec 10th, 12:00 PM PST Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Part 2
A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning, and might. **Il Cenacolo, San Francisco, CA**

Wed Dec 8th, 5:45 PM: Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most cherished holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Fri Dec 4th, 7:00 PM: Buon Natale: Unexpected Stories behind Holiday Traditions; Discover the surprising stories behind some of our most cherished holiday traditions, from St. Nicholas and the nativity story to candy canes and Christmas lights. We'll explore how the pagan and Christian magically coalesced into the holiday we celebrate today. **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY**

Thurs Dec 3rd, 12:00 PM PST Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities , A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning, and might; sponsored by **Il Cenacola, San Francisco, CA**

NOVEMBER

Tues, Nov 24th, 7:00 PM Raphael: Rockstar of the Renaissance, one of the great artist polymaths of the Renaissance, along with Leonardo and Michelangelo is famous for fashioning the style known as "High Renaissance". He was the essential man -- painter, architect, designer, tastemaker, entrepreneur, team builder, courtier, and visionary, yet today it is trendy to dismiss his work as 'too beautiful'. What nonsense! **Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe, NY**

Tues Nov 17th 7:00 PM; Fellini: Neorealism to Surrealism; a celebration of his life and legacy with a screening of Nights of Caberia, **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY**

Thurs Nov 12th, 7:00 PM; Italy's Third Golden Age; a thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's miraculous transformation following WWII and the development of "Brand Italy" and its supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita; **Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY**

Wed Nov 11th, 5:30 PM Rooms with a View; A visual feast for lovers of Italian art and culture! Discover and explore some of Italy's most extraordinary yet lesser-known interior decorative spaces traversing the "Boot" from Dolomites to the shores of Sicily and places in between. **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Tue Nov 10th, 7:00 PM La Dolce Vita "U" Trivia Challenge & Happy Hour; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture. **The University of Pennsylvania Club, NY, NY**

Thur, Nov 5th, 7:00 PM Due Duomi: Gothic Glory in Orvieto & Siena Less universally identifiable, but unmistakably Italian, is the glittering mosaic-covered facade of the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta of the Umbrian city of Orvieto and Siena's magnificent edifice by the same name which stand among of the finest Gothic cathedrals in all of Europe with an interior resplendent with frescoes and floor mosaics without equal. **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY**

OCTOBER

Thu, Oct 29, 10:00 AM: The Alchemy of Italy; Lecture celebrating Italian Heritage Month exploring Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it. **Learning in Retirement, Stamford CT**

Wed Oct 28th, 7:00 PM La Dolce Vita "U" Trivia Challenge & Happy Hour; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; **Columbus Citizen's Foundation, NY, NY**

Sat, Oct 24, 5:00 PM: Marist College, Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; special for college students

Fri, Oct 16th, 7:00 PM A Mangiare: Cultural History for Foodies; Through an engaging Q & A, you will test your knowledge while discovering surprising little-known facts and backstories of some of Italian cuisine's most iconic ingredients and dishes. **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY**

Fri Oct 9th, 7:00 PM Sicilian Trivia Challenge & Happy Hour, through an engaging Q & A format, explore and discover the delicious layer cake of culinary & cultural history that is the dazzling island of Sicily. This Happy Hour will be jointly hosted by award-winning author Carla Gambescia, and Sicily travel specialist Allison Scola. **Westchester Italian Cultural Center; Tuckahoe, NY**

Sun Oct 11th, 4:00 PST Italy's Third Golden Age; A thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's miraculous transformation following WWII and the development of "Brand Italy" and its supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita. **Museo Italo-Americano San Francisco, CA**

Fri Oct 2, 7:00 PM La Dolce Vita "U" Trivia Challenge & Happy Hour; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture; **Harrison Library, Harrison NY**

SEPTEMBER

Wed Sept 30th, 7:00 PM Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities, Part 2 A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might. Sponsored by the **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Washington, DC**

Thurs Sept 24th, Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities, Part 1, A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning, and might. From its inauspicious beginnings at the end of the Roman empire as a lagoon-based refugee encampment to its apex as a commercial, naval and financial. **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) Washington, DC**

Wed Sept 23rd, 5:45 PM Il Palio di Siena, a cultural sporting extravaganza, culminates in the world's most thrilling horse race. Experience its colorful pageantry virtually through stunning photographs taken at last year's race and discover the history behind the race which lasts a mere 75- 90 seconds but represents the climax of a fiercely competitive all-consuming year-round rivalry between the 17 contrade (districts) of Siena. **Main Line School Night Association**

Sun Sept 20th, 5:00 PM The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; sponsored by **The Dante Alighieri Society of Boston & Michigan**

AUGUST

Sat Aug 15th 10:00 AM: Il Palio di Siena, a cultural sporting extravaganza, culminates in the world's most thrilling horse race and takes place twice every summer — on July 2 and August 16. Though canceled this year, you can experience its colorful pageantry virtually through stunning photographs taken at last year's race. **Casa Belevdere, Staten Island, NY**

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JULY

Wed Jul 29th 7:00 PM Il Palio di Siena, a cultural sporting extravaganza, culminates in the world's most thrilling horse race and takes place twice every summer — on July 2 and August 16. Though canceled this year, you can experience its colorful pageantry virtually through stunning photographs taken at last year's race along with highlights of Siena's cultural attractions; **IAWC (Italian American Women's Club) of Great Neck, NY**

Tue Jul 21th 7:30 PM Miracle in Matera; Matera's story is one of resilience, reinvention and renewal. Once considered “the shame of Italy” it was the 2019 European Capital of Culture. Discover how artists, craftsmen, restaurateurs and hoteliers have brought Italy's special brand of ingenuity and style and the spirit of la dolce vita to the land of the sassi in the previously forgotten region of Basilicata; **Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe, NY**

Tue Jul 14th 7:00 PM A Mangiare: Cultural History for Foodies; An interactive and entertaining “salon” exploring Italy's culinary heritage from antiquity to the present day. Through an engaging Q & A you will test your knowledge while discovering surprising little-known facts and backstories of some of Italian cuisine's most iconic ingredients and dishes. **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF), Washington DC**

Thu Jul 9th 6:00 PM GMT Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded

Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time. **British-Italian Society of London**

Tue Jul 7th 7:00 PM Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time. **Barnard Club of Connecticut**

JUNE

Wed Jun 3rd 7:00 PM EST Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Part 1
Private online lecture for the IAWC (Italian American Women's Club) of Great Neck, NY

Wed Jun 10th 7:00 PM EST Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Part 2
Private online lecture for the IAWC (Italian American Women's Club) of Great Neck, NY

Fri Jun 19rd 7:00 PM Orvieto & its Duomo; a mini-vacation and photo tour of the spectacular Umbrian hill town, the story (and miracle) behind its monumental cathedral and the art within; **Westchester Italian Cultural Center**

Wed Jun 24th 7:00 PM The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; sponsored by the **National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)**

MAY

Wed May 28th 7:00 PM EST Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo, and some of the greatest artwork of all time; **IAWC (Italian American Women's Club) Great Neck, NY**

Wed May 20th, 7:00 PM Italy's Third Golden Age; a fascinating and thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's transformation following WWII and the development of "Brand Italy" and its supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design, and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita. **Main Line School Night Association, Radnor, PA**

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Wed May 13th 7:00 PM EST Italian Geniuses & Colorful Personalities -- an entertaining and engaging Q & A exploring some of Italy's most interesting & influential geniuses and most colorful personalities. Even the most sophisticated Italophile will learn fun new facts and insights **Fri May 8th 5:00 PM EST La Dolce Vita University Trivia Challenge & Virtual Happy Hour,** Westchester Italian Cultural Center <https://wiccnny.webinarninja.com/live-webinars/310230/register>

Mon May 4th , 6:30 PM; La Dolce Vita University Tea & Trivia, Westchester Italian Cultural Center <https://wiccnny.webinarninja.com/live-webinars/310216/register>

APRIL

Thurs Apr 28th Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Part 2, A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might. **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Wed Apr 29th, 7:00 PM Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities Part 1 A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might. From its inauspicious beginnings at the end of the Roman empire as a lagoon-based refugee encampment to its apex as a commercial, naval and financial juggernaut and a Xanadu of architecture and cultural cross-currents **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Wed Apr 22nd 7:00 PM Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; Discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time, **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Fri Apr 17th 5:00 PM PST, La Dolce Vita "U" Virtual Happy Hour Trivia Challenge

Fri Apr 17th 5:00 PM EST, Ciclicmo Classico; La Dolce Vita "U" Virtual Happy Hour & Trivia Challenge

Wed Apr 15th 7:00 EST, The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA

Mon Apr 13th 3:00 PM, La Dolce Vita University Tea & Trivia; Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA

Tue Apr 7th 5:00, La Dolce Vita University Virtual Happy Hour; Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA

Mon Apr 6th 3:00, La Dolce Vita University Tea & Trivia; Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA

Fri Apr 3rd 3:00, La Dolce Vita University Virtual Happy Hour; Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA

MARCH

Wed March 25th 7:00 Italian Geniuses & Colorful Personalities -- an entertaining and engaging Q & A exploring some of Italy's most interesting & influential geniuses and most colorful personalities. Even the most sophisticated Italophile will learn fun new facts and insights; **Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA**

Mon March 9th 6:30: Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time. **Armonk Library, Armonk, NY**

Sun March 1st 3:00 PM; Italian Culture & Cuisine Trivia Challenge lunch and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too! **St. John's University;**

Fri March 6th 6:30 & 7:30 PM; La Dolce Vita University presents an Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win

prizes, sample limoncello and gelato too! **Norton Museum of Art, Palm Beach, FL**

Thurs March 5th 7:00 PM; Miracle in Matera; how Matera transformed from the "shame of Italy" to become the 2019 International City of Culture; **The Seasons at East Meadow, New York**

Sun March 1st 3:00 PM; Italian Culture & Cuisine Trivia Challenge lunch and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too! **St. John's University, Queens, NY**

FEBRUARY

Thurs Feb 27th 7:30 PM Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might. **Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe, NY**

Tue Feb 25th, 7:00 PM Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might and home for the original Mardi Gras. **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island NY**

Wed Feb 19th, 6:00 Carnevale Evening in Venice; a special Eataly Carnevale celebration: a feast of cicchetti (small plates Venetian style) and entertaining exploration of Venice, the most improbable of cities, once the luxury and pleasure capital of Europe and home for the original Mardi Gras. **Eataly Los Angeles, CA**

Tue Feb 18th, 12:00 PM: The Culture & Cuisine of Italy; A Trivia Challenge sponsored by the Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning at San Diego State University and Adventures by the Book University of San Diego; **Buca di Beppo Restaurant, San Diego, CA**

Sun Feb 16th, 5:00 PM: Italy's Third Golden Age; a thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's miraculous transformation following WWII and the development of "Brand Italy" and its supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita. **House of Italy San Diego, CA**

Tue Feb 11th, 6:30 PM La Dolce Vita University Lecture Series, Part 1: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it. **Hofstra University, Hempstead NY**

JANUARY 2020

Tue Jan 28 th 7:00 PM Italian Geniuses & Colorful Personalities;- an entertaining and engaging Q & A exploring some of Italy's most interesting & influential geniuses and most colorful personalities. **Casa Belvedere, Staten Island NY**

DECEMBER 2019

Sat Dec. 7th, 12:00 PM: White Plains, NY National Organization Of Italian American Women Westchester Chapter Festa di Natale Luncheon and Holiday Trivia Challenge

Thurs Dec 5, 7:00 PM Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; wine prizes too! **North Castle Library, Armonk, NY**

Wed Dec 4, 6:30 - 8:30 PM: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge;** test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot"; Rhode Island Chapter of the National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW), **Providence, RI**

NOVEMBER

Thurs Nov 21, 5:30-7PM; Venice: The Most Improbable of Cities A thought-provoking exploration of this timeless jewel of a city and magical place of beauty, mystery, luxury, intrigue, contradiction, audacity, cunning and might. Main Line School Night Association Radnor, PA;

Wed Nov 20th, 6:00 New York Athletic Club, NY, NY; Chance in Life 2019 Food & Wine Gala

Sun Nov 1 th, 1:00 - 2:30 PM: Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture; La Dolce Vita University presents **The Alchemy of Italy** presentation and book signing,

Thurs Nov 7, 7:00 PM Ridgewood Public Library, Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; wine prizes too! Ridgewood, NJ

Wed Nov 6, 11:00 AM Darien Men's Association; La Dolce Vita University presents **The Alchemy of Italy** presentation and book signing,

Mon Nov 4, 6:30 PM Bridgeport CT; Movie Screening and Discussion -- "My Italian Secret" -- the story Gino Bartoli and other unsung heroes of the Holocaust; sponsored by **Bacio Inc. of Connecticut; Circolo Sportivo**, 2500 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604\

OCTOBER

Tue Oct 29, 2:00 PM: The Alchemy of Italy presentation and book signing, explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it presentation and book signing; **Italian Charities of America, Elmhurst, NY**

Sat Oct 26, 2:00 PM: Learn about Biordi's & La Dolce Vita University's upcoming **Tuscany: Fatti a Mano (Made-by-hand in Tuscany Tour)** -- an artesian and cultural immersion exploring the arts & crafts and food & wine of central Tuscany including visits to Biordi artisans and other insider experiences. **Biordi Art Imports, San Francisco, CA**

Fri Oct 25, 6:00 PM: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too! **Museo Italo Americano, (Fort Mason) San Francisco, CA**

Thu, October 24, 7:00 PM Italian Geniuses & Colorful Personalities -- an entertaining and engaging Q & A exploring some of Italy's most interesting & influential geniuses and most colorful personalities. **Books Inc. Opera Plaza, San Francisco, CA**

Wed, Oct 23, 6:30: Pizza & Trivia Night Italian Style and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too! **Libreria Pino, San Francisco, CA**

Tues Oct 22, 6:00 PM: Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time. **The Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, CA**

Sun Oct 20, 4 PM The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain its presentation and book signing; **Casa Columbo Jersey City NJ**

Sat Oct 19, 1:00 PM Miracle in Matera; how Matera transformed from the "shame of Italy" to become the 2019 International City of Culture. **Italian American Women's Center; Great Neck, NY:**

Thu, Oct 17th, 7:00 Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe, NY; **Italy's Third Golden Age --** fascinating and thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's Supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita

Tue, Oct 15th, Saint Leo's Church of Stamford, CT; **The Alchemy of Italy;** explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain its presentation and book signing

Tue Oct 15th, 7:00 PM Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY; **Italy's Third Golden Age --** fascinating and thought-provoking lecture exploring Italy's Supremacy in the realms of gastronomy, fashion, design and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita

Sat, Oct 12, 2:00 PM: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture. **The Belmont Library, Bronx, NY**

Sat, Oct 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM: Dinner & Lecture celebrating Italian Heritage Month -- **The Alchemy of Italy** exploring Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it. **Eataly Flatiron, NY.**

SEPTEMBER

Thu Sept 26, 6:30 PM: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain its presentation

and book signing sponsored by the American Italian Cultural Roundtable at **Casa Italiana at NYU:**

Wed Sept 18, 8:30 AM: Meet the author and book signing; native of South Philly, Carla Gambescia who will share childhood memories and the inspiration behind her awarding winning book: *La Dolce Vita University: An Unconventional Guide to Italian Culture from A to Z*; **History of Italian Immigration Museum. Phila., PA:**

Sun Sept 15, 9:00 AM: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture. **Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY**

Thu Sept 12, 6:30 PM: Acorn Club of Philadelphia; **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge** and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture

Sun Sept 8, 4:00 PM: Fairfield, CT; Negroni, Antipasti & La Dolce Vita "U" Trivia Challenge; private fundraiser

AUGUST

Wed Aug 7, 6-8 PM: Antipasti & Trivia Night: Focus of Southern Street Food; a copy of *La Dolce Vita University* is included in the special dinner & event price; test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights about "The Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too; **Eataly Flatiron, NY, N**

JULY

July 30, 12 PM: Arthur Avenue Back Tour, Discover the history of this famous foodie neighborhood while tasting salumi, formaggi, and more; followed by a luncheon at Antonio's Trattoria and a fun *La Dolce Vita "U"* Trivia Challenge; private group only

MAY

Fri May 31, 9:45-11 AM American Association of Teachers of Italian Conference 2019 Workshop The Weiss Language Center: Boosting Relevance and Engagement with "Trivia" and Storytelling: Is there a "sweet spot" for

individual and group learning at the intersection of traditional pedagogy and entertainment? The session will begin with participants sampling an Italian culture “trivia challenge” that Gambescia has conducted for a wide range of audiences across the country including college and high school students. On the basis of that shared experience, participants will discuss and explore the potential benefits and application of such an approach to enhance student engagement in a classroom setting.

Mon May 20, 11:00AM -12:30 PM: High School Student Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge presented by La Dolce Vita University especially for the school district of Black Horse Pike NJ and graciously hosted by Gran Caffè L'Aquila, 1716 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA

Sat May 18, 6-8 PM: Italian Favorites with a Trivia; a 4-course dinner with wine pairings; a copy of La Dolce Vita University is included in the special dinner & event price; test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights about "The Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too; **Eataly Flatiron, NY, NY**

Wed May 15, 7 PM: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge;** test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot"; **Morgagni Medical Society of New York**

Mon May 13, 7 PM: Bronx School for Special Learning; The A, B, C's of Italy and Italian Culture

Tues May 7, 6:30-8:30 PM: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing; **Yale University, New Haven, CT**

Thu May 2, 6 - 8 PM : Shakespeare & Co. 939 Lexington Ave. NY NY, sponsored by the Greater New York Chapter of the National Organization of Italian American Women: **The Alchemy of Italy;** explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing

APRIL

Sun Apr 28, 1:00 - 2:30 PM: Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture; La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge;** test your

knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot", win prizes too! presentation and book signing,

Thu Apr 25, 5-6:30 PM: Italy's Third Golden Age; Explore Italy's supremacy in the realm of gastronomy, fashion, design, and the indomitable spirit of La Dolce Vita ; \$35 course fee; Main Line School Night Association, 260 Gulph Creek Rd., Radnor, PA 19087, 610 687 0460
<http://www.mainlineschoolnight.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=19SLH42001>

Sat Apr 13, 2:00 PM: Woman's Club of Great Neck, NY; **The Alchemy of Italy;** explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing

Thu Apr 11, 7:00 PM: Albany, NY, The American Italian Heritage Museum:**The Alchemy of Italy;** explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing: 1217 Central Avenue, Albany NY

Mon Apr 8, 7:00 PM: Bridgeport CT; **The Alchemy of Italy;** explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing; sponsored by Bacio Inc. of Connecticut; Circolo Sportivo, 2500 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Thurs Apr 4, 7:00 PM: Westchester Italian Cultural Center, One Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe, NY; **Leading Ladies of the Renaissance,** presentation and book signing; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time.

MARCH

Fri Mar 29, 7 PM: Huntington Public Library, Huntington NY: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge;** test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot", win prizes too!
Huntington, NY

Thurs Mar 28, 7 PM: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, **America-Italy Society of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA**

Tues Mar, 26, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Eataly Chicago at La Scuola: **Antipasti e**

Aperitivi Trivia Party, test your knowledge and discover surprising fun facts about the cuisine and culture of La Bella Italia, win prizes too!; 43 East Ohio St. Chicago IL 60611, 312.521.8700 https://www.eataly.com/us_en/classes-and-events/chicago/trivia-night-italian-style-with-special-guest-carla-gambescia-2019-03-26-4730

Mon March 25, 6:30 - 8:00 Loyola University, Lakeshore Campus; Chicago IL; La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge for Students**; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot", win prizes too!

Fri Mar 15, 7 PM: Chappaqua Library and Town of New Castle: **Leading Ladies of the Renaissance**, presentation and book signing; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time; New Castle's Town Hall Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua NY

Wed Mar 13, 7 PM: Via Umbria Emporio & Restaurant, Washington DC; **Leading Ladies of the Renaissance**, presentation and book signing; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo; sponsored by National Organization of Italian American Women

Tues Mar 12, 6:30 PM: Parliamo Italiano at Hunter College: La Dolce Vita University presents **The Alchemy of Italy**; Casa Lally; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; one of a three-part lecture series; 132 East 65th Street, NY, NY 212 396 6653

Sat Mar 9, 3-5 PM: Tea & Trivia at the Polka Dot Pound Cake Bakery, Rockville Center, NY; test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights about "The Boot" and its delizioso cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too; sponsored by National Organization of Italian American Women

Tues March 5, 6:30 PM: The Italian American Committee on Education (IACE) Award Dinner "The Authentic Italian Cuisine" featuring **La Dolce Vita University Fun Foodie Trivia**; Il Bacco 25324 Northern Blvd, Little Neck, NY 11362; RSVP

Fri Mar 8, 6:30 PM: IAWC Annual International Women's Day Festa della Donna; a special **"Trivia" Challenge Celebrating Renaissance Women**; The Mansion at Douglaston Manor 63-20 Commonwealth Blvd., Marathon Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11363

Wed Mar 6, 7 PM: Harrison Library, Harrison, NY; **Leading Ladies of the Renaissance**; presentation and book signing; discover the lives and legacies of Italy's "Renaissance Women" as well as several unheralded Italian women who inspired Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo and some of the greatest artwork of all time.

Sun Mar 3, 4 PM: **Alchemy of Italy**; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, Museo Italo Americano, San Francisco, CA

Sat Mar 2, 2-4 PM: Biordi Art Imports, Historic North Beach, San Francisco; meet the author, storytelling & book signing; 412 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco CA

FEBRUARY

Fri Feb 22, 6 PM: University of Pennsylvania Bookstore: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge** and book signing; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot" and its delicious cuisine and astonishing culture; win prizes too!

Thurs Feb 21, 2:40-4:10 and 4:20-5:50 Wagner College, Staten Island, NY: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge for Students**; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot"

Tues Feb 19, 7 PM: Chapman University, Orange CA: La Dolce Vita University presents an **Italian Cultural Student Trivia Challenge**; test your knowledge and discover surprising facts and insights about the "Boot", win prizes too!

Sun Feb 17, 5 PM: House of Italy, San Diego, CA: **The Alchemy of Italy**; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural

DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, 2191 Pan American Rd. West. San Diego, CA

Fri Feb 15, 6:30 PM: Italian Cultural Center of San Diego: **Trivia Night Italian-Style;** test your knowledge and discover surprising fun facts about the cuisine and culture of La Bella Italia; trivia challenge and book signing; win prizes too! 1654 State St. San Diego, CA

Sat Feb 9 11:30 - 1 PM: Gran Caffè L'Aquila, 1716 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA; Special La Dolce Vita University 3-course Luncheon and Trivia Challenge; test your knowledge and discover surprising fun facts about the cuisine and culture of La Bella Italia, win prizes too!

DECEMBER 2018

Thurs Dec 13, 5 PM National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW), Staten Island Chapter, Trivia Challenge Italian Style; Basilio Inn & Restaurant

Thurs Dec 6, 11 AM The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it presentation and book signing, Senior Men's Association of Stamford, Congregation Agudath Sholom, Colonial Road at Strawberry Hill Avenue Stamford, CT \

Wed Dec 5, 7 PM Bernardsville Library, Bernardsville NJ; Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge, test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights, win prizes too! Co-sponsored by The Bookworm and Bernardsville Library, 1 Anderson Hill Rd, Bernardsville, NJ \

Sat Dec 1, 6:00 - 8:00 PM Eataly NYC Flatiron: Trivia Night Italian-Style and Dinner; What food was considered scandalous if consumed by women during the Renaissance? Why is the Bellini called the Bellini, Carpaccio, Carpaccio? Test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; 200 5th Ave., NY, NY

NOVEMBER

Wed Nov 28, 6:30 PM American Italian Cultural Center of New Orleans: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge; test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; 537 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA

Wed, Nov 28 12-2 PM Sicilian Heritage Foundation Luncheon; panel discussion and book signing; American Italian Cultural Center, of New Orleans, 537 South Peters Street New Orleans, LA 70130

Mon, Nov 26, 11:3 -2PM Crabtree Kittle House, Chappaqua, NY: Children's Cancer Fund Fundraiser Luncheon and Auction sponsored by the Cherylyn Salon of Armonk; win a La Dolce Vita University Back Tour of Arthur Avenue

Thur Nov 15th 7:00 PM Casa Italia, Italian Cultural Center of Stone Park Il: Italian Culture A to Z; 3800 Division Street Stone Park, IL What food was considered scandalous if consumed by women during the Renaissance? Why is the Bellini called the Bellini, Carpaccio, Carpaccio? Test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; presentation and book signing,

Wed Nov 14th 8 6:30 – 8:00PM Eataly Chicago at La Scuola: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge, 43 East Ohio St. Chicago IL

Tue Nov 13th 4:00 – 6:00PM Smithtown NY, UNICO Trivia Challenge Italian Style; test your knowledge and discover new fun facts and win prizes; presentation and book signing

Mon Nov 12th 6:30 - 8:00 PM Sicily Meet-up Ferrara's of Little Italy NY, NY: Trivia Challenge Italian Style; test your knowledge and discover new fun facts and win prizes; presentation and book signing

Tue Nov 6th 6:30 – 8:00PM The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere on Staten Island: The Alchemy of Italy: Explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it presentation and book signing; The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere, Staten Island, NY

Sat Nov 3, 1 PM Mahopac Library: The Alchemy of Italy: Explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it presentation and book signing presentation, Mahopac Library, Mahopac, NY sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac

OCTOBER

Sun Oct 28, 5 PM: Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge, test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; co-sponsored by **Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts and Pirandello Lyceum, 41 Hampshire St. Cambridge MA**

Tue Oct 23, 7 PM The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere Staten Island: Leading Ladies of the Renaissance, presentation and book signing; discover the woman behind many of the world's most beloved paintings and the roots of the modern women's' movement; The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere, 79 Howard Ave. Staten Island, NY

Fri Oct 19, 12 PM: The Commonwealth Club of San Francisco: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, 110 The Embarcadero San Francisco, CA

Fri Oct 19, 6:00 PM San Francisco Italian Athletic Club: "Trivial Pursuit" Italian-Style, test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; molto bene Bolognese e insalata dinner; San Francisco Italian Athletic Club, 1630 Stockton St, San Francisco, CA

Thurs Oct 18, 12 PM Il Cenacolo, San Francisco Italian American Club: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, San Francisco Italian American Club, San Francisco, CA

Tue Oct 16, 4 PM Center for Italian Studies, Stony Brook University The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794-3358, 631 632 7444

Sun Oct 14, 3 PM Garibaldi-Meucci Museum: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing, Garibaldi-Meucci Museum Staten Island, NY

Fri Oct 12, 5:30-8:00 PM: American-Italy Society of Philadelphia Annual Gala; La Dolce Vita University presents An Italian Cultural Trivia Challenge

Sun Oct 7, 3-5:30 PM: The Music & Cultural of Italy presented by Westchester Community College, a musical program by Teo Ricciardella; The Alchemy of Italy presentation and book signing by Carla Gambescia; reception with light refreshments; Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY

Thu Oct 11, 2-3:30 PM: Leading Ladies of the Renaissance; discover the woman behind many of the world's most beloved paintings; \$35 course fee; Main Line School Night Association, 260 Gulph Creek Rd., Radnor, PA

Thu Oct 11, 4-5:30 PM: Italian Culture A to Z; What food was considered scandalous if consumed by women during the Renaissance? Why is the Bellini called the Bellini, Carpaccio, Carpaccio? Test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts and insights; Main Line School Night Association, Radnor, PA

Columbus Day, Mon Oct 8 4:00 PM: La Dolce Vita "U" presents "Trivial Pursuit" Italian-Style; test your knowledge, discover surprising fun facts, win prizes; in collaboration with the Italian American Museum and Capri Ristorante 145 Mulberry Street, NY, NY

Wednesday Oct 3, 7 PM: The Alchemy of Italy; explore Italy's outsized influence on Western Civilization and the "cultural DNA" that helps explain it; presentation and book signing: Harrison Public Library Harrison NY 10528

SEPTEMBER

Sept 19 through 29: Bike Across Italy: The "ottimo" immersive cycling experience in Italy; cycle from the Adriatic to the Mediterranean coast and experience the sweeping landscapes, charming Medieval Hill towns, culinary pleasures and cultural richness of Tuscany, Umbria (and bits of Marche and Lazio); La Dolce Vita University in collaboration with Ciclismo Classico

<https://ciclismoclassico.com/trips/bike-tour-italy/>

Fri Sept 7, 7 PM: Trivia Challenge Italian Style -- test your knowledge and discover surprising new facts; espresso and cannoli reception; Westchester Italian Cultural Center, One Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Sat Sept 1, 4 PM: Explore Booksellers 21 East Main Street, Aspen, CO, La Dolce Vita "U" presents **Trivial Pursuit Italian Style**; test your knowledge, discover new fun facts, win prizes; vino e formaggio reception

AUGUST

Sat Aug 25, 3:30 PM: Arthur Avenue Summer Concert Series presents a **Foodie Trivia Challenge by La Dolce Vita "U"**; test your knowledge. discover fun facts, win prizes; East 186th Street and Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY

Sat Aug 4, 11-2 PM: Join Feeding Westchester, Cheftini and La Dolce Vita "U" for a bookfair, cooking demonstration and Italian culinary trivia challenge. A percentage of your book purchases will benefit Feeding Westchester. Barnes & Noble Eastchester, Vernon Hills Shopping Center, 680 Post Road, Eastchester NY 10583

JULY

Fri July 20, 4 PM: **Italian Foodie Trivia Challenge** presented by La Dolce Vita "U"; test your knowledge. discover fun facts, win prizes; **Arthur Avenue Summer Concert Series**, East 186th Street and Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY

JUNE

Sun June 10, 4 PM, **Trivia Challenge Italian Style**, Book Signing, Wine & Cheese Reception, Larchmont Public Library, Larchmont, NY 10538

Wed June 6, 7 PM, **Trivia Challenge Italian Style** and book signing, The Ridgefield Library in collaboration with Books on the Common, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 203 438-2282

MAY

Thurs May 31, 7 PM The Alchemy of Italy presentation and Book Signing, Warner Library, Tarrytown, NY

Wed May 23, 7:30 PM Trivia Challenge Italian-Style and Book Signing. Head House Books, 619 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA

Thurs May 17, 6-8 PM, La Dolce Vita Giro d'Italia” Spin, Spuntini, Vino, Raffle & Book Signing. Equinox of Armonk

Wed May 16, 6:30 PM The Alchemy of Italy presentation and book signing, Columbus Citizens Foundation, 8 East 69th Street NY, NY, 10021

Mon May 7, 4 PM, The Alchemy of Italy presentation and book signing Bronxville Public Library, Bronxville, NY10708

Sat May 5, 6 PM Trivia Challenge Italian-Style, I AM Books, Boston, MA

APRIL

Sat April 28, 4 PM, Trivia Challenge Italian Style, Book Passage Corte Madera, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, CA

Sat April 21, 7:00 PM, Trivia Challenge Italian-Style, Dolphin Books and Cafe, 299 Main Street, Port Washington, NY; Register by phone \$5 518 767 2650 .<http://thedolphinbookshop.com/index.html>

Thurs April 19, 6:30 PM, The Alchemy of Italy presentation and book signing Westchester Italian Cultural Center, One Generoso Pope Place, Tuckahoe, NY

Fri April 13, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, The Alchemy of Italy Main Line School Night, Creutzburg Center 102, 260 Gulph Creek Rd. Radnor, PA.

Mon April 9, 7-9 PM, Circolo DaVinci at Little Sorrento's Cortlandt Manor, NY . Dinner and presentation

Mon April 2, 7-10 PM, Sicilian Meet-Up and Cultural Trivia Night, 83 1/3 Restaurant, 345 East 83rd Street, NY, NY

MARCH

Sat March 24, 4 PM, Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Road, [Katonah, New York 10536](#)

FEBRUARY 2018

(Pre-launch) **Thurs Feb. 22, 6:30 PM**, Italian American Museum, 155 Mulberry Street, [NY](#)