



The Italian Cultural Institute of Louisville, Inc.

Istituto Culturale Italiano di Louisville

Notiziario for April 2011

Highlight of the Month

Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Dinner & Lecture: The Marco Polo Celebration – begins with 6 p.m. dinner at August Moon Chinese Bistro, 2269 Lexington Road, Louisville. The event features a lecture on *Marco Polo: The Man and the Myth* by Dr. Morris Rossabi, of City University of New York. \$45 pays for dinner and talk. RSVP at (502) 635-2240 with credit card or mail your check to Crane House, 1244 South Third Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

Dr. Rossabi is a distinguished scholar of history and has written several articles and books, including Khubilai Khan, His Life and Times. Rossabi was born in Alexandria, Egypt, and has lived, worked and researched throughout the Middle East, Central Asia, East Asia, Europe and the United States.

Friday, April 8, at 12 noon, Lecture & Brown Bag Lunch: Crane House, 1244 South Third Street, will host a bring-your-own-luncheon with a discussion by Dr. Delin Lai, U of L, on *The Chinese Capital Marco Polo Visited* which explores the architecture of China's Yuan capital of Dadu.

Saturday, April 9, 1 p.m. to 4, Crane House Family Day: The whole family will enjoy exploring through the Crane House, 1244 South Third, to discover activities special to Italy, China and Southeast Asia.

Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. Film: The finale of Marco Polo events features Michael Yamashita's award-winning documentary film *Marco Polo: The China Mystery Revealed* at 2 p.m. at the Chao Auditorium, University of Louisville Ekstrom Library.

Very special thanks to all who worked on, donated to or attended and made a grand success of Carnevale, our annual salute to the membership.

Salotto di Clara

Will next meet at Clara's house on Thursday, April 21 from 7 p.m. until 9 for an evening of *conversazione in italiano*. Address is 7601 Petty Jay Ct. 40220 - phone # 491-2297.

Biblioteca Italiana

This will next meet at Tom Van's house on Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. We shall view the RAI version of *The Snack Thief* on DVD (approximately 110 minutes). Wonderful local color, erratic subtitles. Refreshments and wine will be provided but feel free to bring something. Enquiries welcome at 502-458-4642.

Tradition meets Technology

Join our Facebook Fan Page, *The Italian Cultural Institute of Louisville, Inc.*, and access us on Twitter at *ICILouisville*. Latest info and payment method are always available at info@icilouisville.org or from our hotline 502-938-8830.

Italy in Film

Two presentations remain in our highly-successful series: Chao Auditorium, Ekstrom Library, U of L. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Screening & Commentary at 7.

April 13: *Il giardino dei Finzi-Contini* (1970)

The Finzi-Contini is a leading aristocratic Jewish family in Ferrara that builds a protected society of friends in their garden until outside forces of politics close in.

Directed by Vittorio De Sica

April 20: *Matrimoni e altri disastri* (2010)

A single woman finds herself organizing her sister's wedding with the help of her future brother-in-law.

Directed by Nina Di Majo.

Attendance at free or members-reduced events will be limited to currently paid members. Lapsed members will be able to renew membership at the door, or if they prefer, pay the full admission rate.