



The Italian Cultural Institute of Louisville, Inc.
Istituto Culturale Italiano di Louisville

Mission Statement

To celebrate and share Italy's unique history and culture through educational programs and events

Notiziario for May 2011
Highlights for the Month

Louisville will host three important exhibitions celebrating the Italian spirit beginning mid-May and including a variety of special events that highlight Leonardo Da Vinci, modern Italian photographers and the dramatic Caravaggio. ICI is proud to be a co-sponsor of ***Da Vinci-The Genius*** at the Frazier History Museum and the photo exhibit ***Napoli senza titolo (Naples without Title)*** at the Paul Paletti Gallery.

Da Vinci – The Genius: May 14-September 18 at Frazier History Museum

This massive 10,000 square foot exhibit, celebrates Leonardo Da Vinci as inventor, artist, engineer, sculptor, anatomist, biologist, musician, architect and philosopher. It was ten years in the making and is suitable for all ages. You will explore the exclusive Pascal Cotte analysis ***Secrets of Mona Lisa*** plus drawings, and experience interactive activities for Leonardo's full-scale machine inventions including concepts for the car, bicycle, helicopter, glider, parachute, SCUBA, submarine, military tank and concepts for the ideal city. Special admission fees during the exhibit are \$18.50 for ages 15+ and \$7 for children ages 5-14. or \$10 for Frazier members 18+ and teachers. www.FrazierMuseum.org

Napoli senza titolo (Naples without Title): May 13-June 17 at Paul Paletti Gallery

ICI members should plan to attend the opening reception May 13 from 5-8 p.m. for a preview and light refreshments. and are eligible to attend the private dinner following the reception.

****The Consul of Italy, Marco Nobili, and Vice Consul, Serena Scalola, are guests of honor at the special Italian dinner at 610 Magnolia also on May 13, at 8:30 p.m., following the reception. Advance reservations at \$75 per person are required. (Proceeds benefit Kentuckiana Cancer Research Foundation, Louisville, KY.) Call Chorben Miller at the restaurant 817-7936 to make your reservations.***

The ***Napoli senza titolo*** photography exhibit was created through the works of thirty modern Italian photographers seeking to portray the relationship between the city and its public space, emphasizing the transformation through time as affected by different cultural currents developed in Naples, with the strong social and economic changes that have redefined their boundaries through time. The exhibit is free and open to the public weekdays 9-5.. **Paul Paletti Gallery, 713 East Market Street**

Caravaggio's The Fortune Teller
opens May 18-June 5 at Speed Art Museum

Don't miss this limited showing coming from the world-renowned Capitoline Museums in Rome. The Fortune Teller (1595), one of the most highly regarded of the Caravaggio paintings, will be displayed with a selection of painters influenced by Caravaggio's sense of heightened realism and his sculptural figures. The exhibit is included with general museum admission fees (\$10 for 18+, \$8 for 65+, \$5 for 3-17 and free Friday nights.). **Speed Members Preview 5:30-8:30 p.m. on May 18**

www.speedmuseum.org for special talks and films during the exhibit.

Salotto di Clara

Will next meet at Clara's house on May 19.
Address is 7601 Petty Jay Ct. 40220 - phone #
491-2297 for an evening of *conversazione in italiano*.

Bibliotheca Italiana *Tom Van writes:*

As usual we will be meeting on the last Monday of the month, i.e., May 30, that time to discuss Anthony Everett's *Hadrian and the Triumph of Rome*. The next meeting of the Bibliotheca after May will be in August. Since there will be two months between the May and August meetings, are you game to read Alessandro Manzoni's *The Betrothed (I Promessi Sposi)* over the summer and then deal with it in August and September?

I have other choices to propose for the fall, but this beautiful piece of writing might make for good summer reading. Anyway, please be thinking about it and let's see if there can be some consensus when we meet Monday, May 30. Enquiries welcome at 502-458-4642.

Tradition meets Technology

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Please be advised that further to our recent membership renewal drive, attendance at free or members-reduced events will be limited to currently paid members and a check will be made at all events to ensure that only paid-to-date members enjoy their privileges. Lapsed members will be able to renew membership at the door, or if they prefer, pay the full admission rate.

Save the Date **Italy under the Stars Gala** **Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

ICI's annual Gala will again be held at the beautiful *L'Orangerie* on Longview Lane, off River Road, and will feature the now traditional silent and live auctions, musical entertainment, and a lavish range of Italian *antipasti*, cold and hot, accompanied by complementary fine wines and liqueurs comprising a full and varied dining experience. This extraordinary event, which celebrates the Italian spirit with your fellow members and guests in a truly lovely setting, has become a highlight of Louisville's fall season, and, with membership income, supports ICI's educational, scholarship and community mission.

Tickets will be \$100 per head and will go on sale after Labor Day.

The Italian Cultural Institute of Louisville inc., has, with your generous membership support and your support of the Fall Gala fulfilled its mission in the last year with:

- *The award of two artisan scholarships for study in Italy*
 - *Major seminars on Galileo and Marco Polo*
- *3 lecture demonstrations in our series Cucina Italiana*
 - *a new series of four talks on La Bella Lingua*
- *three separate and acclaimed language teaching programs*
- *11 sessions of our popular conversazione group Salotto do Clara*
 - *9 sessions of bibliotheca italiana*
 - *an acclaimed film series*
- *Carnevale: our annual mardi gras salute to membership*