



**ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY AT CASTELLO ITALIA INVITES TORONTO TO CELEBRATE “IL VIVERE ALL’ITALIANA”**

(Toronto, ON) – For the fourth consecutive year, Toronto’s premier heritage attraction, Casa Loma will be transformed into “Castello Italia” on **Sunday, June 3, 2018** to mark Italian National Day [Festa della Repubblica] and celebrate Italian Heritage Month in Canada.

**Co-Chairmen:**

Giuseppe Pastorelli  
*Consul General of Italy,  
 Toronto*

“It has been my privilege to take part in the organization of the Italian National Day at Castello Italia and I want to thank all of those who supported this project and helped to make it a success”, said Giuseppe Pastorelli, Consul General of Italy in Toronto. “Thanks to a joined effort, we have created the biggest Festa della Repubblica outside of Italy, attended every year by more than 4,000 people.”

Nick Di Donato

*CEO, Liberty Entertainment  
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**Highlights for 2018 Italian National Day at Castello Italia include:**

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- The Canadian debut of an artistic **photo exhibit by Alfredo Cannatello**: “Assisi, The Medieval City” (The poetic transcendence of its patrimony)
- An impressive line-up of local and international artists
- Cultural programs; including **The Divine Comedy for Children**
- A spectacular **exotic car showcase featuring Ferrari** - Italy’s iconic automotive brand
- Italian culinary tour featuring samples from Toronto’s top restaurants including: **Buca, Sotto Sotto, Terroni/Sud Forno, TOCA and Cibo Wine Bar**
- **Wine tasting experience** from Italy’s prominent regions like Tuscany and Veneto
- An **interactive Kid’s Zone** with Milan Junior Camps Canada, arts & crafts, a magic show, a scavenger hunt and pony rides
- The Canadian semifinals of the 2018 **Barilla Pasta World Championship**
- **Live to Air Radio and Television Broadcast** on CHIN Radio/TV

INDCI is co-organized by the Consulate General of Italy, Liberty Entertainment Group, the Istituto Italiano di Cultura [IIC], the Italian Trade Commission [ICE], the Italian National Tourist Board [ENIT], the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association [CIBPA], ComitEs, the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario [ICCO], the Italian Contemporary Film Festival [ICFF], IC Savings and Villa Charities Inc.

“I am honoured to co-chair Italian National Day and once again welcome everyone to Casa Loma”, Nick Di Donato; President & CEO of Liberty Entertainment Group. “It is wonderful to collaborate on this signature celebration which has become a world class annual event”. “We look forward to hosting everyone at ‘Castello Italia’ on June 3<sup>rd</sup>”.

**Executive Event**

**Producer:**

Fabio Gesufatto

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**Patrons can enjoy a full day of critically acclaimed entertainers and world-class performances:**

For more information visit [www.castelloitalia.ca](http://www.castelloitalia.ca) or follow along on social media at:

**#castelloitalia**

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PAVILION & POP UP ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP:	TIME:
DJ Danny D; Z103.5	10:00AM – 10:55AM
Emcees Welcome: Rick Campanelli & Elvira Caria	10:55AM - 11:00AM
Sara Papini	11:00AM – 11:15AM
Brigham Phillips Band	11:15AM – 11:30AM
Diana Salvatore & Mark Masri	11:30AM – 12:00PM
Canadian National Anthem: Diana Salvatore	12:00PM – 12:05PM
Italian National Anthem: Mark Masri	12:05PM – 12:10PM
Welcome Remarks & Greetings: from our Co-Chairs	12:10PM – 12:15PM
The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell; Lieutenant Governor of Ontario	12:16PM – 12:20PM
Greetings from Dignitaries'	12:20PM – 12:26PM
His Worship Maurizio Bevilacqua; Mayor, City of Vaughan	12:27PM – 12:30PM
Award Presentation from the Consul General of Italy, Giuseppe Pastorelli	12:31PM – 12:46 PM
Emcees – Tony Monaco & Nicole Servinis	12:50PM – 12:53PM
Photo Op with INDCI Organizing Committee	12:53PM – 12:58PM
Cont'd Diana Salvatore & Mark Masri	1:00PM – 1:40PM
Rita Sensoli	1:40PM – 2:00PM
Barilla World Pasta Challenge	2:00PM – 4:00PM
DJ Danny D; Z103.5	2:15PM – 2:30PM
DIA	2:30PM – 2:45PM
Andrea Ramolo	2:45PM – 3:00PM
Cont'd Barilla World Pasta Challenge	3:00PM – 3:55PM
Closing Remarks	3:55PM – 4:00PM

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<b>KIDS ZONE – CASA LOMA STABLES:</b>	
<b>Kids Story Telling</b>	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
<b>Face Painting</b>	11:00 AM - 3:00PM
<b>Pony Rides from Ajax Riding Academy</b>	11:00 AM - 3:00PM
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	Throughout the Day
<b>Bouncy Castle</b>	Throughout the Day
<b>Secret Scavenger Hunt</b>	Throughout the Day
<b>Milan Junior Camps Canada</b>	Throughout the Day
<b>OTHER ENTERTAINMENT:</b>	
<b>Italian Contemporary Film Festival - Assorted Short Films</b>	11:00AM - 1:00PM
<b>Aerialist</b>	11:30 AM & 2:30PM
<b>Dante's Divine Comedy</b>	1:00PM - 3:00PM
<b>Elana (Violinist)</b>	1:00PM - 3:00PM
<b>Mega Magic</b>	1:30 PM - 3:30PM
<b>DanzArts Dancers</b>	3:00PM - 3:30PM
<b>**Please note this schedule is subject to change without notification**</b>	

**EMCEES:**

11:30 am - 12:50 pm Rick Campanelli & Elvira Caria  
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**With Italian Heritage Month (June) now in its eighth year, there are 30 days of festivities being organized in Toronto and around the province to celebrate all things Italian.**

### '60 Years of Made in Italy'

To celebrate some of the esteemed fashion houses in Italy, the '60 Years of Made in Italy' exhibition, presented in Toronto by the Consulate General of Italy and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in collaboration with Yorkville Village and Galgano & Tota Associati will be held at Yorkville Village, Toronto from June 1 to June 30. The exhibition, curated by fashion journalists Fiorella Galgano and Alessia Tota, will travel from 1951's exquisite haute couture era to present day pret-à-porter creations.

### A Masterpiece from Pinacoteca Camillo D'Errico

La Giovane Contadina (The Young Peasant) is, without a doubt, among the most iconic images of eighteenth century Neapolitan paintings; it portrays a young beautiful Mediterranean peasant in the Roman countryside. An image that is sure to remain impressed in the memory of the viewer, as it has in the past. "La Giovane Contadina", Giuseppe Bonito's masterpiece, will be displayed at the Istituto Italiano di Cultura from June 4 to July 10, 2018 on the occasion of the Italian Heritage Month, thanks to the collaboration with the Pinacoteca Camillo d'Errico in Palazzo San Gervasio, Potenza.

### Best of Italy

The INDCI committee is pleased to be associated with a unique, charitable initiative entitled 'The Best of Italy' taking place at Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex on Friday, June 8, 2018. Presented by Gambero Rosso and Liberty Entertainment Group, and under the auspices of the Consulate General of Italy and the Italian Trade Commission, 'Best of Italy' is a walk-around wine tasting experience featuring 100 Italian wines which have all garnered the coveted Tre Bicchieri award (top wine rating in Italy). This luxurious event will also offer a selection of food stations featuring the best in Italian cuisine for guests to enjoy. Tickets are \$150 per person, with proceeds to benefit the Humber River Hospital Foundation. For tickets and more information please visit: [www.bestofitaly.ca](http://www.bestofitaly.ca).

### Italian Contemporary Film Festival

The Italian Contemporary Film Festival [ICFF] is back for an exciting 7th edition; screening the best of Italian, international and independent films to audiences in 7 cities across Canada. From June 14-22, 2018, you can enjoy feature films that celebrate Italian heritage and Canadian multiculturalism. Around the GTA, the ICFF takes place at TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto and Cineplex Cinemas in Vaughan. For tickets and more information please visit [www.icff.ca](http://www.icff.ca).

### Sotto una buona stella – Summer Edition

The Consulate General of Italy, the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, the Italian Trade Commission, in partnership with George Brown College/School of Hospitality and Culinary Arts, The King Street Food Company and Langdon Hall, Country House Hotel & SPA will bring to Canada two Michelin star chefs, Giancarlo Morelli and Maria Cicorella, as part of the culinary and cultural series "Sotto una buona stella", launched in 2015 to promote fine, contemporary Italian cuisine. Chefs Morelli and Cicorella will partner with Chef Jason Bangerter to create a unique culinary experience on June 24 at Langdon Hall, Country House Hotel & SPA.

**Please RSVP for media accreditation by 5pm on May 25, 2018. For further details, kindly contact [console.toronto@esteri.it](mailto:console.toronto@esteri.it) or [stacey@libertygroup.com](mailto:stacey@libertygroup.com)**

