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## The Italian Tribune Community Calendar

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011**

### IACS/FADM

The Italian American Cultural Society and the Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan are now forming their 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children's choir, practicing on Saturday's at 12:30 p.m. at the IACs. For more information call (586) 228-3030.

### Palazzo Grande

Since opening in 2008, Palazzo Grande has been well received by the Metro Detroit community, and Nonna's Appreciation Night is a way of saying "thank you." Starting at 6 p.m. until midnight, the \$35 event will feature an Italian family-style dinner with desserts, beer, wine and Italian entertainment by Pino Marelli. Because of the anticipated demand from Italian clubs and organizations, reservations are required. Call (586) 731-2100 for more information.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17- SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 2011**

### Italian Carnivale

The 2011 Michigan Renaissance Festival presents the Italian Carnivale with a spaghetti cooking competition, opera competition and wine tasting along with the Michigan State Arm Wrestling Championships. Call (248) 634-5552 for more information.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**

### Consulate of Italy

The Consulate of Italy in Detroit and the Italian Cultural Garden Foundation are please to present Dante e Garibaldi: una lingua, una nazione" with readings from Paola Basile, Sandro Bonaiuto and Francesca Mignosa at 3:30 p.m. at Italian Cultural Garden in Cleveland, Ohio. Call (216) 861-1585 for more information.

### Federazione Abruzzese del Michigan

FADM is hosting its Annual Festa Abruzzese themed, "Ritorno alle Origini Abruzzesi" from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Mirage Banquet Center in Clinton Township. Trippa and polenta served at 2 p.m. and scholarship presentations to follow. Call Clarice Squillace for more information at (586) 381-3700.

### Sant'Elia Golf Outing

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sant'Elia Golf Outing will be held at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia at 8:15 a.m. Entry fee is \$100 per person and includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner. For more information contact Mario Di Ponio (248) 887-7244.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

### Dante Alighieri Society

The DAS and NOI Foundation are providing Italian language classes at Honey Creek Community School in Ann Arbor. Cost is \$100 per student and runs for 12 weeks. Family discount on course fees \$70 (siblings). Call (248) 250-8928 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

### Downriver Italian-American Club

DIAC is hosting their Spaghetti Day Event for lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 until 7 p.m. Choice of spaghetti or penne pasta, house sauce, meatballs, salad, roll, dessert, coffee or teas for \$7.50 for adults and children 10 and under are \$4. Call (734) 285-4044 for more information.

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## Columbus Day Celebrations Set

Celebrate the 519<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of America, Columbus Day, along with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reunification of Italy on Sunday, Oct. 9 at Andiamo's. The annual Columbus Day Banquet will feature a strolling dinner, open bar, and a spectacular evening of entertainment. Tickets are \$60 per person.

Dinner guests will stroll from table to table enjoying appetizers, assorted cheeses, ravioli with Bolognese sauce, beef tenderloin, chicken piccata, salad, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots with mushrooms, rolls, butter and more, with spumoni ice cream for dessert. Doors open and entertainment begins at 5 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

A fabulous lineup of entertainers is planned including the Sugar Snaps, Gary Sacco as Frank Sinatra, Steve London as Dean Martin, accompanied by Leo Rea's ReaDeal 17 piece big band and the Michael James Band (former band members of Adrenalin and DC Drive).

Gary Sacco's interest in entertainment began in the 1980s. In 2003 he appeared at Andiamo's Osteria, followed by a stint at Rosebud's. Since then he has appeared at numerous venues including Guiliano's, Gino's Surf, Andiamo's in Warren and St. Clair Shores, Petruzzello's and Jack's Waterfront. In 2005, he began singing with "One Beat Back," now "The Gary Greenfelder Orchestra," where he met George Millsap, a trumpet player and arranger. Millsap helped him start his own "book" of charts, now close to 100 songs. He has also performed in theatre playing Henry Ford in the jazz

opera "Murder at the Ford Rouge" at the Macomb Performing Arts Theatre. Recently, Sacco put together a small "combo" band called the "Gary Sacco Quartet." He also works with Sam Solomon's "Legends Live" tribute shows. A renowned artist, he has worked with Jerry Connelly (Gene Pitney/Buddy Holly), Danny (DannyD) Dzialo (Rod Stewart), and Barry Allen of "Barry Allen presents."

Leo Rea started as an instrumental music teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. His main instrument is trumpet, but for many years he also played the bass, performing in a variety of ensembles around the Detroit area. He has studied many styles, from Dixie, to Swing, to Bop to Progressive Jazz. He found the greatest satisfaction performing in big bands, which eventually led him to start his own ensemble, The Rea Deal Big Band, in 2003. His group has been featured to great acclaim in numerous festivals, private and public events. In 2005, Rea released, "Rea Deal Presents: Two For the Road," a CD featuring classic tunes with his signature arrangements inspired by his many years in the music business.

The Sugar Snaps bring classic jazz standards back from the old trunks in your grandparent's attic and make them fresh again. A blend flavors of then and now, they create simple yet sophisticated melodies. Featuring the vocal stylings of Chrystal Belle and accompanied by Matthew Callaway on guitar, the duo appears at occasions ranging from cocktail mixers to wedding receptions and



THE MICHAEL JAMES BAND



LEO REA'S READEAL 17 PC. BIG BAND



GARY SACCO



THE SUGARSNAPS

dinner parties to corporate functions, festivals and art exhibits. The group has performed locally at the Whitney Mansion, Polo Fields Country Club, Ford Yacht Club's Regatta Party and Commodore's Ball, Sandpointe Yacht Club, Yacht Ovation, the Infinity Yacht, Romeo Peach Festival, Grosse Ile Yacht Club, Windmill Pointe Yacht Club and others.

The Michael James Band, a rock band throwback to the '70s and '80s features lead guitarist Mike Romeo and brother Jimmy Romeo on alto and tenor sax, both of whom were made famous in the bands Adrenalin and DC Drive. Adrenalin is best known for their song "Road of the Gypsy," theme song to the movie "Iron Eagle." (Continued on p.12)



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