

International Week of the Italian Language

15-29 October, IIC, 6:30 PM.

15 October: The Art and Spark of Children's Books.

Writers, illustrators and publishers discuss the creativity behind Italian fairytales.

17 October: *The Human Body* (book presentation).

Paolo Giordano, author of *The Solitude of Prime Numbers*, presents his second book.

21 October: ABC: How to Learn Italian in One Hour.

Despotic diva Miss Margherita gives us a whirlwind tour through Italy.

29 October: *Mona Lisa: A Life Discovered* (book presentation).

Dianne Hales presents her book with new research on the Mona Lisa's identity.

More information on the calendar section of our website.



Italian Heritage Month

4-31 October, San Francisco Public Library (North Beach branch), 850 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco.

Main events:

Family History Research: Italian Ancestors (8 & 31 October)

Learn how to conduct family history research and expand your family tree by using census data, city directories, historical photos, land records and other resources. Instructor: Richard Le

Book Discussion: *Beautiful Ruins* (Wednesday, 15 October, 7-8 PM)

Joins us as we discuss acclaimed, award-winning author Jess Walter's novel *Beautiful Ruins*, his funniest, most romantic, and most purely enjoyable novel yet.

The Art and Spark of Children's Books (Thursday, 16 October, 12 noon to 1 PM).

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Italian Movie Night – *Life is Beautiful* (Tuesday, 14 October, 6-8 PM)

In this WW II tragicomedy, Guido (Roberto Benigni) must rely on his colourful imagination and irresistible sense of humour to save his wife and son from an unthinkable fate. Winner of 3 Academy Awards, including one for Best Actor Roberto Benigni. In Italian with English subtitles. Rated R. 116 minutes.

Italian Movie Night – *The Priest's Wife* (Tuesday, 21 October, 6-8 PM)

In this Italian comedy, Father Don Mario (Marcello Mastroianni) has pledged obedience and celibacy. Alas, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Especially when lovely Valeria Billi (Sophia Loren) sets her dark brown eyes and romantic designs on him. Director: Dino Risi. Rated G, 103 min, 1971, English.

Italian Movie Night – *La Traviata* (Tuesday, 28 October, 6-8 PM)

Tenor Plácido Domingo and soprano Teresa Stratas star in director Franco Zeffirelli's lushly cinematic version of Verdi's opera *La Traviata* ("The Woman Gone Astray"), a story of doomed love in 1840s Paris. Italian with English subtitles, G, 103 min, 1983.

More information and other events on sfpl.org (go to 'Libraries—Show all' and select 'North Beach').

Italian Surf Academy: an audio-visual journey into the movie culture of 1960s Italy

2 October, 7:30-9:30 PM, The Emerald Tablet, 80 Fresno St, San Francisco.

Live audio-visual performance revisiting music from Spaghetti western, noir and crime movies by Ennio Morricone, Luis Bacalov, Carlo Rustichelli, Riz Ortolani, Piero Umiliani, Armando Trovajoli, and more.

More information on emtab.org (see 'upcoming events').

Mill Valley Film Festival: featuring two Italian films

2-12 October, Mill Valley, Larkspur and San Rafael, CA.

Woman as a Friend (2014, 88 min).

Saturday, 4 October, 8:15 PM. The Lark Theatre, 549 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, CA.

Wednesday, 8 October, 1 PM. The Sequoia, 25 Throckmorton Avenue, Mill Valley, CA.

Thursday, 9 October, 11 AM. The Sequoia (address as above).

I Can Quit Whenever I Want (2014, 100 min).

Friday, 3 October, 9:15 PM. The Sequoia, 25 Throckmorton Avenue, Mill Valley, CA.

Sunday, 5 October, 7:45 PM. Rafael Film Centre, 1118 Fourth Street, San Rafael, CA.

Saturday, 11 October, 5:30 PM, Rafael Film Centre (address as above).

More information at www.mvff.com.



Bertolucci: A Film Series

18 October, 12:30 PM, Castro Theatre, 429 Castro Street, San Francisco.

Following the success of the 2013 film series PASOLINI, this special series presents four of the most successful and beloved works by legendary Italian film director Bernardo Bertolucci in new 35mm prints, as well as the Northern California Premiere of the newly-restored 3D version of the nine-time Academy Award-winning masterpiece, *THE LAST EMPEROR*.

12:30pm - *The Conformist* (111 mins; Italian with English subtitles).

3:00pm - *The Sheltering Sky* (137 mins; in English).

6:00pm - *The Last Emperor* 3D (163 mins; in English).

8:30pm - Party: Inside the Forbidden City

9:30pm - *Last Tango in Paris* (128 mins; English/French, English subtitles).



Tickets and information on www.cinemaitaliasf.com. IIC member discounts: call 415 788 7142 for details.

The Roman Republic

24-5 October, Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter Street (at Mason), San Francisco.

From its modelling of democratic values to its golden age of drama and its Greek- and Etruscan-inspired art, the Roman Republic was a major turning point in Western civilisation that inspires us to this day. This two-day conference by Humanities West explores many facets of this intriguing historical period.

More information on www.humanitieswest.org



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