

**ITALY 2010: QUALITY & LIFESTYLE  
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!**

Following the resounding success of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Italy Quality & Lifestyle last year, *Italy 2010: Quality & Lifestyle* promises even more this year! In addition to regular events which return by popular demand, the Italian Chamber is also bringing in completely new events and performers for this year's Italian cultural and lifestyle extravaganza.

**Italy 2010: Quality & Lifestyle** is made possible by our **airline sponsor Lufthansa/SWISS**, **hotel sponsor InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong** and the individual event sponsors. Italy 2010 will kick off with the **Italian Consulate General's Italian National Day Reception on 2<sup>nd</sup> June**. The reception will be held again at the Central Plaza Sky Lobby with Italian restaurants and food and beverage providers serving up every kind of Italian delicacy from pizza to espresso coffee to gelato.

**ITALIAN FILMS**

**The Italian Film Festival of Hong Kong 2010: "Italian Ladies"**, is organised through the Chamber's collaboration with the Italian Consulate and sponsored by **Caben Asia Pacific Ltd**. We will present a very special selection of classic Italian films this year highlighting outstanding and beautiful Italian actresses!

The Film Festival opens on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, and will run for 5 additional nights at the agnès b. CINEMA, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Wanchai. The opening night film on June 8<sup>th</sup>, **Bread, Love and Dreams (Pane, Amore e Fantasia)** will be preceded by a cocktail in the Hong Kong Arts Centre foyer, courtesy of La Piazzetta. All films are in Italian with English subtitles and are transported courtesy of Cargoitalia S.p.A.

The other films are: Two women (La Ciociara): June 9<sup>th</sup>; Teorema (Teorema): June 10<sup>th</sup>; The Girl with the Suitcase (La Ragazza con la Valigia): June 15<sup>th</sup>; The Phantom of the Opera (Il Fantasma dell'Opera): June 16<sup>th</sup>; Damn the Day I Met You (Maledetto il Giorno che ti ho Incontrato): June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Film Festival Booking details**

June 8<sup>th</sup> (opening night), June 9<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the agnès b. CINEMA, Upper Basement, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Wanchai.

Film tickets: From 8<sup>th</sup> May from URBTIX box offices or on line at [www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk) \$65: regular, \$45: full-time students and seniors.

Show time is 7.45 pm, except for the opening film which starts at 8pm on 8<sup>th</sup> June after the opening night cocktail at 6:30 pm in the Hong Kong Arts Centre foyer outside agnès b. CINEMA, courtesy of La Piazzetta.

**Film Night Italian Dinner:** La Piazzetta Italian restaurant, which is close to the Arts Centre in Wanchai, is offering a special price set dinner menu for holders of Italian Film



Festival tickets who would like to have dinner nearby on the night of the film: \$ **220+10% (6pm to late night) at La Piazzetta, G/F, 44 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai; tel: 28650681.**

**ITALIAN MUSIC**

**For Italian music lovers we have a variety of modern and classical concerts performed by first-class Italian musicians:**

**CELLO CONCERT BY GIOVANNI SOLLIMA**

**Concert information:**

**June 11th at City Hall Concert Hall, 7.30 pm.**

**Concert tickets: \$300 \$200 \$120** available from URB TIX box offices or on-line from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010: [www.urbtix.hk/](http://www.urbtix.hk/) **Concessionary tickets (full-time students and seniors): \$ 150, \$ 100, \$ 60.**

**Combined VIP ticket for concert and post-concert dinner: \$860 (ICC Members, only available from the Italian Chamber); \$ 900 (Non-members) available from The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong & Macao and from URB TIX (includes one Chinese-Italian wine pairing dinner following the concert at Shanghai Garden Restaurant, G/F & 1/F Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Admiralty)**

**Chinese-Italian Wine Pairing Dinner only: \$600.**

Dubbed “*the Jimi Hendrix of the Cello*” for his versatility in modern adaptations as well as classical cello recitals, the world’s number one cellist and contemporary cello music composer, Giovanni Sollima, makes his **Hong Kong debut on June 11th at City Hall Concert Hall, 7.30 pm.** This concert is presented by the Italian Chamber jointly with **City Chamber Orchestra** and is sponsored by Ferrero Asia Ltd, Stones International Limited and Sopaf Asia.

As a composer, Sollima has created new blends among the most diverse types of music by combining elements of classical, rock and jazz music, as well as ethnic music characteristic of Sicily and other Mediterranean regions. It has been said that he can play the cello as if it were a guitar.

Giovanni Sollima's two-fold career as a composer and as a solo cellist is highlighted in this concert of classical to modern Italian works. He has collaborated with the likes of Claudio Abbado, Giuseppe Sinopoli, Jörg Demus and Martha Argerich and performs with ensembles including his own Giovanni Sollima Band and Yo Yo Ma's The Silk Road Project. ***Don't miss his Hong Kong debut!***



**Post-concert dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Following the concert a **Chinese-Italian wine pairing dinner** will be held at the **Shanghai Garden Restaurant, G/F & 1/F Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Admiralty.**

Please visit: <http://www.ccohk.com/0910-concert-giovanni.html>: for more information.

**“PAGANINI’S GUT” – A VIOLIN CONCERT BY ANDREA ZANCHETTA.**

**Concert information:**

**19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm, Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Concert Hall, Wanchai.**

**Concert tickets: \$250 \$180 \$120** available from **HK Ticketing** from 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (Tel: 31 288 288; [www.hkticketing.com/](http://www.hkticketing.com/)); **50% for concessionary tickets** (full-time students, senior citizens, people with disabilities) (Includes pre-concert talk and demonstration by Mr. Zanchetta).

On **19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm** Italian violinist and local Hong Kong resident, Andrea Zanchetta, will perform a violin concert at the **Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Concert Hall, Wanchai.** This concert is presented by the Italian Chamber jointly with **City Chamber Orchestra** and sponsored by **OM LOG (Asia) Ltd.**

Andrea Zanchetta was a former solo violinist of Italy’s Interpreti Veneziani in Venice. His specialty is the music of the Italian violin masters.

**In this unique concert he will revisit the works of Paganini with a new discovery – copies of a set of gut strings recently discovered in Genoa and believed to have been the set originally used by Paganini.** These strings give a completely different sound from modern strings so that this concert will be a truly unique experience.

The concert will be preceded by a talk for ticket holders in the Concert Hall, given by Mr. Zanchetta on Paganini and the discovery of the copies of Paganini’s strings. Mr. Zanchetta will also give a demonstration and comparison between copies of Paganini’s strings and those used in modern violins.

Please visit: <http://www.ccohk.com/0910-concert-paganini.html>: for additional information.

## JAZZ CONCERTS

### Concert Information

**Location:** InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong, 70 Mody Road Tsim Sha Tsui East.

**Tickets** for the Hong Kong concerts can be purchased from The Italian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong & Macao:

**Concert + cocktail:** Italian Chamber Members \$250; Non-members \$290

**Concert + pre-concert dinner:** Italian Chamber Members \$500; Non-members \$530

### Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Cocktail: 8pm – 9pm, at Picasso Room

Dinner: 7pm – 9pm at **The Mistral**

Concert: 9pm – 11pm at Picasso Room

### Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday brunch at The Mistral with Concert:** Italian Chamber Members \$400; Non-members \$450; Child \$240 (brunch: 11am – 2:30pm)

**By popular demand, the Fulvio Albano Trio** from the Jazz Club Torino return to Hong Kong after their successful concerts as part of Italy 2009. Once again you have the chance to hear 3 world-class performers from the current Italian jazz scene: Fulvio Albano on saxophone, Gianluca Tagliazucchi on piano and Paolo Benedettini on double bass. The Trio will perform two concerts at the **InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong**, Tsim Sha Tsui East on **Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>**. For the **Friday night concert**, a combined ticket is available for the concert and pre-concert dinner at the hotel's *The Mistral* Italian restaurant. The **Sunday matinee concert** will be performed at The Mistral during a special *Sunday Brunch* (11 am-2.30 pm; Italian Chamber members HKD 400; non-members HKD 450; children HKD 240.) The group's repertoire will include music from jazz legends such as Sonny Rollins and Hank Mobley, as well as their own original compositions. The concert will be preceded by a cocktail reception.

In addition, the Fulvio Albano Trio will perform a **concert at the Spirito Bar (entrance through Portofino restaurant), Casino Floor, The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel, Macao, on Monday June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9pm onwards.**

### ITALIAN THEATRE

This year, **theatre** lovers will also have something to look forward to as Italy 2010 presents **Luigi Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author" (Sei Personaggi in Cerca d'Autore).**

Not to be missed! For the **first time ever**, the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong & Macao, in collaboration with Stylus Productions, brings to Hong Kong a

theatrical performance of the work of a major 20th century Italian playwright, Luigi Pirandello. We thank our sponsor, Fedrigoni Asia Ltd, for making this extraordinary event possible!

Pirandello's **Six Characters in Search of an Author**, as adapted in **English** by Rupert Goold and Ben Power for their 2008 Chichester Festival production, will be performed from **June 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup>** at the **Hong Kong Arts Centre's McAulay Studio theatre** (Wanchai). Making our production of this play even more unique is the fact that this is only the **second time world-wide** that the Goold and Power version of this play has been performed.

Sicilian playwright, Luigi Pirandello, won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1934. Audiences were scandalised when "Six Characters in Search of an Author" was first performed in Rome in the early 1920s but its merit was vindicated after the play was successfully staged in the liberal Paris theatre culture of 1924! Let us know what Hong Kong 2010 audiences think about it!

The Goold and Power version of Six Characters in Search of an Author contributes an excellent English language adaptation of Pirandello's masterpiece. It also intriguingly adapts Pirandello's notion of a "play within a play" to the modern media equivalent of a "video within a play".

Our production will bring Pirandello's work even closer to home through director Ahmed El-Alfy's skilful adaptation of the play to a very special Hong Kong setting and cast! After all, "All the World is a Stage" or should we say "a video?"

**Booking details:**

**From 23rd to 26th June at 8 pm.**

**Matinees: Sat. 26th June and Sun. 27th June at 3pm.**

**McAulay Studio theatre, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Wanchai.**

**Tickets: \$ 230: regular; \$ 200: Italian Chamber members, seniors and full-time students.**

**Ticket sales from 31<sup>st</sup> May: All URB TIX outlets (URB TIX outlets include the Hong Kong Art Centre, Hong Kong City Hall, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre (TST) and all Tom Lee Music Stores.)**

**Internet Ticketing: [www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)**

**Telephone Credit Card Booking: 2115999**

**Ticketing Enquiries and Reservation: 2734 9009**

**Refreshments during the intermission period kindly offered by La Piazzetta.**

**Theatre Dinner: La Piazzetta** Italian restaurant, close to the Arts Centre in Wanchai, is offering a *Special price set dinner menu* for holders of theatre tickets for the Pirandello play who would like to have dinner nearby on the night of the play. This promotion would run for each evening that the play is performed: **\$ 220+10% service charge (6pm to late night) at La Piazzetta**, G/F, 44 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai; tel: 28650681.

**Final Night Party: On Sunday June 27th from 7-9pm at La Piazzetta, come and meet the director, cast and crew of the Pirandello play at our Final Night Party!** Tickets available from the Italian Chamber (2521-8837; [icc@icc.org.hk](mailto:icc@icc.org.hk)) or at the door on the night: \$ 150 (open bar, Italian canapés).

### **ITALIAN FOOD FESTIVAL**

The 2010 Italian Food Festival “A Tavola” returns once again after last year’s success:

- ✓ **From 3<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June, the Promotion “A Tavola!” (Come to the Table!) will feature Italian chefs creating special menus in their restaurants incorporating their own particular regional Italian cuisine as part of a fixed price complete meal for \$ 448 + 10% service charge.** Italy has a wide variety of different regional cuisines and this promotion will give Hong Kongers a chance to sample a good selection of these dishes prepared by authentic Italian chefs from the regions where the dishes originate.

A press lunch will be held at W52 Restaurant on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12.15pm to inaugurate “A Tavola!”

**“A Tavola!” Participating Restaurants include:**

- ANGELINI: CAMPANIA Chef Vittorio Lucariello
- DIVINO: VENETO Chef Michele Senigaglia
- DOMANI: MARCHE Chef Michele Bernacchia
- GAIA: LAZIO Chef Paolo Monti
- GOCCIA: PIEMONTE Chef Fabrizio Napolitano
- GRISSINI: LIGURIA Chef Marco Torre
- ISOLA: PUGLIA Chef Gianni Caprioli
- JOIA: EMILIA ROMAGNA Chef Alessandro Angelini
- LA BAITA: FRIULI, VENEZIA GIULIA Chef Francesco Bettoli
- NICHOLINI'S: UMBRIA Chef Michele Rodelli
- OSTERIA: SARDEGNA Chef Michele Camolei
- THE MISTRAL: SICILIA Chef Claudio Dieli



- VA BENE: LOMBARDIA Chef Paolo Federici
- W52: ABRUZZO Chef Francesco Berardinelli
- ZEFFIRINO: TOSCANA Chef Tamara Mattii/Marco Torregrossa.

### **ALFA ROMEO 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alfa Romeo on 13<sup>th</sup> June, the Italian Chamber and the **Alfa Romeo Owners Club Hong Kong** will present an exhibition of various sumptuous Alfa Romeo cars at the entrance to W Hotel from 3pm to sunset! After feasting your eyes on these beautiful Italian cars, come and join us for dinner at the **Kitchen Restaurant** of the W Hotel.

#### **Alfa Romeo 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary event details**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Location: W Hotel.

Alfa Romeo Car Exhibition: entrance to W Hotel from 3pm to sunset (closing time: TBC)

Dinner at Kitchen Restaurant, W Hotel: 8pm, price: HKD 480: Italian Chamber and Alfa Romeo Owners Club Hong Kong members; HKD 500: others.

Information from the Italian Chamber: Ms. Agate Leung, 2521 8837; [icc@icc.org.hk](mailto:icc@icc.org.hk)

Full details of all Italy 2010 events will be in the *Italy 2010 booklet*, 8,000 copies of which will be distributed throughout Hong Kong. Copies will also be available at the Italian Chamber office and at the reception table of the Italian Consulate General's National Day cocktail on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010.

Pick up a copy of the *Italy 2010: Quality & Lifestyle* booklet and join in the events!

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