

OCTOBER SOCIAL MEETING

This event is organized in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute Washington.
The location hosting this event is sponsored by "Women of Dartmouth".

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2021

from 4 to 6 pm

Chevy Chase Village Hall
5906 Connecticut Ave NW
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

RSVP*: <https://italianculturalsociety.org/events/>

DANTE, L'ITALIANO

The 21st edition of the Week of the Italian Language in the World is dedicated to Dante Alighieri, often considered the “Father of the Italian Language.” Dante, who wrote the Divine Comedy in the vernacular rather than Latin, brought literary authority and prestige to Italian and shaped the direction this new language would take. He argues for the eloquence of the vernacular in his remarkable essay *De Vulgari Eloquentia* and for its efficacy in his *Vita Nuova*. Key passages from these works will highlight Dante’s extraordinary linguistic creativity and his enduring contributions to the beauty and power of Italian.

MEANWHILE...KIDS WORKSHOP - DANTE, L'ITALIANO

From 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the adjacent room, MAESTRA FIORENZA CASTELLI will entertain children 4-12 in a THEMED WORKSHOP “Dante, l’Italiano” to teach children the importance of the *sommo poeta* for our language and our culture. Story time will include the reading of “Il viaggio di Dante – Un’avventura infernale” by Virginia Jewiss. The workshop will end with a meeting with the author!



* Upon arrival, you will need to present proof of full vaccination. Masks required, when not outdoors.

Light Refreshments with Aperol Spritz and merenda for the children will follow

VIRGINIA JEWISS



PROF. VIRGINIA JEWISS received her PhD in Italian literature from Yale University and taught at Dartmouth College and Trinity College’s Rome campus before returning to Yale, as Senior Lecturer in the Humanities and Director of the Yale Humanities program in Rome. She has translated the work of numerous Italian authors and film directors, including Luigi Pirandello’s short stories, Roberto Saviano’s *Gomorrah*, Melania Mazzucco’s *Vita*, and screenplays for Paolo Sorrentino, Matteo Garrone, and Gabriele Salvatores. Her translation of Dante’s *Vita nuova* is forthcoming.