



Press Release

The Italian Cultural Society of Washington D.C. VIRTUAL GALA 2020
"Reawakening—A Celebration of Italian Innovation, Creativity and the Human Spirit."
Sunday, November 1st at 4:30pm ET, [on the ICS webpage.](#)

While this has traditionally been an annual fundraising appointment to celebrate Italian excellence, this year it represents so much more. The ICS wants to transmit the warmth of our community of lovers of Italian culture. Together, but from our homes, this Gala is an occasion to celebrate the beauty and the strength of Italy and the Italian people, an inspiration for all of us in times of crisis.

The program includes a tribute to Maestro Ennio Morricone, whose music will be performed at the opening, in Lago d'Orta, by violinist Matteo Amadasi from "La Scala" theatre in Milan and pianist Katia Spluga, interpreting "Cinema Paradiso", and at the end, with the "ConTemporary Duo" of the guitarist Maestro Felicia Toscano and Luigi Picardi: they will perform "Once upon a Time in the West" from Roma and Washington.

Italian leaders in their fields will discuss recent developments in their areas of expertise: MARCO BUCCI, Mayor of Genoa and Special Commissioner for the reconstruction of Genoa's bridge, FRANCESCA LUSINI Chairman of the Peuterey Group SpA, top fashion and textile Tuscan company, BEPPE SEVERGNINI Columnist and Editor at Corriere della Sera, Opinion Writer for The New York Times, Author of bestselling books and CRISTINA CASSETTI Ph.D., Deputy Director of NIAID's Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.

"Timeless", a contemporary dance performance of students of the Washington Scholl of Ballet, choreography by Mimmo Miccolis, will give us an inspiring interlude.

Finally, an highlights from the ICS Schlarship Awards Program will include a piano performance (F. Chopin Etude Op.10 No.4) by the winner of the Montanari – Mendola Awards.

Renowned Chef Roberto Donna has prepared a gourmet dinner just for this event, paired with premium Italian wines, donated by Marraniero & Il Cantiniere di Maurizio Farro. Campari, Ferrero, Pirelli and Mediaset were important sponsor of the event.

A unique **Online Auction** will be on our website for a few more days in November. Highlights video, the full program and other details are at: <https://gala.italianculturalsociety.org/> Enjoy the show (from the same Gala page). Donations will support cultural, didactical and scholarship programs.

The ICS Gala Committee