

Casa Italia: A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS

Casa Italia has kept the flame of Italian culture burning brightly for nearly two decades.

Winter, spring, summer or fall, you can find an endless array of programs and resources at the Casa that are sure to entertain, inspire, assist and enrich.

We offer language classes for children and adults from September to May, and a language and culture camp for kids in June and July.

We screen Italian and American films in the fall and spring; mount an art exhibit in August; and host classes, performances and presentations throughout the year.

Concerts and patron saint celebrations light up the Festival Center during the warmer months, while soccer matches and bocce tournaments range across the grounds.

Revelers dance the night away at our Ballo Sotto le Stelle in August, our vocal scholarship winners put on a spectacular show in November, and our yuletide traditions are brought vibrantly to life at our Christmas Village in December.

Our Cultural Center boasts a library and art gallery, museums and exhibits, and an amazing replica of St. Peter's Basilica, and a moving and informative veterans museum nestles on the third floor of the Office Center.

Mass is celebrated in Italian every Sunday, free assistance is offered to Italian pensioners Monday through Friday, and radio programming is recorded for broadcast on a daily basis.

Countless middle and high school students have embraced our heritage thanks to the tours we conduct, and more than a dozen organizations call the Casa home.

If you've ever partaken of the Casa's many offerings, or if you simply believe in what we do, the best way to show your support is by attending our annual gala on May 5. It's the financial engine that moves the Casa forward.

This year, we're departing from our Man of the Year format and turning the spotlight on the Italian-American organizations of the Chicago area.

We encourage you to join us in thanking these wonderful groups for all that they do while we gather to raise crucial funds to keep Casa Italia going strong. Details can be found on the facing page.

We look forward to seeing you May 5!



Peter Volpe
CHAIRMAN, CASA ITALIA

