

Newsletter di maggio

maggio 2019

Dear Dante friends,

Street market culture is an essential part of the Italian way of life and many Italian cities and villages are famous for their historical markets. One of these cities is Palermo, and Sicily, in general. People love to go there to smell, sample and buy the local foods, and then use it to cook the most delicious dishes. Granted, we are far away from Sicily but now there is a new Dante business friend, *Original Sicily*, where we will find all of the local delicacies from that beautiful island and from Italy in general – and enjoy a 10% discount as Dante members.

This month, the Italian Embassy is celebrating the life and art of iconic film director Bernardo Bertolucci, who passed away last year, with an homage night screening his masterpiece *The Last Emperor*, which won nine Oscars. Special guest at the event will be James Acheson, who won one of the Oscars for his work as costume designer for this monumental film and who now lives in Aotearoa. See more on page 3.

At the end of the month, Dante will host a presentation by another film director, Marco Gianstefani, whose documentary will be screened on 1 June. The date of the presentation is still to be decided – we will inform you as soon as we know more.

And finally we want to say thank you to Bernadette Luciano who has finished her term as Italy's Honorary Consul in Auckland, and welcome the new Honorary Consul, Lindsay Jones, whom we will introduce more extensively in next month's newsletter.

Buona lettura

Stefania



Mercato di Ballarò is one of the oldest street markets in Palermo, Sicily.

Il calendario di maggio

11 maggio	<i>The Last Emperor</i> - Film event: Homage to Bernardo Bertolucci (p.3)
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26 maggio	Incontro per bambini di lingua italiana (p.2)
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18 giugno	Short Films Night (p.4)
Every Thursday	Playgroup for children aged 0-5
Every Tuesday and Thursday	Yoga in Italian (p.9)

Seguici!



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Attività ed eventi



Colazione alla Dante, 25 May

This month our Colazione will be on Saturday 25 May. Join us from 10am to 12pm for a get together and chat in Italian with some coffee and sweets. Everyone is welcome!

Incontri per bambini con conoscenza della lingua italiana

Incontri mensili di domenica pomeriggio per bambini e adolescenti di famiglie italiane di 5-10 anni per mantenere la lingua e la cultura italiane qui in Nuova Zelanda.

Costo: \$10.00 a bambino, fratelli \$5.00.

Domenica 26 Maggio, 2pm-4pm.

Confermare la presenza.

In Memoriam: Jenny Hislop

Con grande dispiacere vi comunichiamo la triste e inaspettata notizia della scomparsa della nostra studentessa e amica Jenny Hislop.

La ricordiamo con tanto affetto e simpatia, orgogliosi della passione che aveva per l'Italia e per la lingua italiana. Abbiamo condiviso con lei molti bei momenti, qui nella famiglia Dante, ma anche in Italia nei numerosi viaggi ai quali ha partecipato con me, mia sorella Maria e la nostra famiglia in Italia.

Sentiamo già la mancanza di una donna così piena di vita, positiva e generosa ma soprattutto il suo spiccato senso dell'umorismo; insieme abbiamo passato tanti momenti di allegria e gioia.

Non ti dimenticheremo cara Jenny!

Sandra Fresia



New Honorary Consul in Auckland

Bernadette Luciano, who has been our Honorary Consul from 2015, has finished her term but remains steadfast in her commitment to promoting Italian language and culture in New Zealand.

In addition to her ongoing position as Associate Dean International for the Faculty of Arts, she has taken on the role of Head of the School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics at the University of Auckland, where she teaches and researches in her field of passion and expertise, Italian cinema.

While no longer Honorary Consul, Bernadette will continue her close relationship with the Embassy in these roles.

The Dante Alighieri, together with the Italian Embassy Wellington, wish to thank Bernadette for all the remarkable work she has done in support of the Italian community in Auckland in the past four years.

We welcome the new Honorary Consul, **Lindsey Jones**
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Dante Alighieri Society Scholarship 2019

Dante Alighieri Society of Auckland is offering a tuition fees scholarship to two students to support their study of Italian at the University of Auckland. The scholarship will cover tuition fees for **Italian 107**, to be taken up in 2019. To be eligible, you must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, and be 25 years old or younger.

To apply, please send an email to info@dante.org.nz by **26 May 2019** with an up-to-date CV, a written statement (that may include details of your proposed future study and career, any relevant work experience, interests and/or community involvement, your achievements, how this scholarship would be important for you...) and one written reference.

After all applications have been assessed, suitable candidates will be invited for an interview with Dante Alighieri School Committee on 8-9 June.

The scholarships will be awarded based on students' performances in **Italian 100 or 106**, the additional information provided in the application and the interviews.



***The Last Emperor* - Homage to Bernardo Bertolucci - 11 May**

The Embassy of Italy in Wellington is pleased to present a special screening of *The Last Emperor*, by Bernardo Bertolucci, as part of the programme of Fare Cinema 2019, the second week of Italian Cinema in the World. In collaboration with Academy Cinemas.



In homage to the auteur who passed away in November last year, join us for a special screening of Bertolucci's masterpiece *The Last Emperor* (1987). The film, which won nine Academy Awards, including best picture and director, will be screened in its prestigious Criterion Collection edition, approved by Bertolucci himself.

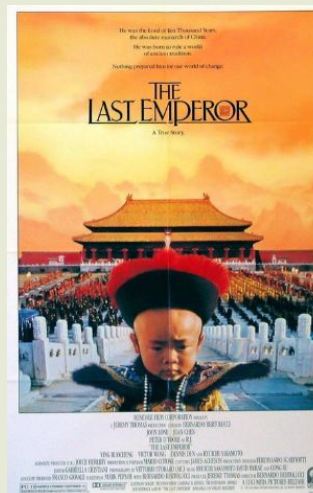
Special guest **James Acheson**, Oscar winner for Costume Design, will join Professor Bernadette Luciano to introduce the film.

Academy Cinema
Saturday 11 May, 7pm

More info and tickets [HERE](#)

Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor* won nine Academy Awards, unexpectedly sweeping every category in which it was nominated — quite a feat for a challenging, multilayered epic directed by an Italian and starring an international cast. Yet the power and scope of the film was, and remains, undeniable — the life of Emperor Pu Yi, who took the throne in 1908 at just three years old and witnessed decades of cultural

and political upheaval, within and without the walls of the Forbidden City. China's Ching dynasty was recreated with astonishing detail and unparalleled craftsmanship by cinematographer Vittorio Storaro and production designer Ferdinando Scarfiotti. *The Last Emperor* is also an intimate character study of one man reconciling personal responsibility and political legacy.



Dante Giveaway

Send an email to info@dante.org.nz with three of Bertolucci's films (in italiano!) and be in to win a double pass for *The Last Emperor*. First email to arrive will win!

Keep an eye on the Dante and Festival Italiano Facebook pages for more giveaways!

Bernardo Bertolucci - short biography

Bernardo Bertolucci was born in Parma, attended Rome University and gained fame as a poet. He served as assistant director for Pier Paolo Pasolini in the film *Accattone* (1961) and directed *La Commare Secca* (1962). His second film, *Before the Revolution* (1964), which was released in 1971, received an Academy Award nomination for best screenplay. In 1972 he caused controversy with the film *Last Tango in Paris*, starring Marlon Brando and Maria Schneider, where Brando's character, Paul, copes with his wife's suicide by emotionally and physically dominating a young woman. His next film was *1900* (1976), an epic depiction of the struggles of farmers in Emilia-Romagna from the beginning of the 20th century up to World War II, with an international cast.



Bertolucci received an Academy Award nomination as best director for *Last Tango in Paris* (1972), and won in the best director and best screenplay categories for the film *The Last Emperor* (1987), which scooped a total of nine Academy Awards.



Attività ed eventi



Karamea: Documentary, 1 and 4 June

Karamea, a documentary by Italian director Marco Gianstefani and selected by the Doc Edge, follows the inspiring journey of modern-day hippies who have made this community on the South Island's West Coast their home, attempting to change the world from one of the most remote places on earth. They might be far away from mainstream civilisation, but they're passionate about living the way they choose to.

Living in Peace Project founder Paul Murray and his unusual crew are attempting to create an economic and environmental revolution. The pillars of the Karamea lifestyle include a barter system, renewable energies, organic agriculture and permaculture design; but it isn't just about solar power, water supply tanks or knitting your own muesli. It is simply a philosophy of 'quality over quantity' that the people of Karamea practise in every aspect, following the sustainable living playbook their own way and delivering staggering results: prosperity, success, and happiness.

Karamea is a place people don't leave willingly – even the film's director was deported during the making of the film.



1 June 6.30pm, 4 June 4 pm

Q Theatre, 305 Queen Street, Auckland

[See screening times and book tickets here](#)

Meet the director!

Dante Alighieri is hosting a presentation by director Marco Gianstefani end of May. The date is not set yet but stay tuned, we will send an email as soon we know the date.

Italian Film Event, 17 May

La felicità è un sistema complesso - (The Complexity of Happiness), 2015 comedy by Gianni Zanasi.

Enrico Giusti works to help companies getting out of bad management situations. The tragic death of a couple of entrepreneurs, who leave their teenage children in command of the family business, and the unexpected arrival of his brother's ex girlfriend, will forever upset her life. A life in passive and in search of redemption.

Inheritance, tradition, continuity, all this is in Gianni Zanasi's comedy. Happiness is a complex system seeking new balances but it is in the imbalance that it finds its point of strength and attraction.



Presented by
Bernadette Luciano
of Italian Department,
University of Auckland.
Friday 17 May, 6pm,
Room 220, Building 206,
Arts 1 Humanities

In Italian with English subtitles. Free entry.

Save the date: Show Me Shorts Film Festival, 18 June

What do you do in the shortest days of the year?

Well, watch short films, of course.

To celebrate the winter Equinox the Italian Embassy Wellington is offering a night dedicated to the most recent Italian short films.

Join us to celebrate the cinema of Italy with this vibrant collection full of magic, friendship, love, art, beauty and cooking!

[See here more.](#)





Review di aprile



Giochiamo in Italiano! - School Holiday Programme, 15-16 April

Gran successo allo School Holiday Program.

Un bel gruppo numeroso di bambini dai 5 ai 12 anni ha partecipato con grande entusiasmo a tutte le attività proposte, dall'arte al gioco

Una gran soddisfazione è stata vedere i bambini seduti a tavola, godersi un bel piatto di pasta in bianco o al pomodoro, facendo amicizia tra loro.

Per molti di loro c'è stato il bis e il tris, oltre che ... a una bella "leccata di baffi" dopo un buon gelatone.

Grazie a tutti gli insegnanti, Federico, Ekarasa, Niccolò e Fiorella.

Vi aspettiamo al prossimo appuntamento!





Review di aprile



Fun at Cinema Peroni, 4 April

Every year Peroni NZ hosts three nights of *cinema all'aperto* in Auckland, with an Italian movie, Italian food and, of course, birra Peroni Nastro Azzurro. This year the movie was *Perfetti Sconosciuti*, by Paolo Genovese.

Grazie Peroni for the great evening!





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Nuovo amico della Dante

We have a new Business Friend of Dante: [Original Sicily](#), offering a 10% discount to all Dante members! You may have met Dario Motta at the Festival Italiano and at *La Cigale* market, and we are pleased to announce that he now also has a shop in Victoria Park Market (not far from the Dante Auckland School!)

Go and say *ciao* and don't forget your Dante membership card to get your discount!

Original Sicily



Authentic Sicilian Products



The new store in 210 Victoria Street West, Auckland CBD

Original Sicily is an importer, distributor and retailer of fine foods from Italy. If you love Sicilian food, here you will find a wide range of products typical of the Sicilian culinary tradition: sweet spreads, chocolates, pastries, cannoli, jams, pestos and pasta sauces, pistachios and other nuts, and more (see our recipe on page 9). Each product is the result of traditional recipes and has a very definite geographical and cultural origin, which makes them all special and unique.



The company was born with the idea of sharing the Italian food culture and passion with New Zealand, to provide New Zealanders with the opportunity to explore new and exciting flavours and to create, with little effort, tasty recipes by using high quality products.



Pasta con Pesto alla Brontese.



Who can resist exquisite cannoli di ricotta?



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[Discover here the full range of delicious products](#)



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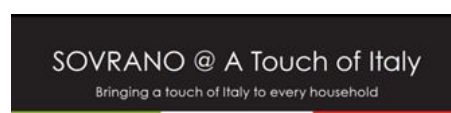
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Bacheca del mese



Ricetta del mese

Paccheri al salmone in zuppa di patate e porro

This month Dario Motta from Original Sicily share one of his recipes which gathers together many elements from the South Italian cuisine, starting with the pasta, paccheri, typical of the Campania region, then ricotta, fish and vegetables of the season for a warming, comforting and healthy meal, perfect for our chilly autumn.



Paccheri filled with ricotta and salmon in a leek-potato soup

Ingredients for 4 people

- 400g Paccheri Lisci

For the filling:

- 400gr smoked salmon
- 750g fresh ricotta
- dill
- extra virgin olive oil
- salt and black pepper
- 1 piping bag

For the pureed soup:

- 200g leek
- 400g potatoes
- 60g extra virgin olive oil
- 600g vegetable stock
- salt
- black pepper

[Read here the instructions](#)

Parola del mese

Astruso

Parola derivante dal latino *abstrudere* che significa spinger via, nascondere, descrive qualcosa di poco comprensibile perché complicato, di uso raro, difficile a intendersi per troppa sottigliezza o astrattezza: *linguaggio astruso ragionamenti e concetti astrusi, materia, dottrina e teoria astrusa.*



Ascoltate la Radio Italiana con [Ondazzurra](#)

Yoga in Italian

Fiorella's yoga classes every Tuesday (2.15pm) and Thursday (12pm). Please bring your own mat.

Fees:

\$10 per class or

\$5 for enrolled Italian students.

Follow Dante on social media!



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