



## Agosto Matura, e Settembre Vendemmia!

Cari lettori e care lettrici,

Welcome back to our beloved Charlottesville for another year here at The University of Virginia! We in the Italian Studies Program are especially excited for the upcoming fall because we have many activities already planned.

On 1 October, Prof. Joseph Luzzi, of Bard College will visit us and give a lecture for our students and friends of our program, and then three weeks later on 24 October, Armando Varricchio, Italian Ambassador to the U.S., will hold a talk in the Rotunda Dome Room.

However, even before either of those two momentous occasions take place, we will host our annual Apericena on 27 September. If you are interested in studying Italian, or are simply an Italophile, you are cordially invited to attend!

We also expect to see you once again at the SIP *Film Festival: Contemporary Women's Visions from Spain, Italy and Latin America*, which will unfold from 27-30 September on grounds and around Charlottesville.

Can't wait to indulge your love of all things Italian? Then don't! Make yourself a coffee and settle in with this newest edition of *La Vendemmia*.

-Enrico Cesaretti, Director Undergraduate Program in Italian Studies



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"The *Tempo di Vendemmia* takes place every fall throughout Italy. It is the time when grapes, which have ripened in late summer, are harvested for wine-making. It begins in earnest in many parts of Italy in September. In Italian, the word for grape is *uva*, like the initials of our school."

-The Editors

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*Era d'estate* (2016) is featured in the SIP Film Festival.

## Ciak!

Last fall, The Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese was proud to present its first annual film festival, *Female Voices From the South*, in conjunction with the Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality. That event's great success convinced its organizers to make a sequel, *Contemporary Women's Visions from Spain, Italy, and Latin America*. Five films from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Italy, Mexico, and Spain will be screened at locations around grounds and in Charlottesville.

## All Are Welcome

This year, our festival will take place from 27-30 September. Each film will feature a brief presentation and a discussion period afterwards for curious viewers. But that's not all!

On Friday, 28 September, Dr. Rocío Gordon of Christopher Newport University, will give a talk entitled, "Representations of the Slums in Argentine Cinema" in Gibson Hall 211 at 3:30. Dr. Gordon's presentation is free and open to the public, so those wanting to learn more about contemporary Latin American cinema should not miss it!

## Sneak Peek

This year's festival is brought to you by the Departments of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese; Women, Gender, and Sexuality; and Media Studies, The Latin American Studies Program, The Institute of World Languages, Office of the Provost, and local eatery, Maya.

As you can tell from that list, there really will be something for everyone at The SIP Film Festival. All movies are free and open to the public, so...ci vediamo al cinema!

-Sarah Annunziato

## What's Playing

### ***La novia del desierto*** (2015)

Cecilia Atàn & Valeria Pivato

27 September, 6:30 pm

Newcomb Hall Theater

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### ***Era d'estate*** (2016)

Fiorella Infascelli

28 September, 8 pm

City Hall Council Chambers

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### ***Los adioses*** (2017)

Natalia Berinstain

29 September, 2 pm

Nau Hall 101

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### ***El olivo*** (2016)

Iciar Bollaín

28 September, 8 pm

City Hall Council Chambers

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### ***Como nossos pais*** (2017)

29 September, 2 pm

Lais Bodansky

Nau Hall 101



*El olivo* will play on 28 September.

## Italian House Party!

Good news, dear readers: the Italian Honor Society and Club Italiano are both back in full swing for a new year of fresh activities.

In fact, Club Italiano has a full schedule of events already planned for the entire fall semester:

- ◆ 18 Settembre: Movie Night in New Cabell Hall 407
- ◆ 2 Ottobre: Bocce on the Lawn
- ◆ 16 Ottobre: Game Night in New Cabell Hall 407
- ◆ 13 Novembre: Movie Night in New Cabell Hall 407
- ◆ 27 Novembre: Biscotti & Espresso Study Break at The Lorna Sundberg International Center.

Meanwhile, the Italian Honor Society has a new president, Ms. Christine McDermott, who is excited to announce a new tutoring initiative beginning this fall.

For more information on Club Italiano, please contact Ms. Meredith Di Stasi (med7dw@virginia.edu). To participate in the Italian Honor Society, or become a member, please speak to Ms. Christine McDermott (cm4ug@virginia.edu).

-Stella Mattioli



**Captain Italia wants you...to write for *La Vendemmia*, and also save the world from bad guys.**

## Your Newsletter Needs You!

*La Vendemmia* will be front and center once again at the SIP Film Festival to cover all aspects of the event. However, we cannot do it alone!

We are looking for student journalists who are interested in writing for us. We welcome contributions from all of the relevant language programs (Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese), which can address a variety of topics. Students may submit long form articles, film reviews, or interviews for consideration. Submissions for main box articles should be between 200 and 250 words, while sidebar pieces must be between 100 and 150.

All articles must be typed and submitted electronically or they will not be published. Additionally, if you are more inclined towards the visual arts, we also welcome photography and drawings. Once again, these too, should be sent to us via e-mail.

If you are reading this right now and thinking, "I have found my calling," please speak with the instructors in your world language courses for specific guidelines and policies.

Grazie mille!

-The Editors

The Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese offers two kinds of specialization in Italian Studies: a major in Italian Studies leading to the B.A. or B.A. with distinction; and a minor in Italian Studies.

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