

News Release

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FESTA ITALIANA HOSTS ITS 13TH ANNUAL EVENT IN YBOR CITY!

(Ybor City, Tampa, FL) – A Taste of Italy, right in the heart of Historic Ybor City... **Festa Italiana** celebrates its 13th Anniversary, Italian style! Gather your family and friends and join us in **Ybor City** for a time to remember!

The festivities kick-off with **Wines of Italy** on **Thursday, March 25th** - Join **Festa Italiana** for a **unique tasting experience**, featuring over seventy wines from different regions of Italy and Italian Antipasti and Desserts! The Italian Club of Tampa hosts this special evening and the event serves to benefit the Italian Club Restoration Fund. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets now by calling **813.248.3316**.

Continuing on **Saturday, March 27th**, Festa Italiana hosts a free day of festivities for the entire family to enjoy. **Festa Saturday** features the annual **Bocce Ball Invitational Tournament** in Centennial Park, an assortment of **Italian food**, the **Italian Idol Competition** and **L'Unione Italian Cinema Italiano!** The **Saturday Fresh Market** will also be in full-swing! Think Italian and think food, entertainment and music for all to enjoy!

Festa Italiana's 13th Annual Event takes place on **Sunday, March 28th** when Centennial Park and Historic Ybor City host a true taste of Italy! Over **thirty Tampa Bay area restaurants and caterers** present flavorful specialties and you'll also want to enjoy the flavor of the **Grape Stomping** presentation – you'll even have a chance to participate in the stomping excitement!

Italians love entertaining and **Festa Italiana** is thrilled to bring **Aaron Caruso** as it's headliner to the event's main stage! Also featured on the main stage will be **Frank Tenaglia**, **Moreno Frazzette** and **Christina Luna**, plus the **Italian Idol** finalists and many more! Be sure to visit our website for up-to-date Entertainment Lineup information.

Vigo & Alessi Products La Cucina Italiana will feature cooking demonstrations by professionals and amateurs alike. This cooking celebration also offers entertainment as well as a place to sit-down, relax and enjoy the **fine art of Italian Cooking!**

Festa's Kidz Zone offers Italian costumed characters, children's activities, amusement rides, magic shows, face painting and so much more!

The **Italian Club of Tampa** is a beautiful, National Historic Landmark built in 1912 – be sure to stop in and enjoy its beauty first-hand as they open their doors for the **Cultural and Genealogy Exhibit**. *Festa Italiana benefits the Italian Club Restoration Fund.*

The **13th Annual Festa Italiana** takes place in the heart of Ybor City on **Sunday, March 28th** featuring traditional favorites as well as exciting new additions to the festivities such as **Sunday Morning Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m.** in the Italian Club followed by a **Procession and Walking Parade!**

For more information, please visit our website at **www.festaitalianatampa.com**

ATTENTION: We welcome the chance to work with your station or publication. Please send us a fax on station/publication letterhead including a list of staff members who will cover the event. If you would like feature ideas and/or would like to obtain an interview, please contact Teresa Cox Hickey at 813.248.0721.

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