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APRIL 2016

Date	Day/Time	Event	Location	Address	City	Sponsor	Contact
2	Sat/2:30p	Italian Conversation	Flying Star	Paseo del Norte & Wyoming	Albuquerque	Il Gruppo di Conversazione Italiana	valeria.fiorese@gmail.com
3	Sun/2:00p	Rossini's IL TURCO IN ITALIA	Journal Theater/ National Hispanic Cultural Center	1701 4 th St SW	Albuquerque	Opera Southwest	www.operasouthwest.org
5	Tues/11:00a	The Italian Workshop	Bear Canyon Senior Center	4645 Pitt NE	Albuquerque	Alex Trujillo	505-767-5959 leave msg. for Alex Trujillo
6	Wed/1:00p	Learn Bocce! Free lessons with Capo Joe Marchese	North Domingo Baca Park	7521 Carmel NE	Albuquerque	North Domingo Baca Center	505-238-2434
6	Wed/5:30p	Elementary Italian for kids and beginner adults (Free. New students, pls call first)	Santa Fe Main Public Library	145 Washington Ave	Santa Fe	David Harrington	505-501-3484
6	Wed/7:30	Rossini's IL TURCO IN ITALIA	Journal Theater/ National Hispanic Cultural Center	1701 4 th St SW	Albuquerque	Opera Southwest	www.operasouthwest.org
7	Thurs/7:00p	Club Culturale Italiano Monthly Meeting	North Domingo Baca Multi-Generational Center	7521 Carmel NE	Albuquerque	Club Culturale Italiano	angelahaley57@msn.com
8	Fri/7:30p	Rossini's IL TURCO IN ITALIA	Journal Theater/ National Hispanic Cultural Center	1701 4 th St SW	Albuquerque	Opera Southwest	www.operasouthwest.org
10	Sun/1:00p	Club Culturale Pizza Party	Our Lady of Sorrows Church	302 S Camino del Pueblo	Bernalillo	Club Culturale	Anna Santangelo

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13	Wed/4:30p	Conversazione Italiana	Mangiamo Pronto	228 Old Santa Fe Trail	Santa Fe	SF Italian Conversation Group	kcloudview@comcast.net
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14	Thurs/6:30p	Italian Conversation and Dinner (Reservations required at skiglutton@peoplepc.com)	Savoy Grill	10601 Montgomery NE	Albuquerque	Mangiare e Parlare	skiglutton@peoplepc.com
16	Sat/8:00a - 6:00p	3 rd Annual Italian Festivals of NM Bocce Tournament SPECTATORS WELCOME!	North Domingo Baca Park	7521 Carmel NE	Albuquerque	Italian Festivals Of New Mexico	Warren/Nancy at 505-797-5777for info
16	Sat/2:30p	Italian Conversation	Napoli Coffee	3035 Menaul NE	Albuquerque	Il Gruppo di Conversazione Italiana	valeria.fiorese@gmail.com
16	Sat/7:00p	Italian Culture Trivia Event: A beverage & dessert evening of Italian trivia with prizes!	Location shown to members only	Or contact al_chance@me.com for information	Las Cruces	Italian Culture Club of Las Cruces	al_chance@me.com
17	Sun/12:00p – 5:00p	3 rd Annual Italian Festivals of NM Bocce Tournament (Finals) SPECTATORS WELCOME!	North Domingo Baca Park	7521 Carmel NE	Albuquerque	Italian Festivals Of New Mexico	Warren/Nancy at 505-797-5777for info
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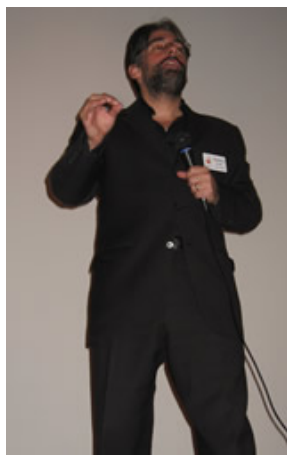


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Rossini's *IL TURCO IN ITALIA*

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*Conductor Anthony Barrese talks about **Il Turco in Italia** during a March 26 lecture at the Albuquerque Public Library.....*

“Won’t you join me for this wonderful, crazy, mad endeavor that is live opera?”



SCALO NORTHERN ITALIAN GRILL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS - It's Monday morning. Steve Paternoster, owner and self-proclaimed “Head Italian” of Scalo Northern Italian Grill, mainlines *caffè americano* as he holds back-to-back meetings with one group after another at his celebrated restaurant, a cornerstone of Albuquerque’s Nob Hill since 1986. Some are there seeking his legendary philanthropy, some to discuss other business. I’m there to learn more about the upscale eatery that in February dished up two exceptional food events for the annual NM Italian Film & Culture Festival. Steve has no secrets, as he overlaps one meeting with another, graciously making introductions and inviting the latest arrivals to pull up a chair and eavesdrop, or even chime in with the discourse.

Scalo is Steve’s longtime home away from home. He’s been associated with the restaurant almost since Chef Tom White conceptualized and founded it, becoming General Manager in 1993, a partner in 1996, and sole owner in 2005. Steve makes a point of crediting Tom White and Scalo co-founder Greg Atkin with his education as a restaurant executive. “They made it possible for me own Scalo and I think about what they taught me every day. Now, this is where I live,” he says. “Home is where I sleep.”

After a head-spinning career including everything from newspaper reporter to CEO of the Central NM YMCA, Steve has come back to “live” full-time at Scalo. “The restaurant gives me the platform to do everything I want to do for my family and for my community. I make a good living here. My staff makes a good living here. We give our patrons a quality dining experience, great service, and authentic Northern Italian food. Most importantly, Scalo allows me to serve the community, to make a positive difference, especially for kids. I’ll do anything for kids.”

So, what sets Scalo apart from other Italian restaurants? The answer lies not only in the leadership of one of New Mexico’s most successful entrepreneurs, but also with his proud Italian family tradition. It’s family tradition even down to the décor, where grand sheets of hammered copper preside over the open grill. “My great grandfather was a coppersmith,” Steve explains. “The copper is a tribute to him.” And then there’s the food. “We serve *real* Northern Italian food,” says Steve. He notes that it’s not the trendy, so-called “Tuscan –inspired” fare that fills the menus of chain restaurants and fast-food places. “A good part of our menu is based on my grandmother’s recipes,” he explains. “In fact, there are old family stories that go along with many of our dishes.” The Paternoster family roots are in the far northern Italian city of Trento where German, Swiss and Slavic influences marry Italian tradition and define its cuisine of hearty soups, rich cheeses and the region’s signature smoked ham, or *speck*. “If it’s not authentic, it’s not happening on the menu,” says Steve as he makes special mention of Tom White’s northern Italian *penne e salsiccia* – a menu staple from the beginning and a perennial customer favorite. But what’s a great menu without a great chef? Steve can’t say enough about his Executive Chef, Garrick Mendoza – and neither could patrons of Festival 2016, by the way! Chef Garrick was classically trained by renowned celebrity chef, Lidia Bastianich, a recognized virtuoso of (her native) northern Italian fare. “Scalo is a perfect fit for Chef Garrick’s talent and passion,” notes Steve. “I would pit him against any Italian chef anywhere east of New York City. Anywhere! He’s that good.” The attentive staff members, many of whom have been with Scalo for years, the lively, bright atmosphere, the attention to detail, fresh ingredients . . . they’re all responsible for keeping Scalo Northern Italian Grill thriving for the past 30 years. “We jam,” says Steve. “And we jam in style!”

APRIL IS ITALIAN OPERA MONTH IN ALBUQUERQUE! – On April 3, 6, 8 and 10 we'll be treated to Opera Southwest's production of Rossini's delightfully zany *Il Turco in Italia* at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. And then . . .



The students of the UNM Opera Theatre present “*L’Elisir d’Amore*” by Donizetti. Enjoy an evening of beautiful “bel canto” and poignant comedic moments. Sung in Italian with English supertitles, this production is in collaboration with the UMM Concert Choir and the UNM Symphony Orchestra, April 29, 30 at 7:30 pm and May 1 at 2 pm in Keller Hall. Ticket prices are \$5, \$10, and \$15. Directed and produced by Leslie Umphrey and Sam Shepperson. The UNM Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Jorge Perez-Gomez with Music Director, Dr. Kristin Ditlow and UNM Concert Choir conductor, Juan Hernandez.

Readers who attended the two 2016 Italian Festival events will surely remember **Ty Cox**, the brilliant and versatile young baritone who lit up those evenings. In *L’Elisir*, Ty will be playing the role of Belcore, a sergeant who is both pompous and very flirtatious, whose goal is to marry the beautiful lead soprano, Adina. Read what Ty says about the role: *It’s my first time performing this role and I am absolutely in love with the character, because it’s always fun to play someone completely different from myself when I’m off-stage. Most importantly, the music is absolutely phenomenal. Whenever we get to a point in the opera where we can “park and bark,” which means to simply stand and sing, it’s wonderful to just listen to the voices singing in harmony around you and take in all that energy. It’s going to be a fantastic show! . . .* With a testimonial like that it’s hard to resist making plans to be there. Put it on your calendars!

COMING IN JUNE –

An Italian Film & Culture Festival with films starting June 1 and activities all month-long!



CineFesta Italia in Santa Fe will showcase the most talked about voices of contemporary Italian cinema. The carefully curated selection of feature films, shorts and documentaries represent notable works otherwise screened only in a handful of select markets, such as Los Angeles, New York and cities in Europe... and now in the oldest capital in the USA - Santa Fe. Three sumptuous days of cinema, art and culture with special appearances by Italian filmmakers and artists , chefs, emissaries and dignitaries from Italy, as we come together to celebrate what Italy does best: *la dolce vita!* Then, stay tuned for other Italian events and activities in the City Different throughout the month of June.

CineFesta Italia is an annual event of films, artisanship, food and culture to benefit local charities. 2016 Santa Fe beneficiaries are "Cooking with Kids" and "Communities in Schools" in Santa Fe. CineFesta Italia is a collaborative effort of Italian government agencies, nonprofits and businesses to bring a unique presentation of culture, tourism and food to the public while helping these great charities. The 2016 Primary Sponsor is the Mayor's Office of Mazara del Vallo, Italy who is hosting the Ceramics Exhibit and dinner. Visit the website regularly www.cinefestaitalia.org for information and details as they are firmed up and posted.

EXPLORE



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A writing and cultural experience

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Oct 7 – Oct 18

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