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Nel mezzo del cammin...

Dacia Maraini *(October 26, 2020)

"Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita,/ mi ritrovai in una selva oscura (Midway upon the journey of

our life,/ I found myself within a dark forest)." This powerful beginning could be enough to fall in love with the Italian language. With its musicality, its verbal intelligence, its expressive force...

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<u>Andrea Purgatori. His restless, passionate never-ending search for</u> <u>truth</u>

Fred Plotkin(July 23, 2023)

Andrea and I met on the first day of school. I had just returned to my native New York after years of living in Italy and, frankly, my language skills in Italian were better than my English. Members of the talented, ambitious and idiosyncratic class of 1980 of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University are mourning the death of our beloved friend and colleague.

View of Ragusa ExpandExp

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Baroque Sicily. When History and Art Join Forces — and Win

Dominique Fernandez(July 31, 2021)

With so many possible ways to visit Sicily, we decided to take you for a tour of Sicilian cities in search of baroque treasures.

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Suzanne Vega, da New York a Roma a ritmo di folk

Monica Straniero(July 20, 2022)

L'artista pop che negli anni '80 inaugurò una nuova stagione del cantautorato folk al femminile, si è esibita alla Casa del jazz di Roma per la sua unica data italiana

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Maneskin, the Italian band break the rules of Rock & Roll

Monica Straniero(July 27, 2023)

After Måneskin's concert had sold out in Rome and in Milan, we can state that they are the first Italian rock band break through at this levels

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Interview with Sicilian writer Giusy Sciacca about her latest book, Virità: femminile singolare-plurale

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What a Story! The Italian Way to Say 'I LOVE You'

<u>G. M.</u>(January 31, 2021)

Baci, the most famous Italian praline in the world has a secret. Or two. With each and every one

you'll find a love note inspired by a real love story. Few people know that behind this small piece of chocolate there is a great woman who, incidentally, was also a renowned stylist: Luisa Spagnoli. This is her story.

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Gargano: An Intriguing Spot in Apulia

<u>Goffredo Palmerini</u>(June 11, 2021)

A journey through the "spur of Italy's boot," tracing the path of transhumance in discovery of ancient

and evocative sites. The journey begins in Abruzzo and passes through Molise before reaching the rolling hills of Tavoliere delle Puglie, where you will find the Gargano Promontory overlooking the sea. A place of wonderful little villages, ancient cathedrals and deep spirituality, today Gargano is a flourishing tourist destination – a seaside resort with an artistic and gastronomic itinerary of exceptional interest.

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Tell it like a woman, al Taormina Film Fest il coraggio delle donne

Monica Straniero(July 01, 2022)

Al Taormina Film Fest, in anteprima mondiale, 7 cortometraggi internazionali, girati e interpretati da

sole donne, basati su storie vere e non.

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Brunori Sas a Roma, una festa in musica

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Sold out per l'artista calabrese che dopo due anni di stop, torna con un lieve dei suoi migliori brani

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Tiziano Ferro torna in tour negli stadi italiani

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A sei anni di distanza dall'ultimo tour, Tiziano Ferro torna finalmente nei principali stadi italiani

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It's been that way for centuries... and now a new slow food "presidia": Casalbuono Beans

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Stefano Dominella(January 21, 2021)

From Florence on down, craftsmanship reigns. Up north is the reign of finance, industry, and media,

with Milan at the helm. And at the center presides Rome, like a classy patrician, the ancient capital of Italian couture. Leading us on this first...

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The authentic Italian culinary destination safely opened their very first Texas location in NorthPark Center

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Roberto Bolle e la magia della danza a Roma

Monica Straniero(July 15, 2022)

Accompagnato dai migliori protagonisti della danza internazionale: Roberto Bolle & i suoi Friends si

sono esibiti in tre serate eccezionali alle Terme di Caracalla

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Books. Oscar Wilde's Italian Dream

Italy as a haven of gay liberty: a grand tour with Oscar Wilde, featuring previously unseen photographs and archival materials. Oscar Wilde's Italian Dream 1875-1900 by Renato Miracco, Philip Kennicott

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Casa Italiana Zeilli-Marimò(October 09, 2020)

An Italian word, be it old, new, out of use, impossible to translate, strange, quintessentially Italian, or used all around the world. It features famous guests of Casa Italiana, as well as students, professors and Casa members.

Intervista a Emanuele Mengotti, regista di Red Sky at Night

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Al Biografilm Festival la fine del sogno americano

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Intervista al regista di red Sky at Night di Emanuele Mengotti

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A New York una rassegna dedicata alla filmografia di Dario Argento

Dal 17 al 29 giugno nella Grande Mela, anteprima mondiale della Retrospettiva dei suoi film restaurati, un tour internazionale che toccherà anche Parigi, Los Angeles e gran parte degli Stati Uniti e un libro

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Francis Ford Coppola protagonista del Taormina Film Fest

Il Padrino in versione restaurata alla presenza del regista americano apre un'edizione che celebra il grande cinema, il talento femminile e i premi Oscar

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Frida Kahlo, Beyond the Myth

<u>Monica Straniero</u>(November 25, 2019)

Between suggestive reconstruction, letters, diaries, and private confessions, Giovanni Troli's documentary reveals the essence of a double-sided icon.

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Venice Immersive: Victoria Bousis shares about her immersive film

Elena Dal Forno(September 26, 2022)

At the Venice Film Festival, we discovered the extraordinary story of Pin Yathay and spoke with the director about the immersive experience

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Jeff Capaccio's passion for Italy and Italian American heritage was astounding," said NIAF Chairman Patricia de Stacy Harrison. "His tireless effort to promote Italian and Italian Americans in hi-tech and innovation truly empowered exceptional leadership in our community and was of extraordinary value to our Board of Directors. The NIAF family is deeply saddened by this untimely loss. He will always be admired and remembered."

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Celebrate "Festa della donna", International Women's Day

<u>K. P.</u>

On March 8, people across the world will honor the achievements of women and continue to fight for gender equality.

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Your Valentine's Italian

Darrell Fusaro

What a wonderful surprise to discover that the legend of St. Valentine is not limited to romantic love.

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Mardi Gras or Martedì Grasso?

<u>S. J.</u>

This is a difficult year for Carnival parties all over the world. But let's dream together next year.. In the United States when we think of Mardi Gras we think New Orleans with floats, fried food, and colorful plastic beaded necklaces. In Italy, Martedì Grasso means Venice's Carnivale, complete with ornate masks, theatric performances, and a parade through Piazza San Marco.

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Celebrate Carnevale with Cannoli!

Let's Make Cannoli from Scratch! Join Alison Scola online from her kitchen to yours, when together, you will make cannoli. She will teach you how to bake this beloved pastry from scratch: the cream and the shells -- and you'll learn insider, expert tips too! - Sunday, February 7, 12 Noon to 2PM (Eastern) - Online on Zoom

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Giorno della Memoria 2021. A Long 'Digital Day' in New York

January 27, 2021 will mark twenty years since the first commemoration of Giorno della Memoria (Holocaust Remembrance Day) in Italy. In New York, each year, the Consulate General of Italy has held the ceremony of the reading of the names of the Jews deported from Italy and the Italian territories. This year, due to the pandemic, there will not be the usual events in person but you can virtually participate many initiatives during the day organized by the Italian Consulate in New York with Centro Primo Levi, the Italian Cultural Institute, NYU Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò, the Calandra Italian American Institute at CUNY, the Italian Academy at Columbia University, and the Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi.

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Thinking about Carnival in Italy

<u>G.I. M.</u>

Carnival this year ends on Shrove Tuesday, February 16th. It is very early this year. Of course, due to the pandemic, there are no celebrations in Italy. The party is practically postponed to 2022, but we want to publish a list of events usually taking place in Italy anyway. It is a way to dream and overcome this period.

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Recipe. Sweet "Coal" ... Befana is Coming!

<u>I. I.</u>

On January 6th, children and adults across Italy celebrate the epiphany by stuffing their stockings (and their faces) with various sweet treats, supposedly gifts from "La Befana," a mythical old lady who comes down the chimney to bring candy to those who have been good and coal to those who misbehaved. But sometimes what looks like a punishment can reveal to be a tasty treat in disguise. That's exactly the case with "carbone dolce" or sweet coal, for which you will find a recipe below.

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And Befana Comes by Night with her Stockings All Tattered

<u>C. G.</u>

The old good witch who brings candies and coal to the Italian children. Its origin and multifarious celebrations. January 6 is approaching so don't forget to hang up your stockings.

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Messaggio di fine anno del Presidente della Repubblica Sergio Mattarella

Dal Palazzo del Quirinale di Roma, il discorso di fine anno del Presidente della Repubblica Sergio Mattarella

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Happy New Year and Superstitions Italian Style

<u>R. C.</u>

Italians are a fairly superstitious people, especially when the new year comes around. Here are some seasonal traditions, beliefs and superstitions from across the country, ranging from the most common, such as eating lentils and wearing red, to rather unusual ones. It is a terrible year because of the pandemic but certainly while respecting the rules the Italians will try to keep some traditions, the possible ones

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Christmas. When I Was Nine

Robert Viscusi

Postwar Christmas in America. Memories of a nine-year-old boy raised in a household of Italian immigrants in New York. A Christmas story that Professor Robert Viscusi generously offered us for publication years ago. We propose it again in this difficult Christmas also as a tribute to Bob's memory, who sadly left us a few months ago. Thanks Bob, and buona lettura to you all.

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The Origin of the Feast of the Seven Fishes

Eataly Magazine

Every year in the U.S., many people celebrate the Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve. Although it is unclear when the dinner became so popular, this celebration is considered one of the most Italian traditions. Typically, the family gathers around a feast of seven different seafood dishes or one or two different types of fish prepared in seven different ways.

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Christmas in Naples, Then and Now

<u>Gennaro Matino *</u>

The Neapolitan nativity is The Word made flesh, wedded to the myths, fables, stories and splendors of a culture that continues to preserve the past. And the Neapolitan nativity, now as then, goes beyond religion. Thanks to this identification of our day-to-day lives with God, the sacred and profane, the past and present, history and legend fuse together.

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Plant a tree: Milan's ambitious plans to be cleaner, greener

If Italy's fashion capital has a predominant color, it is gray—not only because of the blocks of neoclassical stone buildings for which the city is celebrated, but also due to its often-gray sky, which traps pollution.

Read more at: https://phys.org/news/2018-12-tree-milan-ambitious-cleaner-greener.html#jCp

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Air Italy launching service from Chicago to Italy's fashion capital

Air Italy, an upstart Italian air carrier founded early in 2018, on Tuesday said it will start nonstop service on May 14 between Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Milan, Italy's Malpensa Airport. Air Italy will initially operate the new route three times weekly.

Source: Chicago Businnes Journal Read more >>

Why the U.S. Should Not Assist Italy in Forfeiting a Rare Bronze

The Justice Department has helped many countries gain back their rightful cultural possessions. This is a case that doesn't warrant its involvement.

Source: The New York Times Read more >>

House Hunting in ... Italy

Milan continues to outpace its Italian neighbors in home prices and sales volume, while the smaller areas in its orbit remain quiet and affordable.

Source: The New York Times Read more >>

Camera della Moda Responds to New York Times Article

Italy's fashion association issued an official statement in the face of accusations of irregular working conditions in the country.

Source: WWD Read more >>

Italian is the fastest dying language in the US

From 2001 to 2017, the number of Americans speaking Italian at home dropped from almost 900,000 to just over 550,000, an incredible 38% reduction in just 16 years.

Source: Quarz Read more >>

Starbuck'sbid to conquer Italy has begun

The company debuted its first Italian location in Milan in September, a high-end Starbucks Reserve Roastery. It opened two more locationsthis week.

Source: Quartzy Read more >>

Getty museum must return 2,000-year-old statue, Italian court rules

Institution vows to defend 'legal right' to Victorious Youth statue discovered off Pesaro in 1964

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The Leaning Tower of Pisa has straightened its posture a bit

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is leaning a little less than it used to. The Italian monument, famed for its precarious tilt, has been improving its posture, straightening nearly 1.5 inches since 2001.

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The Crash and Burn of Dolce & Gabbana

Xiang Kai, a director and writer based in Shanghai, burned more than \$20,000 worth of Dolce & Gabbana products, including coats, a vest and bags. A previous fan of the brand, he said he also threw his shoes and watches from the label in the trash.

Source: New York Times Read more >>

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