



## **Celebrate La Festa della Repubblica with the Italian Institutions in New York!**

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Video Address of the Italian Consul General in New York, Natalia Quintavalle. On June 2, the Consulate General of Italy in New York, the Italian Trade Commission, the Italian Tourism Board, the Italian Cultural Institute and La Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi will host events throughout the day to celebrate Italy's National Day. Read the program below!

The Feast of the Republic, Italy's National Day, falls on June 2 and commemorates the 1946 referendum where the Italian people had to express their vote on which form of government they



wished the post-World War II Italy to adopt between monarchy and republic.

The referendum gave origin to the Italian Republic, terminating the 85-years long Savoy reign, and resulted in the exile of the members of the Savoy family from the country.

In Italy, June 2 is a National Holiday and events take place around the country and Rome hosts a grand military parade which is presided by the Head of State and members of the Parliament.

This year's [Festa della Repubblica](#) [2] is approaching, and the Italian institutions in New York City will be celebrating in style, just like Italians back in the boot-shaped country.

In New York, the [Consulate General of Italy](#) [3], the [Italian Trade Commission](#) [4], the [Italian Tourism Board](#) [5] and the [Italian Cultural Institute](#) [6] together with [La Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi](#) [7] will all host events throughout the day, from the early morning till 10 pm.

Italian artworks by Guido Reni, Agostino Bonalumi and Giorgio De Chirico will be exhibited respectively at the Consulate General, at the Italian Cultural Institute and at the Italian Trade Commission, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Children are invited to attend "In...canto Italiano," a Children Show performed by Simona Rodano at La Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi from 10:30 am to noon, where the Girls' Choir of La Scuola d'Italia will sing the National Anthems.

From 11:00 to noon the Consulate General of Italy will host a concert by Tilly Cernitori: "300 years of Italian Music for Cello."

At noon, the Italian Cultural Institute will present an introduction to the exhibition "Timeless" dedicated to Italian designer Massimo Vignelli. The event will be followed by a screening of Michelangelo Antonioni's movie "Le Amiche," from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and by the Jazz concert "From Italy to America: an Embrace with Jazz," from 7:00 pm to 7:45, with performances by Linda Oh, Sylvia Cuenca, Daniela Schaechter and Ada Rovatti.

From 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm the High School students of La Scuola d'Italia Guglielmo Marconi will play Plauto's "Anfitrione" in Italian, English and Latin.

From 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm the Italian Trade Commission will host the wine workshop "United Wines of Italy," which will be repeated four times. Presented by sommelier and journalist Alessandra Rotondi, the workshop will tell the story of Italy's Risorgimento through two wines, Barolo and Chianti, who were created by two key figures of Risorgimento, Camillo Benso Count of Cavour and Marquis Bettino Ricasoli.

The event will be followed by the "Aperitivo with De Chirico," featuring a tasting of Italian products, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Meanwhile, a presentation of the project "Viaggio in Italia" by the Italian Tourism Board will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Consulate General of Italy.



The Consulate will also host a reception at 8:00 pm and at 9:30 pm the façade of the building will feature an artistic illumination.

Throughout the day, honorary decorations in the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy will be bestowed upon nominated individuals.

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Those who received the invitation are kindly requested to specify which events they would like to attend.

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