

# Newsletter di marzo

Marzo 2023

Dear Dante friends,

February was a challenging month and our thoughts go to all those who have been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle in many parts of the Country. We hope that in the coming months the weather will be kinder to us, and we would like to thank the Emergency Response Teams, both at local and national level, for their ongoing efforts.

We timed the March Newsletter to come out after our AGM, held on the 4th of this month, so to be able to publish the Presidents' Report and important info about renewing membership to the Dante Society for 2023 (page 3). We also invite you to check out the events for March and April (pages 2 and 6), which include our monthly Italian movie screening (*grazie* to Bernadette Luciano from The University of Auckland) and an Easter Colazione where attendees will also be able to buy Colomba, the Italian Easter cake.

Finally, The Dante committee would like to farewell Sir John Kirwan, who is stepping down after 7 years as the Dante Auckland President (but will probably be coerced into cooking more porchetta for us in the future!), and Dante members Stefania Perrotta and Kelly McKinnon, also stepping down from the committee. Stefania has been our newsletter editor for many years, and Kelly was first a student of Italian at our school, and she became a precious volunteer. Thank you John, Stefania and Kelly for all your work, help and friendship.

The Dante Team



Cyclone Gabrielle

## Il calendario di marzo e aprile

<b>11 marzo</b>	<b>Italian Music Concert (p.7)</b>
<b>24 marzo</b>	<b>Italian Movie night (p.2)</b>
<b>26 marzo</b>	<b>Il Cantastorie (p.2)</b>
<b>1 aprile</b>	<b>Festa di Pasqua e Colazione alla Dante (p.2)</b>
<b>8 aprile</b>	<b>Play Festival (p.7)</b>
<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>Italiano in movimento (p.6)</b>

## Seguici!



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# Attività ed eventi



## Italian Film Event: *Io e te* (Me and You)

Friday 24 March - Free entry

*Io e te* (*Me and You*) (2012) is Bernardo Bertolucci's first Italian movie since 1981, and the great director's final film. Unlike many of his exotic and expensive enterprises *Me and You* works on a more intimate scale. Lorenzo, a 14-year-old loner, tells his parents that he is going away on a ski trip with school friends. His plans however, are to spend the week hiding out in his apartment building's abandoned cellar... [READ MORE](#)

### *Io e te* (Me and You)

Friday 24 March,  
6:00pm

Auckland University  
Humanities Building,  
Room 220

Parking: Owen G Glenn  
Building -12 Grafton Road  
\$6 flat rate



## Festa di Pasqua e Colazione

Saturday 1 April, 10 am - 12 pm



Join us for our monthly colazione at the Dante, and for an early Easter celebration and a taste of Colomba, the Italian Easter cake! There will be also four different types of Colomba for sale on the day, imported by [JK14](#): two traditional Colomba, without filling or with candied fruits, plus Colomba with chocolate and Colomba with Pistachio.

## Bambini

### Il Cantastorie

Il prossimo appuntamento con il nostro amatissimo Cantastorie sarà **domenica 26 marzo 10 am - 12.00 pm**. Per prenotarsi mandare un'email a [info@dante.org.nz](mailto:info@dante.org.nz) ed effettuare il pagamento di \$10.00 online a/c: 020192-0309263-00, with ref: *bambini*



### Playgroup

Il Carnevale è arrivato anche per i bambini del playgroup. Abbiamo insieme costruito una mascherina, un pagliaccio con la bocca, il naso, gli occhi e i capelli di tanti colori. È stata un'attività ben accolta e divertente.



buongiorno!



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# Dante Auckland Annual General Meeting



## Dante Auckland Membership for 2023

### President Report

Cari amici e soci Dante Auckland,

Welcome to our 2023 AGM and thank you all for coming today.

In 2022 we saw the return to a sense of normality and for our Italian Language School meant the return to in-person classes and activities, but the past year did come with a few other challenges, among them the increase of living costs.

With this in mind, my first thank you goes to all our members and students who have continued to support the Society attending our classes, activities and events. We are extremely grateful. Your support once again has been a big help in meeting our running costs over the last few years.

I would also like to acknowledge the incredible work of our teachers and committee members. During these years as a President of the Dante Alighieri Society I have had the privilege to witness the dedication of our team and their capacity to work together combining their different skills and personalities to overcome any challenges. Thank you to all of them.

This year will see Stefania and Kelly leaving our committee and for Stefania this also means stepping down from her role as the Newsletter's editor. On behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank Stefania and Kelly for their always enthusiastic support and for everything they have done for the Society and to Stefania for taking care of our newsletter for the past years. We wish both all the best for their future projects.

In 2022 we also celebrated the return of the Festival Italiano. The Dante Alighieri Society of Auckland handed it over to Newmarket Business Association (NBA) who looked after the organization of the Festival this year in collaboration with 'Only Events' and the support of the Waitemata Local Board along with the patronage of the Italian Embassy.

The Festival was again a great success with the usual crowd of festive stand holders and passionate attendees. We would like to acknowledge NBA for taking over this legacy so close to our hearts and for continuing the tradition of the festival with the same passion and love we had over the many years preceding.

The Dante Alighieri Society was present with its stand, and I would like to thank all the Committee members and volunteers involved in running it and our partner La Marzocco for the amazing coffee offered.

We resumed many other of our usual activities at the society such as our monthly 'Colazione' including a book market and a few interesting talks with different guests. This is always a very popular event where our students and members can get together sharing a coffee and a chat in Italian.

The past year also welcomed the beginning of a new activity: 'Il Cantastorie', encounters in Italian for children, held every last Sunday of the month. It focuses on story telling of Italian songs, poems and fairy tales from our Italian traditions. This came to life thanks to our school director Sandra Fresia who has always been very actively focused on the needs of Italian families here in Auckland to retain their cultural heritage for their children.

I would also like to mention another event that signed the official return to in-person events: the Dante Alighieri Anniversary Concert, a concert inspired by Dante's poetry that celebrated his 700th anniversary featuring music by Puccini, Verdi, and others. The concert was organised by the talented musician and our teacher, Luca Manghi, and was supported by the Italian Embassy.

We also continued our support to Radio Ondazzurra, the only radio-podcast programme in Italian produced in New Zealand.

We closed the year with two more events: the Mozart Operetta, "L'Impresario" beautifully directed and adapted by our teacher Matteo Telara. The Operetta was supported by the generous contribution of the Sede Centrale della Società Dante Alighieri of Rome. The other event was the Mercatino di Natale which was a great way to close the year celebrating Christmas in the Italian way.

In conclusion, 2022 was a year of recovery that was still in part affected by the Covid pandemic, and the Society reported a slight loss as our treasurer Valeria Santillo will shortly explain in the Treasurer's Report. Yet, the committee has deliberated to not increase the membership fees for another year also considering the impact of the rising cost of living for many families.

We hope that the 2023 will see us fully embrace all we do here at Dante with energy and positivity and we wish the same to all our members and students.

Lastly, I have decided to step down as a President of the Society. It has been an honour and a privilege to be the President of the Dante Alighieri Society of Auckland in the past few years. I love the Italian community in New Zealand and the Dante Alighieri Society is a huge part of it.

Arrivederci

Sir John Kirwan  
KNZM MBE  
President Dante Alighieri Society of Auckland

## Dante Auckland Membership for 2023

We are pleased to announce that the committee has decided that there will be no changes on membership fees for 2023. We would like to invite all current members to renew their membership for 2023, this can be done online with a bank transfer to **Società Dante Alighieri BNZ a/c 020192-0309263-00 with the reference "LASTNAME/MSHIP". Language students can also pay by eftpos when they attend classes.**

New members: please fill this [online form](#) and pay online following the instructions provided above.

If you like you can also add a donation to the Society with your membership. The Dante Alighieri Society of Auckland is a registered charity with 'donee' status, and we can provide receipts for your donations on request. Any donation, no matter how small, greatly helps us with the day to day running of our society.

Grazie for all your donations!

The current annual subscription for membership (including GST) is:

**Single membership - \$30 per person**  
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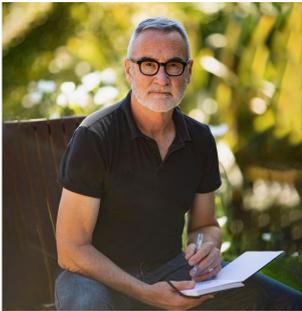


Dante committee 2023  
From left top line: Kerri Fergusson, Flavia Berucci, Fiorella Tomasi, Matteo Telara, Valeria Santillo  
Sitting: Zeyna Jalil, Alessandra Zecchini & Sandra Fresia (absent Luca Manghi)

## Radio Ondazzurra

### Interview in English with Ray McVinnie

Ondazzurra is launching a series of podcasts in English, in addition to the Italian language podcasts, and the first in this series is with Ray McVinnie, chef, food writer, NZ Master Chef Judge and student of Italian at the Dante Auckland! Click on the link to listen: [295. Intervista Ray McVinnie](#)



*Il primo di questi episodi in inglese è con Ray McVinnie, celebrity chef, giudice di Masterchef NZ, food editor, food writer, autore di vari libri di settore, consulente per scuole di cucina e docente di scienza e cultura della gastronomia.*

*Ray ha viaggiato molto in Asia e in Europa per conoscere tradizioni culinarie diverse e come food-writer, ricevendo numerosi awards per la sua attività di giornalista e scrittore in questo campo. Ray è un grande appassionato della cucina e cultura italiana, ha un antenato piemontese, ha amicizie e affetti italiani e si sta dedicando allo studio dell'italiano presso la Dante Alighieri Auckland. Ascoltiamo questa conversazione tra Ray McVinnie e Carla Rotondo, che si conoscono da tempo. <https://www.raymcvinnie.com>*

Ondazzurra would like to acknowledge the following sponsors for this radio programme and podcast:

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## Stories of Italians in New Zealand

[From the Digital Archive of Documents on Italian Immigration in New Zealand](#)

### La famiglia Della Barca: from Massa Lubrense to Rona Bay

Originally compiled as a booklet and photocopied in 1990 by Francie Della Barca, this family history was fully revised in 2007 and made into a PDF book. The Della Barca brothers Luigi and Antonio immigrated to New Zealand in 1897, having visited the previous year, and settled at Rona Bay, [Eastbourne](#) on the eastern shores of Wellington Harbour. They began the chain migration from [Massa Lubrense](#) to [Wellington](#), with [Eastbourne](#), with its sheltered harbour moorings, being where they established themselves long before the move to [Island Bay](#).

The book contains the story of the family, family tree charts, newspaper clippings and a great number of historic photos which will be of great interest to



#### **LA FAMIGLIA DELLA BARCA**

*From  
Massa Lubrense  
To  
Rona Bay*



c. 1904  
(Photo: Eastbourne Historical Society)



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# Bacheca del mese



## Italian Music Concert, 11 March

Hear Beautiful Italian music (old & new) including the film music of Ennio Morricone & Nino Rota, the arias of Giacomo Puccini, a season from Antonio Vivaldi, and Neapolitan Songs.

Featuring:

Italian Soprano Lilia Carpinelli  
and the Blue Smoke String Quartet.

Sat 11 March, 7.30pm

The PumpHouse Theatre

Info and booking [HERE](#)



## Italiano in movimento

Join Romina for Italiano in movimento, every Sunday at 10 am, meet at Buoy café (Westhaven Marina)



OGNI DOMENICA (no school holiday)



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\$15 per la classe occasionale

## Play Festival

Saturday, 8 April, 11:00 am-16:00 pm



Join the first Play Festival in Tāmaki Makaurau, including fun traditional games from diverse culture groups, street food, music, dance and performances! The Dante Auckland is delighted to be part this event. We will have more info in the next newsletter (April), in the meantime you can keep up to date with the event on the [FB Event Page](#).

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