Newsletter di dicembre

Dicembre 2022

Dear Dante friends,

Finally this year we were able to end on a high note, with a delightful *operetta* on stage and a cheerful Christmas party afterward, as is tradition at Dante - see photos on page 4.

With December, summer has arrived and with it the well-deserved rest and the longed-for vacation. Just a few more days and then we will finally be able to fully enjoy the sun and the sea, go on picnics, get plenty of sleep, linger in leisurely pastimes of summer and, with some luck, without Covid coming to spoil our fun.

To be ready for the festivities and all the celebrations with friends & family, I recommend you visit our **Mercatino di Natale** this year and stock up on panettone, pandoro, torrone, prosecco, various *leccornie** and also plenty of gifts.

Next you will see us again in 2023 at the end of January with the intensive language course, those who have not yet done so can still enrol as there are some places available.

Until then we wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Stefania

Adoration of the Shepherds, Guido Reni, 1640

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Attività ed eventi

Mercatino di Natale, 17 December

There is no Christmas without our Mercatino di Natale - Join us at the Italian Christmas Market on **Saturday 17 December from 10am to 3pm** at the Freemans Bay Community Centre.

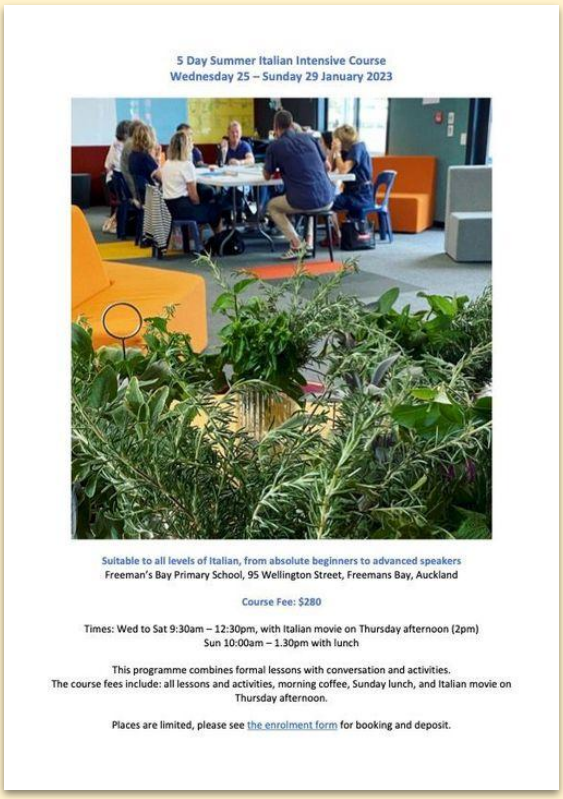
Colazione alla Dante, 25 February

The first Colazione in 2023 will be on Saturday 25 February from 10am to 12pm.
This is a great chance to catch-up with other Dante members after the long summer holiday - and it may coincide, as usual, with our Annual General Meeting. More details in the February newsletter.
A presto!

Italian intensive course January 2023 - Enrol now!

You are still in time to enrol for the annual summer Italian intensive course in January 2023. We welcome Italian language students of all abilities from beginners through to advanced.
All our teachers are native Italians. This event is very popular with limited places, so we encourage bookings as soon as possible so you don't miss out!

Date: **Wednesday 25 to Sunday 29 January 2023**
Location: Freeman's Bay Community Centre
1st Floor, 52 Hepburn Street, Auckland
Info and to enrolment HERE - or please contact the Dante School at info@dante.org.nz


5 Day Summer Italian Intensive Course
Wednesday 25 – Sunday 29 January 2023

Suitable to all levels of Italian, from absolute beginners to advanced speakers
Freeman's Bay Primary School, 95 Wellington Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland

Course Fee: $280

Times: Wed to Sat 9:30am – 12:30pm, with Italian movie on Thursday afternoon (2pm)
Sun 10:00am – 1.30pm with lunch

This programme combines formal lessons with conversation and activities.
The course fees include: all lessons and activities, morning coffee, Sunday lunch, and Italian movie on Thursday afternoon.

Places are limited, please see the enrolment form for booking and deposit.

Learn Italian in 2023

Term 1 classes for 2023 Italian language courses will start on 31 January.
You can already enrol by email or online.
You may like to come and see us at the **Open Day**, on **Thursday 26 January 2023**, 5-7pm. It is open to all, so do bring any friends who would like to learn Italian.
See HERE all dates and enrolment forms.

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Italiano in movimento has a short Christmas break

Running and exercises with Romina will continue until Sunday **18 December** (at 10am) and will resume next year on **29 January**.

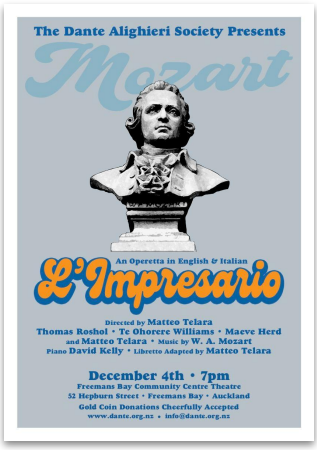
Il Cantastorie - ci rivediamo a febbraio!

E' arrivata l'estate e così anche il Cantastorie va in vacanza e torna con gli incontri per bambini di lingua italiana a fine febbraio. Il prossimo appuntamento sarà **domenica 26 febbraio 10 am - 12.00 pm.**
Per prenotarsi mandare un'email a info@dante.org.nz ed effettuare il pagamento di $10.00 online a/c: 020192-0309263-00, with ref: *bambini*

L'Impresario, Dante's Auckland Operetta

It was a wonderful evening with *L'Impresario*, Mozart's operetta adapted by Matteo Telara, on Sunday 4 December.
Bravo to our pianist David Kelly and to the actors and singers Thomas Røsholl, Te Ohorere Williams, Maeve Herd and Matteo Telara.

After the operetta there were refreshments to celebrate the end of another year together at the Dante and wish each other a merry Christmas time and a happy new year.



Thank you to all the participants who brought food (especially Namir, who cooked a lot of food like polpette and melanzane Parmigiana!) and Massimo's Italian cheeses for the mozzarella!

Festival Italiano 2022

Another big success!

After missing one year due to the Covid epidemic, Festival Italiano returned in 2022 in all its splendour! Once again the Festival was a well attended and wonderful event, with a cool market, cuisine, and exhibits celebrating everything Italian in Auckland. The Dante fundraising stall was full of joy and visitors, plus the smell of delicious coffee thank you to La Marzocco NZ (the entire takings from coffee sales was donated to our Society). The entertainment was great and we like to commend our Matteo Telara and Paolo Rotondo who always do a fantastic job on stage. But, most of all, the Dante Society would like to say a big **GRAZIE** to the Newmarket Business Association and CEO Mark Knoff-Thomas for taking over and continuing the Festival, to the Waitematā Local Board for their continuing support, to all the Festival sponsors, big and small, and to the excellent event management provided by Only Events with Scott Woolright and Admir Mullaaliu. Looking forward to next year!

Festival Italiano 2022

Dante Auckland at the Festival Italiano

Alessandra and Sandra toasting with an Aperol Spritz

Luca at the Dante stand with the Buongiorno Kiwi merchandising

Carla Rotondo and Chiara Corbelletto from Ondazzurra

Storia

Stories of Italians in New Zealand

From the Digital Archive of Documents on Italian Immigration in New Zealand

Bambina- the Fiat 500 in New Zealand

The New Zealand story of the italian motoring icon, the Fiat 500, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007. The book shows with a gallery of pictures the car's history in New Zealand's curious industrial landscape of the 1950s and 1960s, as well as its 'life' - the racing, the owners and the excursion to Antarctica. It is an affectionate look at the Fiat 500 in a market furthest from its native Italy. There is dual text in both English and Italian.

Read more about HERE

Creata in Italia, montata in Nuova Zelanda (dove è stata soprannominata Bambina), questa icona dell'ingegneria motoristica italiana unita al tipico approccio pragmatico neozelandese si è ritagliata una vita propria agli antipodi. È stata iscritta a competizioni su pista, spedita in Antartide ed utilizzata come pedina nelle politiche industriali. Questo volume celebra il cinquantesimo anniversario di questa famosissima vettura. Il libro si può trovare qui.

From the Digital Archive of Documents on Italian Immigration in New Zealand

Ondazzurra

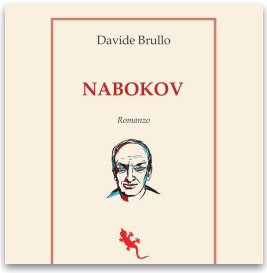
Podcast of the month

I viandanti della cultura - Davide Brullo

Secondo episodio della serie “I viandanti della cultura” dialoghi sulla letteratura e poesia italiana contemporanea.

In questo secondo episodio della nuova serie “I viandanti della cultura” Marco Sonzogni e Federico Magrin si confrontano sul tema della traduzione e della poesia indipendente, analizzando un intellettuale italiano scomodo e carismatico: Davide Brullo. Parlando di Brullo la conversazione scende nei cunicoli e nelle ombre della cultura.

Giornalista culturale e fondatore di una casa editoriale, Brullo è capace di sintetizzare in sé l’immodestia e il sentimento religioso, l’individualismo e lo scandalo della pietà.



Il dialogo a due si sofferma sulle stroncature del mondo letterario attuale, il linguaggio altrui, e sulla figura del poeta e il suo nemico.

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Bacheca del mese

Ricetta del mese

Caggionetti abruzzesi

These are traditional Christmas sweets from the mountain region of Abruzzi. They look like ravioli, are made like ravioli, but they have a sweet filling and are deep fried instead. The filling is made of boiled marrons, chocolate, almonds and rum. Since it was sometimes hard to find marrons people replaced them with chickpeas, so you can use either and they will still taste delightfully!

Ingredienti

- farina 500 g
- uova medie 1
- vino bianco 170 g
- olio d'oliva 2 cucchiai
- ceci (o castagne) lessati 250 g
- cioccolato fondente 150 g
- mandorle 50 g
- zucchero semolato 50 g
- rum 50 g
- 1.5 litro di olio per friggere

In un mixer mettete i ceci (o le castagne) lessati, il liquore e lo zucchero e tritate il tutto fino ad ottenere una pasta omogenea. Aggiungete quindi il cioccolato e le mandorle e continuate a tritare.
Poi preparate la pasta lavorando la farina con l'uovo, l'olio e il vino. Spianatela fino ad ottenere delle sfoglie sottili e disponete delle palline di ripieno poi ricopritele ripiegando la sfoglia e richiudete la pasta, premendo bene attorno ai bordi del ripieno. Ritagliate dei ravioli irregolari aiutandovi con una rotella dentellata
Friggete i ravioli in olio di semi di arachide bollente. Quando saranno leggermente dorati, scolateli e fateli asciugare su carta assorbente da cucina. Cospargeteli con zucchero a velo e serviteli

Parole del mese

Leccornia

Parola derivante dall'antico *lecconerìa*, derivante a sua volta dal verbo *leccare*. Significa bocconcino ghiotto, cibo squisito e raffinato, o qualsiasi prodotto di pasticceria.

(Source: Vocabolario Treccani)

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arrivederci a febbraio 2023!