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ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA S a n J o s e

Ciao tutti! Welcome to our special edition newsletter that is all things Festa! We welcome you and your family, neighbors and friends to join us. Our dedicated volunteers have invested hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to bring this 2 day Festa to the community.



This event is held at History San Jose Park, Saturday July 26 through Sunday July 27. The IAHF Italian Family Festa is open to the public, with **free admission**.

Nearby free parking, or parking just at the end of Phelan Avenue. Scan the QR code on the back page to get the Festa App with all the latest details.

Live music ranging from Opera to Jazz on the Roma Stage. **Pizza tossing and cooking demonstrations** at our Culinary Pavilion. Arts & crafts, face painting, storytelling and swordsmanship at the Kids Zone all day long.



Italian fun and games include **bocce courts**, a Roman Encampment, and San Jose Sharks on site both days. **Grape stomping competitions** with the Stomp Off Finale on Sunday afternoon with Mayor Matt Mahan defending his title from last year's event!

A wide range of **Italian specialty foods** prepared by local Italian organizations restaurants. From cannoli and gelato, spaghetti, pizza and **calzone**, polenta and sausage. There will be wine tasting in the garden and beer sales with both domestic and Italian brands.

Italian culture will be on display in the Cultural Village and on stage. New this year, the **Italian American Youth Roundtable**. Sunday will be the ever-popular **Italian costume fashion show** and parade.



Our Festa would not be possible without our **Sponsors**. Come to the Festa and enjoy a day filled with fun, culture, food, drink, music and laughter. Look for items in **bold**, which indicate new Italian arts, foods, and entertainment.

Vieni a far festa con noi!
Come party with us!

SATURDAY

11:00—12:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Roma Stage <i>Sparkling Cider provided by Martinelli's</i>
11:00—5:00 p.m.	Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
11:00—6:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting	Wine Tasting Garden <i>sponsored by Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i>
11:00—7:00 p.m.	Roman Encampment	Encampment Area
11:00—7:00 p.m.	San Jose Sharks Street	San Jose Sharks Area
11:00—7:00 p.m.	Bocce—All ages	Bocce Courts
12:30—1:00 p.m.	Opera San Jose	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Facchino Properties</i>
12:30—1:30 p.m.	Pizza Toss with Award-Winning Chef John D'Ambrosio and Family	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
12:30—1:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
12:30—3:30 p.m.	Nadia the Accordionist	Near Main Gate
12:45—1:15 p.m.	Walter the Giant Storyteller	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
1:00—5:00 p.m.	Duke Mantee & the Gold Money Band	Wine Tasting Garden <i>sponsored by Kiewit Shea Traylor</i>
1:30—2:30 p.m.	Ron Borelli Mina Project	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
1:30—2:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
1:40—2:00 p.m.	The DiNapoli Brand with Rob DiNapoli	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
2:15—3:15 p.m.	Pasta con Sarde Milanese with Chef Joe Lucito	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
2:30—3:30 p.m.	Celebrity Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
2:45—3:15 p.m.	Walter the Giant Storyteller	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
3:00—3:45 p.m.	Steve Albini Duo	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
3:15—4:00 p.m.	Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship Academy	Near Kids' Zone
3:30—4:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
3:30—4:30 p.m.	Beginners Line Dancing with Lucia Clementi	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
4:15—6:30 p.m.	Millenium Sounds Orchestra Saturday Night Street Dance	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
4:30—5:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
5:30—6:30 p.m.	Celebrity Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage

Schedule Subject to Change

SATURDAY 7/26

ROMA STAGE

11:00 - Opening Ceremony
12:30 - Opera San Jose
1:30 - **Ron Borelli The Mina Project**
3:00 - **Steve Albini Duo**
4:15 - **Millennium Sounds Orchestra** - Saturday Street Dance

KID'S ZONE

11:00 - Arts & Crafts and Face Painting all day
12:45 - **Walter the Giant Storyteller**
2:45 - Walter the Giant Storyteller
3:15 Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship

ITALIA CULINARY & CULTURAL PAVILION

12:30 - **Pizza Tossing with Chef John D'Ambrosio**
1:40 - **The DiNapoli Brand with Chef Ron DiNapoli**
2:15 - Pasta con Sarde Milanese with Chef Joe Lucito
3:30 - **Beginners Line Dancing with Lucia Clementi**

GRAPE STOMP STAGE

12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30 - Contestant Stomps
2:30 & 5:30 - Celebrity Stomps



ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA

S a n J o s e

FUN & FOOD

Bocce Ball - All ages
San Jose Sharks Street Roman Encampment

Wine Tasting Garden
Peach Bellini Cocktails
Peroni Beer
IAHF Pizza & **Calzone**
IAHF Cannoli & Gelato
Sons of Sicily Spaghetti
Tricarico's Polenta & Sausage

More food vendors on the Festa website under What's Cooking

CULTURAL VILLAGE

Storyboards
IAHF Scholarship Winners
Italian 'Roots' Maps
Italian Book Sales
Villaggio Culturale

MUSIC EVERYDAY

Nadia the Accordionist
@ Main Entrance

Duke Mantee and the Gold Money Band
@ Wine Tasting Garden

SUNDAY

10:00—11:00 a.m.	Mass—Festa Opens at 11:00	Roma Stage
11:00—4:00 p.m.	Zona di Ragazzi e Ragazze	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
11:00—4:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting	Wine Tasting Garden <i>sponsored by Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i>
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11:30—12:00 p.m.	Opera San Jose	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Facchino Properties</i>
12:00—12:45 p.m.	Garden Flavors in an Italian Kitchen with Sharon McCray & Ken Borelli	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
12:30—1:30 p.m.	Ron Borelli Mina Project	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
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12:30—3:30 p.m.	Nadia the Accordionist	Main Entrance
12:45—1:15 p.m.	Walter the Giant Storyteller	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
1:00—1:45 p.m.	Italian American Youth Roundtable	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
1:00—4:45 p.m.	Duke Mantee & the Gold Money Band	Wine Tasting Garden <i>sponsored by Kiewit Shea Traylor JV</i>
1:30—2:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
2:00—3:00 p.m.	Joe DeRose Quartet	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
2:00—4:00 p.m.	Italian Folk Costume Fashion Show	Italia Culinary & Cultural Pavilion <i>sponsored by Giorgio's & New York Style Sausage</i>
2:15—2:45 p.m.	Walter the Giant Storyteller	Kids' Zone <i>sponsored by The Harker School</i>
2:30—3:15 p.m.	Italian Renaissance Swordsmanship Academy	Near Kid's Zone
2:30—3:30 p.m.	Contestant Grape Stomp	Grape Stomp Stage
3:30—4:30 p.m.	Celebrity Grape Stomp Off!	Grape Stomp Stage
3:30—5:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen & Thom Duo	Roma Stage <i>sponsored by Sobrato Philanthropies & Gladiator Repipe</i>
~ 4:30 p.m.	Raffle Drawing—need not be present to win	Roma Stage

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RAGAZZI E RAGAZZE

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2:30 - Italian Renaissance Fencing



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ITALIA CULINARY & CULTURAL PAVILION

12:00 - Garden Flavors with Sharon McCray & Ken Borelli
1:00 - **Italian American Youth Roundtable**
2:00 - Italian Folk Costume Fashion Show



GRAPE STOMPING

12:30, 1:30, 2:30 - Contestant Stomps
3:30 - **Celebrity Finale Stomp Off**



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@ Main Entrance

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@ Wine Tasting Garden

REGIONAL COSTUME SHOW RETURNS TO THE FESTA!



Release your inner model! One of the fond recollections of the 2024 Italian Family Festa was the amazing regional costume show, photos of which became an iconic part of the venue.

There still is a special IAHF publication of the mod-els and the regional outfits that were displayed for your perusal and or scrapbook. This year the fashion show will be on Sunday, July 27, at 2:00pm as the finale at the Culinary and Cultural Stage.

If you would like to be a part of this tradition steeped in Italian folklore, please consider join-ing us. Encourage a grandchild to participate and become familiar with this fascinating part of their Italian heritage.

UPCOMING IAHF EVENTS

JUL. 16, WEDNESDAY / A PRE-FESTA SPECIAL EVENT - SCREENING OF 'A LITTLE FELLOW - THE LEGACY OF A.P. GIANNINI / DOORS OPEN AT 6PM WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL HOUR / FILM SHOWING AT 6:45 SHARP / Q&A FOLLOWING THE SCREENING / AT THE HALL / \$15 GENERAL ADMISSION, \$10 FOR YOUTH UNDER 18

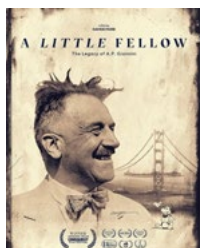
AUG. 7, THURSDAY / COOKING CLASS: THREE PASTA SAUCES - KEN BORELLI WILL TEACH A MUSHROOM CREAM SAUCE WITH PROSCIUTTO, NORA MONETTE WILL TEACH A SICILIAN AGRODOLCE SAUCE (SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE), AND LUCIA CLEMENTI WILL TEACH A RED MEAT SAUCE / 7-9PM / AT THE HALL / \$25 FOR MEMBERS, \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS / MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE OR BY CALLING THE IAHF AT (408) 293-7122.

•SEPT. 4, THURSDAY / COOKING CLASS: CUCCIDATI TAUGHT BY CERO ANTHONY AND AMY BLALOCK CASTILLO OF THE CAKE EXPRESSIONS BAKERY. THE CUCCIDATI THAT THEY WILL BE TEACHING IS CALLED THE TOMASELLO CUCCIDATI. COME AND LEARN HOW TO MAKE THIS SPECIALTY FROM THE EXPERTS! / 7-9PM / AT THE HALL / \$25 FOR MEMBERS, \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS / MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE OR BY CALLING THE IAHF AT (408) 293-7122.

•SEPT. 14, SUNDAY / IAHF 50TH YEAR CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER / MESSINA ORCHARD

•OCT. 2, THURSDAY / COOKING CLASS: TBA

•NOV. 6, THURSDAY / COOKING CLASS: ITALIAN HOLIDAY COOKIES TAUGHT BY MASTER BAKER, KATHY LOHMAN. THIS CLASS FILLS UP QUICKLY, SO BE SURE TO ENROLL EARLY! / 7-9PM / AT THE HALL / \$25 FOR MEMBERS, \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS / MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE OR BY CALLING THE IAHF AT (408) 293-7122.



A Little Fellow - The Legacy of A.P. Giannini

Get in the mood for the Italian Family Festa by attending a private showing of the documentary, *A Little Fellow - The Legacy of A.P. Giannini*

This feature-length documentary exploring the enduring legacy of A.P. Giannini, a first-generation Italian-American who revolutionized banking and reshaped California's industries in the early 20th century. A forgotten titan, Giannini's vision empowered working-class Americans and fueled economic recovery through some of the nation's most extreme and challenging times."

Come to the IAHF Hall, July 16 @ 6pm, general admission is \$15, \$10 for students younger than 18. Order tickets [online](https://www.iahfsj.org/) or look on the IAHF website for more details (<https://www.iahfsj.org/>).

SPONSORS

Our Annual Festa is a massive event

that takes time, talent, dedication and money.

Lots of money. The following list reflects just the beginning of those who have made a financial commitment as a Festa Sponsor. Some have been helping us for years, some are brand new.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors.

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Scan the QR code or tap the image above to open the venue app with schedules, map, parking, musical lineup, Cultural and Culinary events and so much more.

No download required

Go to: <https://app.italianfamilyfestasj.org/>

PARKING

- **ENTRANCES:** There are two walk-in entrances. The main entrance on Phelan/Senter and the entrance from the Japanese Friendship Garden on Senter. Please look for the Festa signs!
- **PARKING FEES:** All festivals face the parking challenge. We encourage everyone to carpool, take public transportation, Uber or Lyft. Paid parking is available in Kelly Park Lot on Phelan Ave (\$10) or SJSU South Campus Lot on 10th and Alma Ave (\$15).
- *** LIMITED FREE PARKING:** Available at 1870 and 1888 Senter Road in the Santa Clara County Lot, just 2 short blocks away. *Note: awaiting final County approval.
- **DROP OFF SPOTS:** You can drop off at either gate. We strongly suggest dropping off at the Japanese Friendship Garden, easy access and less congestion!

The latest parking information is available at:

<https://www.italianfamilyfestasj.org>

