

May 2019

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Each year, the Board of Directors of the Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of New York, Inc. (IHCC-NY, Inc.) selects a new theme and then proceeds to create a theme poster and publish its “Calendar of Events” for the annual October month celebration.



For the year 2019, the Board of Directors of the IHCC-NY, Inc. is delighted to announce that the theme selected will be: *MATERA 2019: European Capital of Culture*. This special year’s theme honors the history and legacy that emanated from the city that has withstood poverty, challenging environments, earthquakes and disasters, while prevailing in current times. In recent years, Matera has reclaimed its history of culture, heritage and creativity in its rebuilding.

Once again, the IHCC-NY, Inc. will assist in collecting information about programs and events planned to celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month. We have enclosed our Events Form for you to list any activity scheduled to take place in celebration of the year’s theme, but **ONLY** from mid-September through mid-November. We encourage you to discover your heritage with programs that celebrate any facet of the theme as indicated above, i.e., for the past 43 years!

Enter only one event on each form (reproduce additional copies as needed). It is important to submit the complete and concise information about your event(s) as soon as possible, **no later than July 1, 2019**. The contact information is listed on the attached form.

We also take this occasion to emphasize that the mission of the IHCC-NY, Inc., is made possible through the generosity of donations, and we very much need your support. Therefore, we would like to call upon you to help sustain our activities by making a tax-deductible contribution. No dollar amount is too small! Every dollar helps to foster the programmatic offerings that document and preserve the history and culture of Italians in America. Know that we welcome and appreciate your generosity. Your gift will be acknowledged in our 2019 Italian Heritage and Culture Month Calendar of Events Magazine. Kindly review the attached donor sheet—and please help us in this endeavor.

On behalf of the IHCC-NY, we thank you for your support and participation. We remain,

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