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### MEDIA RELEASE

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## ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY AT CASTELLO ITALIA

Toronto, ON (May 26, 2015)

Casa Loma will be the backdrop of ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY at CASTELLO ITALIA (INDCI), the largest Italian celebration in Toronto, presented by Pizza Pizza, taking place on Sunday, May 31, 2015. [www.castelloitalia.ca](http://www.castelloitalia.ca)

For the first time, all Italian institutions and associations have joined together to host this signature event that is the celebration of Italian National Day (Festa della Repubblica) and official kick-off to Italian Heritage Month. Host partners include the Consulate General of Italy, Liberty Entertainment Group, Istituto Italiano di Cultura [IIC], the Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association [CIBPA], the National Congress of Italian Canadians-Toronto District [NCIC], Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario [ICCO], Italian Trade Commission [ICE], the Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation, the Italian Contemporary Film Festival [ICFF], Comites Toronto and CGIE.

Casa Loma, Toronto's premier heritage attraction, will be transformed into an authentic Italian piazza, complete with a culinary feast, wines, live entertainment, automotive displays, artistic exhibits, as well as interactive activities appealing to all ages. INDICI is a sold-out event, and a cultural celebration not to be missed. Proceeds from INDICI will benefit the teaching of Italian language in local schools.

**WHAT: ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY at CASTELLO ITALIA**

**WHEN: Sunday May 31, 2015 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**WHO: Dignitaries and special guests include:**

- **Giuseppe Pastorelli** – Consul General of Italy in Toronto and Co-Chair of INDICI
- **Nick Di Donato** – President & CEO, Liberty Entertainment Group and Co-Chair of INDICI
- **Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mario Giro**
- **Ambassador Gian Lorenzo Cornado**
- **Minister Joe Oliver**
- **Minister Christopher Alexander**
- **Minister Bal Gosal**
- **Minister Steven Del Duca**
- **Minister Mario Sergio**
- **His Worship John Tory** – Mayor, City of Toronto
- **His Worship Maurizio Bevilacqua** – Mayor, City of Vaughan
- **Hon. Francesca La Marca**

**WHERE: Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto, ON M5R 1X8**

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: 12pm – 3pm; RSVP required**

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Liberty Entertainment Group - Casa Loma  
1 Austin Terrace Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5R 1X8  
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## Casa Loma – Italian National Day at Castello Italia Live Entertainment Featuring:

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PIZZA PIZZA PAVILION - CASA LOMA LOWER GARDENS	Time
Italian Flag Raising - Casa Loma Front Entrance	10:00 am - 10:05 am
Pulp Funktion DJ	10:00 am - 10:15 am
Delaun Giordano	10:15 am - 10:30 am
BACI Band	10:35 am - 10:50 am
Belinda Naccarato	10:50 am - 11:05 am
Daniele Monticelli	11:05 am - 11:25 am
Joe Giampaolo	11:25 am - 11:40 am
T.Dot Batu	11:40 am - 11:55 am
Italian Sound Track by Mino Reitano	11:55 am - 12:00 pm
Canadian National Anthem	12:00 pm - 12:05 pm
Italian National Anthem	12:05 pm - 12:10 pm
Welcome Remarks	12:10 pm - 12:30 pm
Arianna	12:30 pm - 12:55 pm
Welcome Remarks (Cont'd)	12:55 pm - 1:05 pm
Saturday Night Jive	1:05 pm - 2:00 pm
Sara Papini	2:00 pm - 2:15 pm
Presentation: Discover the Other Italy	2:15 pm - 2:30 pm
Special Presentations	2:30 pm - 2:40 pm
Roberta & Alessandro Battaglia	2:40 pm - 2:55 pm
Daniele Monticelli & Belinda Naccarato	2:55 pm - 3:00 pm
Elisabetta Russo	3:05 pm - 3:20 pm
Elisabetta Russo, Christopher Dallo & Sara Papini	3:20 pm - 3:25 pm
Special Presentations	3:25 pm - 3:35 pm
Jake Ryle Illusionist/Magician	3:35 pm - 3:45 pm
Christopher Dallo	3:45 pm - 4:00 pm
Vincenzo Benenati	4:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Vincenzo Benenati & Belinda Naccarato	4:15 pm - 4:20 pm
Michael Occhipinti & the Sicilian jazz project with Dominic Mancuso	4:20 pm - 4:50 pm
Closing Remarks	4:55 pm - 5:00 pm
<b>KIDS ZONE - CASA LOMA STABLES</b>	
Carnevale di Venezia Mask Workshop 1st Session- Teodoro Dragonieri	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Carnevale di Venezia Mask Workshop 2nd Session- Teodoro Dragonieri	2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Storytelling - Mariella Bertelli	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Kids Arts & Crafts	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bouncing Castle	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Interactive Live Painting - Anthony Ricciardi	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
<b>ITALIAN MOVIES - CASA LOMA THEATRE ROOM</b>	
Italian Contemporary Film Festival Movies - Assorted Short Films	All Day

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that this schedule is subject to change without further notification\*\*\*\*\*

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## Italian National Day at Castello Italia Emcees:

- Suhana Meharchand - CBC News Host
- Tony Monaco - Z1035 Broadcaster
- Andrea Trentadue - CHIN TV Host
- Vincenzo Somma – Former OMNI News Anchor

“I am thrilled to celebrate Italian National Day and the grand opening of Italian Heritage Month at historic Casa Loma, and I wish to thank Nick Di Donato who, for one day, has transformed Toronto’s premier heritage attraction into Castello Italia. It will be a full day to showcase Italy and I am proud to see that Italian Institutions and all major Italian and Italian-Canadian associations joined their efforts to make it happen” - Giuseppe Pastorelli, Consul General of Italy and INDCI Co-Chair.

“I am honoured to host Italian National Day at Casa Loma. We will transform the castle into Castello Italia for the day by showcasing the best in Italian cuisine, wine and entertainment. I am proud to have Consul General of Italy as Co-Chair for this signature event; their involvement and support has elevated our event to a world class celebration.” - Nick Di Donato, President & CEO, Liberty Entertainment Group and INDCI Co-Chair.

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