



The Extraordinary Italian Taste

A celebration of the rich culture and cuisine of Italy

31st October - 6th November 2016
Transcorp Hilton Abuja





Introductory Remarks by the Italian Ambassador

Dear friends, Nigerians, Italians, members of the International Community, I have the pleasure and the honour to welcome you to "The Extraordinary Italian Taste" organized by the Italian Embassy with the traditionally outstanding support of Transcorp Hilton Hotel.

This week You will have the opportunity to enjoy the taste of the excellence of the best Italian traditions in culture, food & wine, with great movies (subtitled in English), a display of our traditional cuisine at the Zuma Grill proposed by its Italian Chef, Manuel Carbone, together with delicious wines, and music performed by the "Trio Bel Canto"

which has been repeatedly acclaimed by the Nigerian audience.

Dear friends, enjoy every single moment of "The Extraordinary Italian Taste"!!!

Fulvio Rustico
Ambassador of Italy



General Manager's Remarks

I am delighted to welcome all our guests to our hotel to experience *The Extraordinary Italian Taste*, a week-long celebration of the cuisine and culture of Italy.

The Extraordinary Italian Taste is organised by the Embassy of Italy to promote authentic Italian cuisine, music, education, and entertainment. We are proud to partner with the embassy to celebrate the charm and simplicity of the Italian way of living. Our Italian Chef Manuel Carbone will be serving authentic Italian dishes at the Zuma Grill during the week. We are also offering a complimentary weekend stay for a couple at Hilton Molino Stucky Venice to a lucky winner of a raffle to be drawn at the Zuma Grill.

Please enjoy all the exciting activities of The Extraordinary Italian Taste courtesy of the Embassy of Italy in Nigeria.

Yours in hospitality

Etienne Gailliez
General Manager



About Italian Cuisine

Few would doubt the importance of food to Italian national and cultural identity. Food is widely recognized to be a fundamental part of what it means to be Italian. National signature dishes — which actually originated in the Italian cities, regions, or localities — provide many proud Italians with a cause for national celebration. Italian food also constitutes a key feature of global food culture. The development of international food chains selling pizza or pasta ensures that people across the globe recognize Italy as one of the world's great food nations.

Italian cuisine has developed through centuries of social and political changes, it has its roots in ancient Rome. Artichokes, peas, lettuce, parsley, melons, and apples, as well as wine and cheese, many kinds of

meat, and grains were all enjoyed by ancient Romans. For feasts Roman cooks used many spices, developed recipes for cheesecake and omelettes, and roasted all types of meat. From this noble beginning a sophisticated and flavourful cuisine has emerged. Significant changes occurred with the discovery of the New World and the introduction of potatoes, tomatoes, bell peppers and maize, now central to the cuisine but not introduced in quantity until the 18th century

Also, Italy exports and produces the highest level of wine, exporting over 2.38 million tonnes in 2011. As of 2005, Italy was responsible for producing approximately one-fifth of the world's wine. Some Italian regions are home to some of the oldest wine-producing traditions in the world

The country is also famous for its gelato, or traditional ice-cream often known as Italian ice cream abroad. There are gelaterias or ice-cream vendors and shops all around Italian cities, and it is a very popular dessert or snack, especially during the summer.

Coffee, and more specifically espresso, has become highly important to the cuisine of Italy. Cappuccino is also a famous Italian coffee drink, which is usually sweeter and less dark than espresso, and can be served with foam or cream on top, on which chocolate powder and sugar is usually sprinkled. Caffelatte is a mixture of coffee and milk, and is usually drunk at breakfast time (unlike most other Italian coffee-types, children and adults drink it alike, since it is lighter and more milky than normal coffee).



PROGRAMME

- Monday 31st October:
19:00: Italian Dinner at Zuma Grill.
- Tuesday 1st November:
19:00 - 20:30: Film comedy with English subtitles - Suya Terrace.
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.
- Wednesday 2nd November
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.
- Thursday 3rd November
19:00 – 20:30: Concert “Trio Bel Canto” - Suya Terrace.
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.
- Friday 4th November
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.
- Saturday 5th November
19:00 – 20:30: Film comedy with English subtitles - Suya Terrace.
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.
- Sunday 6th November
16:00 – 17:30: Kids movie in English - Suya Terrace.
19:00: Italian Dinner - Zuma Grill.



ROSARIA BUSCEMI, Soprano
MICHELE BRUNO, basso
IVAN NARDELLI, Flauto
ANTONIO ARCURI, clarinetto
MASSIMO CELIBERTO, corno

Trio Bel Canto

Rosaria Buscemi, soprano • Antonio Arcuri, clarinet • Alessandro Vuono, piano

Trio Bel Canto is representative of Bel Canto Ensemble, born in 2010 to promote the Italian musical culture all over the world. In just five years the Trio Bel Canto has performed in over twenty countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe (Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, United Arab Emirates, France, Gabon, Germany, Malta, Morocco, Nigeria, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and Vietnam), host of prestigious institutions, cultural and musical events (Dante Alighieri Society, Maison de Robert Schuman, Foundation of the Russian Culture, Opera Italia in Moscow, Italian Cultural Institutes in Bratislava, Brussels, Lyon, Montreal, Moscow, Rabat and Stuttgart,

European International Film Festival in Kaliningrad, Italian Festival Week in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, Musical Society of Nigeria, Ministère de la Culture du Royaume du Maroc, National Academy of Music and Arts in Bratislava, National Academy of Music "Nezhdanova" in Odessa, National Academy of Music "Gheorghe Dima" in Cluj-Napoca, Gaultitana Festival of Music in Victoria, Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Wits University in Johannesburg and many others), collaborating with a lot of Italian and international artists. The Trio Bel Canto was honored by the High Patronage of the President of Italian Republic.

1ST NOVEMBER:
Kisses and Hugs
(Comedy)



Christmas in a Tuscan farmhouse. Featuring Mario, originally from Salerno, owner of a failed restaurant and currently dealing with marriage breakdown. There are three former workers of Livorno who, with the help of family members have set up an ostrich farm in a half abandoned farmhouse.

The poster for 'Trio Bel Canto' Italian Week Celebration features the Italian flag (green, white, and red) at the bottom. Above the flag, the text reads 'Embassy of Italy in Abuja' and 'Trio Bel Canto'. Below the title, it lists the names of the composers: Gioacchino Rossini, Gaetano Donizetti, Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini, Ruggero Leoncavallo, and Luigi Arditi. The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd, 2016, at Suya Terrace (Transcorp Hilton) in Aguiyi Ironi Street, Maitama, Abuja. At the bottom, the text reads 'THE EXTRAORDINARY ITALIAN TASTE'.

5TH NOVEMBER
The Last Kiss
(Comedy)



"The Last Kiss" is about the fear of growing up. The fear of growing up when one is thirty years and the fear of growing old when one attains the age of fifty.

6TH NOVEMBER
Opopomoz



Young Rocco is jealous that he will soon have a baby brother. Three little devils are sent to earth by Satan and promise Rocco if he will stop baby Jesus from being born, his brother will never be born and he will remain an only child.

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