

Montreal's Italian Week – Preview

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2016 edition of Montreal's Italian Week is set to start in just one week's time. From August 5 to 14, the festival will celebrate all things Italian in different boroughs of Montreal.

The main festival events include the annual *Moda Sotto le Stelle* outdoor fashion show in Little Italy on Saturday, August 13 at 9:30PM, and a free outdoor presentation of Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*, also in Little Italy, on Sunday, August 14 at 9:00PM.

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This year's featured Italian region will be *Le Marche*. A selection of film inspired by the region will screen at four different venues: the Casa d'Italia (505 Jean-Talon Est), the Leonardo Da Vinci Centre (8370 boul. Lacordaire), the McCord Museum (690 Rue Sherbrooke West), and Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts (1380 Rue Sherbrooke West).

One of the film screening is *Leopardi, Il giovane favoloso*. The film was an official selection at the Venice International Film Festival, and tells the story of the Italian poet Giacomo Leopardi. *La stanza del figlio*, directed by Nanni Moretti and filmed in *Le Marche*, is the story of a middle-class Italian family.

The films will be presented in Italian, with English or French subtitles and admission will be free.

This year, the festival will spotlight the works of Italian-Canadian artists at four different locations. The Leonardo da Vinci Center will feature a solo exhibit by Elvino Echioni. Galleria D'Art Elisa (6796 boul. St-Laurent) will showcase the works of Frank Caracciolo, Alfonso Fiengo, Anita Cardone, Sonia Conforti, Paolo Ruiz, R. Aparici, Giovanni Angeloro, and Gianni Giuliano. Over at Espace D'art Ludovik in Old Montreal (1318 Rue Notre-Dame West), additional works by Frank Caracciolo, Sonia Conforti, Paolo Ruiz, Giovanni Angeloro, and Gianni Giuliano will be on display. And finally, during the festival's final days in Little Italy, the outdoor art exposition will feature works by Giovanni Romanelli, Sonia Conforti, Anita Cardone, and Elvino Echioni.

Montreal artist Mimmo Scali will have his own pop-up shop in Little Italy, at the corner of Blvd St-Laurent and Ave Mozart, from August 12 to 14.

Montreal singer/songwriter Marco Calliari returns to Montreal's Italian Week with a stellar outdoor concert on Friday, August 12 at 9:30PM on the Mastro & San Daniele Stage in Little Italy. Opening for Calliari will be singer/songwriter Paul Cargnello. Although this will be his first time performing at the festival, Cargnello is no stranger to the stage. A prolific performer in both English and French, his French-language singles have been in rotation on French-language radio. Both performances are not to be missed.

For a fourth year in a row, ItaloCanadese and the Order of the Sons of Italy in Canada, in collaboration with Montreal's Italian Week, will host a *Scopa* tournament on August 13 and 14 during the festivities in Little Italy. The *Scopa* Tent, on St-Laurent Boulevard between St-Zotique and Dante streets, will be open August 12, from 4:00PM to 10:00PM and August 13 and 14 from 1:00PM to 10:00PM. For folks who have not registered for the tournament, they will still have an opportunity to enjoy a friendly hand of *scopa* with friends or other festivalgoers.

Montreal's Italian Week, which attracts over 390,000 visitors annually, is organized by the Quebec Region of the National Congress of Italian-Canadians. For a full program listing, please visit www.italianweek.ca.

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