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Club Garibaldi News

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Note from the President

Benvenuti.

Our 'Lazy Sunday Afternoon' event on Sunday 14 April was anything but 'lazy.' The event was PHENOMENAL! The doors opened just before 2pm and streams and streams of people arrived. Robin Page and his band "The Young Once" were the entertainment and members and friends danced the day away. More on this truly successful event follows in the newsletter.

This year marks the 500th year since the death of Leonardo da Vinci, and there will be a presentation and talks on the life of Leonardo at the Club on 2 May. The Italian Embassy has arranged this in association with Club Garibaldi and the Circolo Italiano. More details follow below. If you wish to attend, please note you must RSVP to the Italian Embassy. Details are below.

Hope you all had a Buona Pasqua
Ciao for now



Linda

Lazy Sunday Afternoon

Over 100 people (Members and Friends) attended our "Lazy Sunday afternoon at Club Garibaldi" and what an afternoon it was! Totally amazing! This event was way beyond everyone's expectations and those who attended had an absolutely fabulous afternoon.

The dance floor was packed for 3 hours while the band played songs from the late 1950's to the early 1960's. Comments we received from those who came along, were that "Wellington lacked events such as this", and that "we need to do more of this type of event".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robin Page and "The Young Once" band who gave up their Sunday to entertain us. These boys truly rocked the Club! And a BIG thanks also goes out to Christine Hyam who prepared an amazing afternoon tea. We originally catered for approximately 40 people, so Christine was put to the test when at the last minute she had to feed over 100 people, which she did amazingly.

With the great success of this function, we will definitely look at having another afternoon in the future, so watch this space for further details.



Happy 90th BIRTHDAY

The Club would like to wish a Happy Birthday (Buon Compleanno) to Rosalia Amitrano of Island Bay who turned 90 years on 3 April.

Rosalia celebrated with a lovely afternoon tea at home along with her family on Sunday 7 April. Tanti Auguri Rosalia.



Anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci Presentation: 2 May 2019

The Embassy of Italy, in association with Club Garibaldi and Circolo Italiano di Wellington, is very pleased to present:

"Leonardo Da Vinci: the Scientist, the Humanist", with talks by David Hyams and Christopher Longhurst.

To commemorate the quincentennial anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, who died on 2nd May 1519, and to celebrate the prodigious polymath's life and work, join us for an evening of enlightening talks by two Wellington-based renowned experts.

David Hyams

"My working life taught me a great deal about myself and how the world works, My encounter with Leonardo was both profound and personal."

David was born and bred in Wellington, completing an Arts Degree at Victoria University before going on to have an extensive career in Arts Administration.

His career included lengthy experience in hospitality (including owning three restaurants and a bakery), nine years as Touring & Marketing Advisor to the Central Regional Arts Council (part of the QE11 Arts Council structure that preceded Creative New Zealand) then seven years in Porirua firstly as Manager of Page 90 and later as the inaugural Director of Pataka.



In 2008 David was invited by the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts to coordinate the da Vinci Machines Exhibition for its Wellington Season. As David researched the "man and his machines", he became intrigued and inspired by Leonardo's curiosity and quest for practical engineering solutions. David and his team expanded the vision of the exhibition and came up with the brand of "Touch the Mind of the Genius – Leonardo da Vinci." David built a wing out of bamboo and canvas as was designed by Leonardo and flew it over Wellington harbour while 10,000 people watched on to see if it would work!! David's perspective on da Vinci and his life and work is unique and controversial.

Chris Longhurst

Leonardo da Vinci
The Humanist

"The painter has the universe in his mind and hands."

In celebration of Leonardo's quincentenary, we recall the 'divine' painter's master artworks which show his love of humans and nature, and we reflect on how his unitary vision still speaks to us today through the eloquence and clarity of his human compositions, botanical illustrations, and anatomical drawings. Among the artworks revisited will be the world's most famous smile, Mona Lisa, that spell-binding pictorial narrative, The Last Supper, and some of the most elusive expressions of human emotion every seen in visual art - John the Baptist, Ginevra Benci, Lady with an Ermine, plus Leonardo's fascinating anatomical and botanical drawings.

Chris Longhurst is a specialist in theological aesthetics. He served as operatore didattico (educational officer) at the Vatican Museums, Rome, Italy, for over twelve years, and currently lectures at The Catholic Institute of Aotearoa New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington.



**Thursday 2nd May, 6pm
Club Garibaldi
118 Tory St, Te Aro
Free entry, drinks and nibbles to follow
Please RSVP by email to wellington.promozione@esteri.it**

Italian National Day Celebrations – Sunday 2 June

We will be celebrating our National Day celebrations at the Club on Sunday 2 June 2019. We will advise more details in the next newsletter, but for now please keep this night free. As always, this is open only to Financial members. The Club will provide refreshments.

Club Garibaldi Facebook page

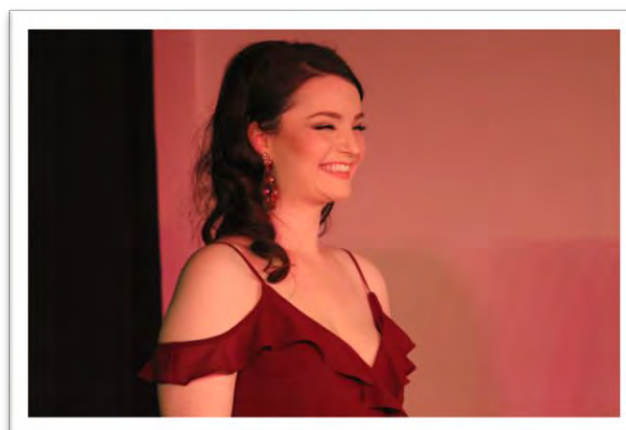
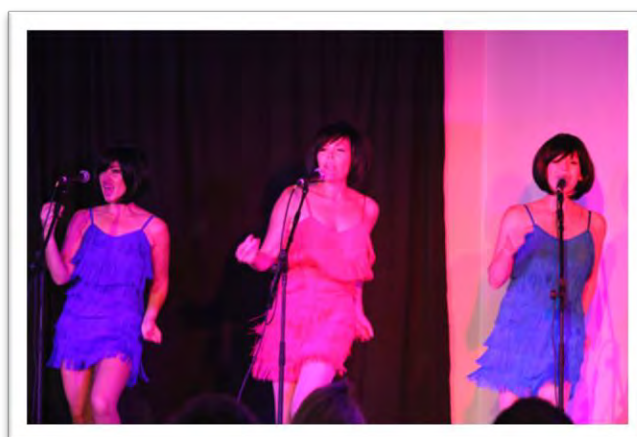
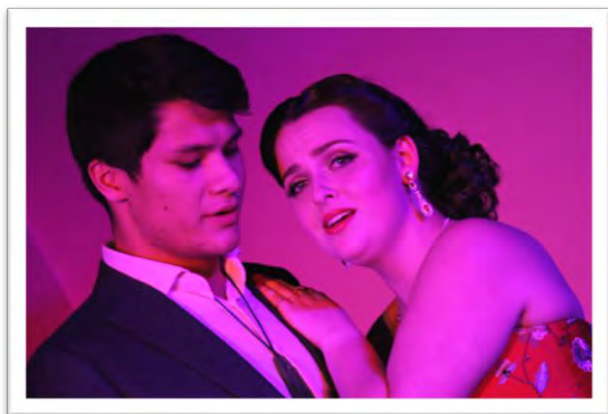
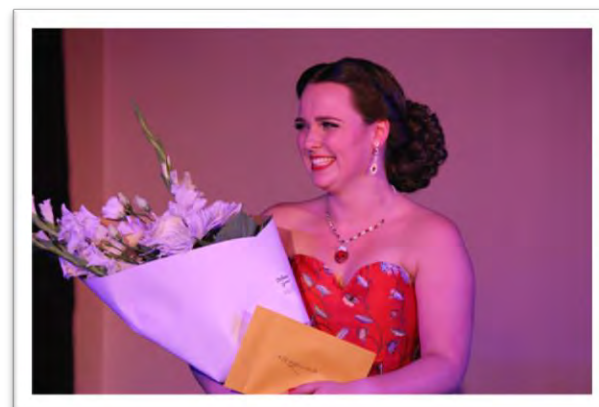
Please check it out and "Like" it. At this stage we haven't posted much, but as new events come to hand, we will post them on our Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClubGaribaldi/>



"A Night at the Garibaldi" Pasquale Orchard Benefit

Manchester bound, operatic soprano, Pasquale Orchard featured in two top nights of quality entertainment in the latest edition of the Benefit Series (now in its 28th year) held at the club rooms on 1st and 2nd March. Others to benefit were Wellington Aria winner, Will King, rising young talent Lane Corby, and Barbara Graham (on behalf of August Graham). The Beat Girls rounded out a varied programme with a Motown selection.



The Next Circolo social event as follows: May Social - Thursday 9 May 2019 – 7.30pm

Baroque Rome Victoria University art historian David Maskill will introduce us to the art and architecture of Baroque Rome. Entry fee for Club Garibaldi members is \$5, and non-members \$10. Drinks and nibbles follow.

COMITES NEWS

For those of you who want to know what the COMITES group are up to, please follow the link below. Note there is an Italian version and English version.

Italian Version:

<https://mailchi.mp/99f26539f62d/verbale-breve-riunione-comites-del-31-marzo-2019-e-notiziario-per-italiani-in-nuova-zelanda>

English Version:

<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=auto&langpair=auto|en&u=https%3A%2F%2Fus7.campaign-archive.com%2F%3Fu%3D1ceb751f47d2b6f3e3b356363%26id%3De3cc4f9164>

Defying the Mafia: the courage to be a witness

The course examines the strenuous commitment, often at a terrible price, of journalists, magistrates, police officers, writers, film directors, traders and ordinary citizens in fighting against organized crime in Italy from the late 1970s until now.

Antonella Sarti Evans is a teacher of Italian language and culture. She completed her PhD in the literature of English speaking countries with a specialisation in New Zealand contemporary literature from the University of Rome, La Sapienza in 2001.



**Tuesdays 30 April & 7, 14, 21, 28 May
6pm - 8pm**

Full Fee: \$200 (Early Bird Fee \$180)

Contact us about student and alumni discounts. For further information or to enrol visit www.victoria.ac.nz/conted or call 04-463 6556.



Dates for your Diary



Thursday 2 May 2019

“Anniversary of the death of Leonardo Da Vinci Presentation”

Thursday 9 May 2019

Circolo Social Event

Sunday 2 June 2019

Italian National Day Celebrations.