

PROMOTION OF ITALIAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE **PROGRAM – Year 2016**

LATVIA

DESIGN

Interior Design Tendencies – Didactical Implications

Riga

- 21st October 2016

Conference on interior design by Professor Francesco Scullica, Architect and Professor of design in the Department of Design of the Milan Polytechnic. The conference took place at the Riga Technical University.

Relation Between Fashion Brands and Interior Design

Riga

- 21st October 2016

Conference on interior design by Professor Francesco Scullica, Architect and Professor of design in the Department of Design of the Milan Polytechnic. The conference took place at the Art Academy of Latvia.

Riga Fashion Week 2016, Fall Edition

Riga

- From 27th October to 2nd November 2016

The Embassy participates and co-finances the Fall Edition of “Riga Fashion Week 2016”, the most important event in the fashion design sector in the Baltic region. Distribution of promotional material at the stand organized by the Embassy at the Radisson Blue Hotel.

Reward of a young fashion designer at the RFW

Riga

- 28th October 2016

Grant of a scholarship to the best young fashion designer at the “Riga Fashion Week” by Professor Bruno Manfuso of the EID (European Institute of Design).

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MUSIC

Concert by Massimo Mercelli at the “Bach Festival”

Riga

- 24th March 2016

During the “Bach Festival” at the Art Museum Riga Bourse, Massimo Mercelli has played together with the director of the Festival Ms. Aina Kalnciema.

Concert “DUO RUSSO & VILENSKY”

Riga

- 3th June 2016

To celebrate the “Italian National Day” the Embassy has organized, together with the duet “Duo Russo & Vilensky”, a concert to which have participated the Sola Choir (of 30 elements) and the tenor Krisjanis Norvelis.

Concert of the Orchestra “Coin Du Roi”

Castle of Rundale

- 9th July 2016

During the “XVII International Festival of Antique Music”, the Orchestra of Milan “Coin Du Roi” has performed in a concert of baroque music at the Castle of Rundale.

Concert of Luca Ciarla

Riga

- 28th July 2016

During the Festival “Ad Lucem”, concert of Luca Ciarla (violin) at Saint Peter’s Church.

Quel dolce Suono

Riga

- 1st October 2016

Opera concert in which has participated the Italian tenor Simone di Giulio, together with other Latvian singers.

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ITALIAN ART IN THE WORLD

“Back on Market”

Riga

- 10th February 2016

Conference on the figures of Italian art during the years 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, by Professor Nicola Trezzi (Director of the Master in fine arts, Fine Arts and Design Academy of Bezazel). In collaboration with the “Center of Contemporary Art KIM?”.

“Expanded Painting: from Picture Plane to Flying Carpet”

Riga

- 10th February 2016

Conference by Professor Nicola Trezzi (Director of the Master in fine arts, Fine Arts and Design Academy of Bezazel). In collaboration with the “Center of Contemporary Art KIM?”.

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE

Italian National Day

Riga

- 2nd June 2016

Reception during the “Italian National Day”, organized by the Ambassador. Concert with Italian songs.

Award “Dante Alighieri”

Riga

- 29th November 2016

Ceremony of award of the annual award by the Committee of the “Società Dante Alighieri”.

Course of Italian language for diplomats at the Latvian MFA

Riga

- From 1st December 2016 to May 2017

The Embassy organizes a course of Italian language for diplomats at the Latvian MFA. The lessons have been given by Professor Valentina Coppola, lecturer of Italian at L'ITALII. Participants have been divided in two groups according to their initial level.

“Europe Days” and “Open Doors Days”

Riga

- 6th and 9th May 2016

The Embassy has opened its doors to the Latvian public (among whom there were also about 200 students). Aim of the initiative was to promote Italian language and culture by screening videos on Italy and distributing material by ENIT (the Italian National Tourism Board).

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ITALIAN CUISINE IN THE WORLD

Degustation of typical products during the celebration of the “Italian National Day”

Riga

- 2th June 2016

During the celebrations for the “Italian National Day”, typical Italian products were offered to the guests.

Riga Food 2016

Riga

- From 6th to 9th September 2016

The Italian Embassy and other producers from Italy have participated to “Riga Food 2016”, the most important International Fair in the food sector, which each year welcomes more than 40,000 visitors. Distribution of material by ENIT (the Italian National Tourism Board).

Masterclass of Italian cuisine

Riga

- 22nd and 24th November 2016

Masterclass of Italian cuisine by the chefs of the School of Naples to the students of the Technical School of Tourism and Creative Industries of Riga.

CULTURAL TOURISM

Charity Christmas Bazaar 2016

Riga

- 3th December 2016

Participation of the Italian Embassy to the “Christmas Bazaar” organized by the International Womens’ Club of Riga.

CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES: CINEMA, AUDIOVISUALS AND PUBLICATIONS

Screening of the film “Albero della vita” (2008) by Hava Volterra

Riga

- 27th January 2016

During the event organized by the Embassy of Israel in Riga for the commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust, screening of the film “Albero della vita” by Hava Volterra. In collaboration with the Embassy of Israel in Riga.

Screening of films

Riga

- 2016

During the year, different films have been screened at the Embassy of Italy in Riga. The screening have been made in original language (Italian) with English subtitles.

“Open Doors Day” at the Embassy

Riga

- 9th May 2016

Screening of the ArtFILM “Voluptas dolendi – I gesti del Caravaggio” (2008). Event reserved to Latvian students. In collaboration with MAECI (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation).

Screening of the film-documentary “Quando l’Italia mangiava in bianco e nero”

Riga

- 21st November 2016

Screening of film-documentary “Quando l’Italia mangiava in bianco e nero” during the “Week of Italian Cousine”. Introduction to the film by Professor Nicola Corcelli.

Screening of the film “Fuocoammare”

Riga

- 12nd December 2016

Screening of the film “Fuocoammare” by Gianfranco Rosi, which had a great success during the European Film Festival 2016.