

Allegro Concert Series come to Boston

Ten concerts to showcase local and foreign talent

Boston, MA — Starting in April, Sounds of Italy Festival will be roaring back with a two-month-long concert series that will showcase some of the best Italian talent currently living and performing in the Boston area, as well as important guest artists from Italy.

Co-organized and hosted by I AM Books, the country's first Italian-American bookstore, the concert series will feature 10 different performances throughout the months of April and May.

Kicking off the ten-show series on April 2 will be Riccardo Del Fra, director of the Paris Conservatory's jazz department. The complete schedule for the concert series is as follows:

- April 2 - **Riccardo Del Fra** (Paris Conservatory, France)
- April 7 - **Michela Musolino** (Terra Sanguine Mare CD presentation)
- April 9 - **Stefano Marchese & Andrea Pejrolo** (Berklee College of Music)
- April 16 - **Walter Valeri** (Poets' Theater in Cambridge)
- April 23 - **Cettina Donato** (Messina Conservatory, Italy)
- April 30 – **Alma Antigua** (Cassan, Pignataro, Muratore)
- May 7 – **Nempac presents: Neapolitan and Italian Love Songs**
- May 14 - **Fluid Collective** (Berklee College of Music)
- May 21 - **Tino D'Agostino** (Arlington High School Music Director)
- May 28 - **Renato Milone** (Berklee College of Music)

For two months, audiences coming to I AM Books at 189 North Street in Boston's historical North End neighborhood will have a chance to listen to genres ranging from jazz to pop and also more traditional folk music.

"The richness of the incredible talents in this particular area is what inspired me to put together this program," says Sounds of Italy Artistic Director Stefano Marchese, who hails from the region of Abruzzo and came in 2010 to Berklee College of Music to pursue a career as a musician.

The concert series is made possible also thanks to the support of the North End Music and Performing Arts Center and of the Italian Consulate General of Italy in Boston.

For more details on shows and to purchase tickets, please visit iambooksboston.com/allegro, email info@soundsofitaly.org or call 857-263-7665.

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