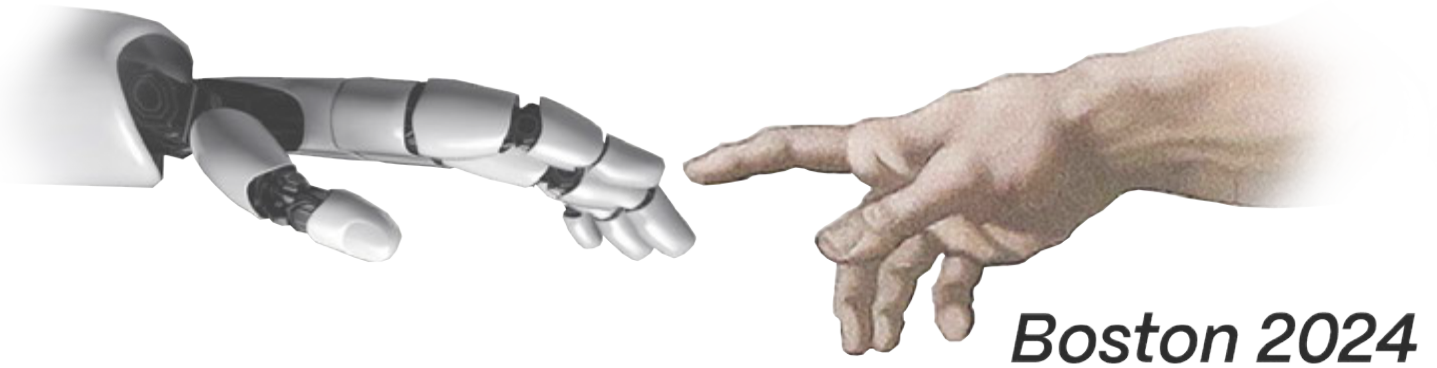




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Boston 2024

Festival of Italian Creativity

Program

Nov 14–Nov 22



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Festival of Italian Creativity

Thursday, November 14

Opening Day

Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Cutting-edge laboratories born from Italian creativity and kick-off of the Festival of Italian Creativity! Innovative workshops on theater, robotics, silk, and the future of art and science firsthand.

A scuola di creatività 9:00am-2:30pm | Beehive Room

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CENTRO ATTIVITÀ SCOLASTICHE ITALIANE

Interactive workshops for middle schools: discover creativity through hands-on experiences! Explore innovative uses of silk with SilkLab (Tufts University), dive into the world of Italian Commedia dell'Arte on stage with Pazzi Lazzi Troupe and learn to program a robot with the Department of Naval, Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering of the University of Genoa.

silk lab

Silk Lab



Theater Lab



Robotics Lab

Opening Event

5:30pm - 7:30pm | Morris Auditorium

Grand opening of the two-week celebration where Italy showcases its innovative spirit in art, music, literature, cinema, gastronomy, science, technology and business.

The inaugural event features special guest renowned Italian comic artist Leo Ortolani and AI digital artist Mauro Martino. Eliot k-8 children's choir will open the event.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience Italy's creative excellence!

Launch of AI generated video "Boston Creativity Hub" by Prof. Mauro Martino (IBM Research)

AI initiative, dedicated to Boston and its unique dynamic of innovation and knowledge, which makes it a true hub of creativity with an Italian touch.



C'è spazio per tutti

Leo Ortolani il Fumetto | Morris Auditorium

The creator of the comic book hero Rat-Man presents his trilogy on space exploration and takes us into his comic artist's workshop.

Aperitivo italiano

7:30pm-9:00pm | Harbor View

Book signing by Leo Ortolani - Accompanied by the music of SVLT "Voci di donne"

Festival of Italian Creativity

Friday, November 15

Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Cutting-edge laboratories born from Italian creativity and Award Ceremony of the XXIV Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo.

A scuola di creatività

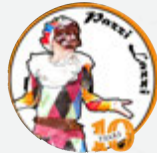
9:00am-2:30pm | Beehive Room

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CENTRO ATTIVITA' SCOLASTICHE ITALIANE

Interactive workshops for high schools: discover creativity through hands-on experiences! Learn how comics are created with renowned Italian comic artist Leo Ortolani, explore innovative uses of silk with SilkLab (Tufts University), dive into the world of Italian Commedia dell'Arte on stage with Pazzi Lazzi Troupe and learn to program a robot with the Department of Naval, Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering of the University of Genoa.

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Silk Lab



Theater Lab



Robotics Lab



Comics Lab

Award Ceremony

"XXIV Settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo"

5:00pm-7:00pm | Morris Auditorium

"Un mondo fra le righe" – XXIV Week of the Italian Language in the World

Award Ceremony "L'italiano e il libro: un mondo fra le righe", a creative contest engaging school and college students across the jurisdiction.

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Italian writers in dialogue

A captivating discussion between Italian writers Dacia Maraini and Marco Malvaldi, moderated by Prof. Elvira Di Fabio

(Harvard University): creative perspectives and insights on literature, translation and the art of storytelling.

A must-attend event for literary and cultural enthusiasts!

Book signing by Dacia Maraini and Marco Malvaldi



Festival of Italian Creativity

Saturday, November 16

Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Cutting-edge laboratories born from Italian creativity and unforgettable evening dedicated to music!

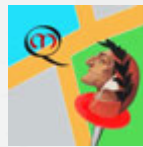
A scuola di creatività **9:00am-2:30pm | Beehive Room**

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CENTRO ATTIVITÀ SCOLASTICHE ITALIANE

Interactive workshops for high schools: discover creativity through hands-on experiences! Discover Dante's Florence and its hidden gems through a multimedia educational app created by prof. Giovanni Spani (College of the Holy Cross) and prof. Michael Papio (UMass Amherst), explore innovative uses of silk with SilkLab (Tufts University), and learn to program a robot with the Department of Naval, Electrical, Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering of the University of Genoa.

silk lab

Silk Lab



Dante's Florence Lab



Robotics Lab

"Va, pensiero"

A Symphonic Jazz Exploration of Timeless Italian Arias **7:30PM | Jordan Hall | New England Conservatory**

Join us for a captivating evening of Italian opera and jazz. This grand premiere will feature an extraordinary collaboration of remarkable talents across jazz, gospel, and classical music. Presented by Marco Pignataro and the Berklee Contemporary Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Julius P. Williams, this concert is part of the Festival of Italian Creativity 2024, sponsored by the Italian Consulate General of Italy in Boston.



Kenny
Werner



Ron
Savage



Marco
Pignataro



Ron
Carter



Joe
Lovano



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Sunday, November 17

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Kickoff of the Festival of Creativity's Italian Film Series with a night of the latest gems from Italy! Experience contemporary storytelling, fresh perspective, and captivating visuals that showcase the best of Italy's new film productions. Don't miss the chance to immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Italian cinema. This event marks the start of the film screening series.

Presentation of "Italian Screens"

Presented by the Italian Ministry of Culture

ITALIAN SCREENS

**5:30pm | Boston University | Law Auditorium |
767 Commonwealth Ave | Boston**

The screening will feature Italian dialogue with English subtitles



Italian Screens è una iniziativa della Direzione Generale per il Cinema e l'Audiovisivo del Ministero della Cultura e del Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale, organizzata da Cinecittà in collaborazione con Il Consolato Generale d'Italia a Boston

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Festival of Italian Creativity

Tuesday, November 19
Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Life Sciences

The first day of the Science/Technology/Business program of the Festival of Creativity will center on life sciences, featuring key discussions, presentations, roundtables, and interviews with leading researchers and industry experts. Attendees will have the opportunity to network and explore future partnerships aimed at driving scientific breakthroughs in Biology, Medicine, and Public Health.

8:00am **REGISTRATION**

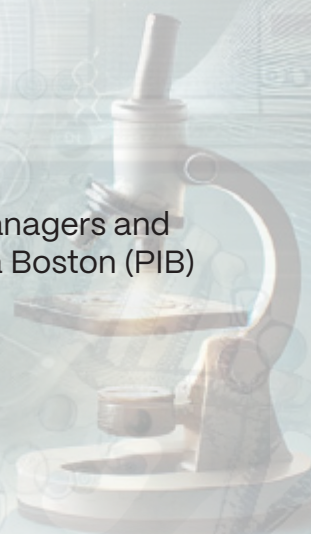
9:00am **OPENING** | Boston the hub of life science research, development and business – Welcoming address:
Arnaldo Minuti (Consul General, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Paolo Gaudenzi (Science and Technology Counselor, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Alessandro Vespignani (NorthEastern University)
Maurizio Fava (Harvard Medical, MGH)

9:30am **BUSINESS FORUM** | The initiatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the associations of bio companies
Jeevan Ramapriya (Executive Director | MOITI, Mass. Office International Trade and Investment)
Jeanne Le Clair (Mass Life Science)
Kendal Burlin O'Connell (Mass BIO)

ROUND TABLE | Success stories of Italian entrepreneurs and managers in the Boston life sciences ecosystem
Giacomo Chiesi (Global Rare Diseases)
Gabriele Brambilla (Alira Health)
Gianluca Pettiti (Thermo Fisher)
Franco Manganaro (Nova Biomedical)

10:45am **CAPPUCCINO NETWORKING**

11:30am **CREATIVITY IN BUSINESS** in Boston by Italian professionals, managers and startupper. Session co-organized with a Professionisti Italiani a Boston (PIB)
Riccardo Sabatini (Orionis Biosciences)
Salvatore Mascia (Continuus Pharmaceuticals)
Susanna High (Dyne Therapeutics)





Tuesday, November 19 continued

Life Sciences

12:30pm

ALMA (School of Italian Culinary Arts) networking lunch
Celebrating the IX Week of Italian Cuisine in the World

2:00pm

EXCELLENCE FROM ITALY

Maria Grazia Magro (HUMANTECHNOPOLE)

Maria Sabrina Sarto, Valeria Panebianco (CARE Sapienza)

Matteo Lai (Empatica)

3:00pm

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | Enhancing visibility of women research

ROUND TABLE | with prominent scientist operating in the Boston science and technology ecosystem

Giulia Menichetti (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School)

Sabrina Paganoni (MGH, Harvard Medical School)

Giuseppina Tesco (Tufts University School of Medicine)

3:45pm

COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING

4:00pm

SCIENCE FORUM | Digital transition: AI, Human-Machine Interactions

Andrea Vicini (Boston College) Ethics in AI

Marco Zenati (Harvard University) Hybrid Human-Machine Interaction in Surgery

4:30pm

SCIENCE FORUM | Creativity in Science and Technology by Italian Scientists

Michela Fagiolini (Boston Children's Hospital Harvard University)

Alessio Fasano (Harvard University) Food as medicine

5:00pm

SCIENCE FORUM | COLLOQUIUM:

Exploring frontiers of medicine and public Health

Alessandro Vespignani (Northeastern University)

Joseph Loscalzo (Harvard University)

Francesca Dominici (Harvard University)

6:00pm

ITALIAN APERITIVO NETWORKING | Concluding remarks

"Il Principe di Machiavelli"

7:00pm Consulate General of Italy | Morris Auditorium

Theatrical performance read and interpreted by **Manuele Morgese**
(TeatroZeta) with live music curated by the Boston Conservatory



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Wednesday, November 20

Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Climate Sustainability Energy

The second day of the Science/Technology/Business program of the Festival of Creativity will address climate change and its economic and social consequences, focusing on approaches to sustainable energy resources. Experts from various fields will discuss how cutting-edge science and business strategies can be utilized to tackle the environmental crisis and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

8:00am **REGISTRATION**

9:00am **OPENING** | Climate change and the challenges in sustainability and energy sources
Welcoming address:
Arnaldo Minuti (Consul General, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Paolo Gaudenzi (Science and Technology Counselor, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Eliana La Ferrara (Harvard JFK School of Government)

9:30am **BUSINESS FORUM** | The initiatives in Climate Tech by the Commonwealth of Mass.
Jeevan Ramapriya (Executive Director MOITI | Mass. Office International Trade and Investment)
Ross Palley (Mass Clean Energy Center)

ROUND TABLE | Success stories of Italian corporations and managers in the Boston clean tech and energy ecosystem
Paolo Romanacci (Enel)
Clara Andreoletti (ENI)
Andrea Pirondini (Prysmian)
Luciana Burdi (Logan Airport)

10:45am **CAPPUCCINO NETWORKING**

11:30am **BUSINESS FORUM** | Venture Capital and Start Up: Opportunities for Italian startups (Session co-organized with 42N)



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Wednesday, November 20 continued

Climate Sustainability Energy



12:30pm **ALMA** (School of Italian Culinary Arts) networking lunch
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2:00pm **EXCELLENCE EXPERIENCES FROM ITALY**

Francesco Petracchini (CNR) CNR for climate change

Davide Giglio (Università di Genova) Technologies for the sea

Daniele Del Rio (Università di Parma) Challenges for a sustainable nutrition

3:00pm **YOUNG SCIENTISTS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** | Round table with young prominent scientist operating in the Boston science and technology ecosystem

3:45pm **COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING**

4:00pm **SCIENCE FORUM** | Digital Transition: Artificial Intelligence

Tomaso Poggio (MIT)

Massimiliano Versace (Neurala)

4:30pm **SCIENCE FORUM** | Creativity in Science and Technology by Italian Scientist

Jacopo Buongiorno (MIT), New solutions for nuclear fission reactors

5:00pm **SCIENCE FORUM | COLLOQUIUM** | Climate change and its social, economical and political consequences

Eliana La Ferrara (Harvard)

Enrico Spolaore (Tufts)

Paola Malanotte Rizzoli (EAPS MIT)

6:00pm **ITALIAN APERITIVO NETWORKING** | Concluding remarks



"Il Belpaese: A tribute to Giacomo Puccini"

7:00pm Consulate General of Italy | Morris Auditorium

A tribute on the occasion of 100 years of his passing, featuring some of his most beautiful opera arias.

Presented by Artistic Director **Nicolas Giusti** | Boston Conservatory.

Special participation of Soprano **Annalisa Raspagliosi**



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Thursday, November 21

Consulate General of Italy (Federal Reserve Building)

Advanced Materials and Manufacturing, Robotics and Space

The third day will focus on advancements in materials and manufacturing, exploring how innovations in these fields, including electronics, can unlock new frontiers in industrial applications. A very special session on the space economy will be held in the second half of the morning, featuring Italian astronaut Walter Villadei scientists and industrial experts, in celebration of Italian National Space Day.

8:00am REGISTRATION

9:00am OPENING | The future of manufacturing and materials in the Tech Industry.
Welcoming address:
Arnaldo Minuti (Consul General, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Paolo Gaudenzi (Science and Technology Counselor, Consulate General of Italy in Boston)
Fiorenzo Omenetto (TUFTS)

9:30am BUSINESS FORUM | The initiatives in **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING** by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Jeevan Ramapriya (Executive Director | MOITI, Mass. Office International Trade and Investment)
Ben Linville Engler (Advanced Manufacturing)

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE | US/Italian cooperation in Banking, Investments, Consulting

10:45am CAPPUCCINO NETWORKING

11:30am ITALIAN NATIONAL SPACE DAY | Space Economy and Human Space Flight: The Role of Italy and Novel Cooperations
Walter Villadei (Astronaut, Aeronautica Militare)
Massimo Comparini (Leonardo)
Marco Brancati (Telespazio)
Olivier de Weck (MIT-Aero Astro)

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Thursday, November 21 continued

Advanced Materials and Manufacturing, Robotics and Space

12:30pm **ALMA** (School of Italian Culinary Arts) networking lunch
Celebrating the IX Week of Italian Cuisine in the World



2:00pm **BUSINESS FORUM** | Architecture, Design and Construction: Italian success stories in Boston
Joe Albanese (Commodore Building)
John Cannistraro (Cannistraro)
Stefano Valagussa (Trevi)

3:00pm **EXCELLENCE FROM ITALY**
Miriam Mirolla (Accademia di Belle Arti)
Jacopo Tirillo (Agenzia Spaziale Italiana)
Marco Molina (Sitael)
Antonio Concilio (Centro Italiano di ricerche aerospaziali)

3:45pm **COFFEE BREAK NETWORKING**

4:00pm **SCIENCE FORUM** | Digital Transition: AI, Blockchain, Machine Learning, Virtual Reality
Silvio Micali (MIT and Algorand)
Olivier Terzo (Fondazione Link, Politecnico di Torino)

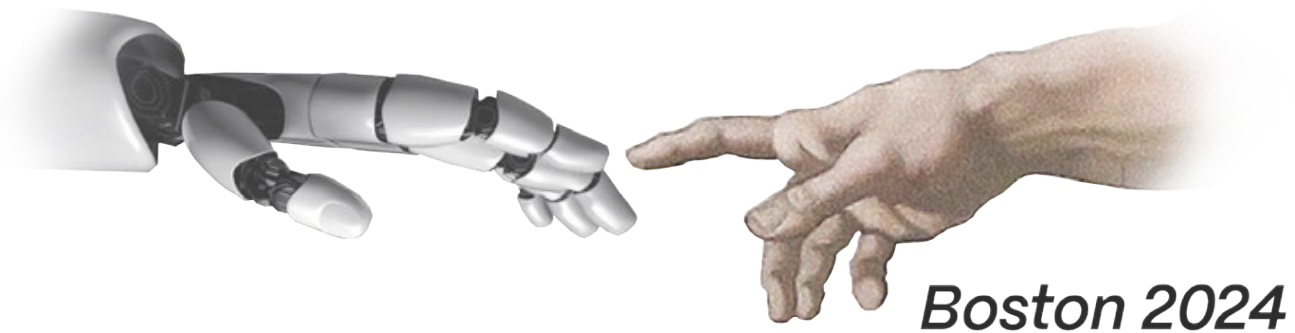
4:30pm **SCIENCE FORUM** | Creativity in Science and Technology by Italian Scientists: electronics and photonics
Luca Dal Negro (Boston University)
Matteo Rinaldi (North Eastern University)

5:00pm **SCIENCE FORUM** | **COLLOQUIUM**: Advanced materials processes and technologies that can change the world
Fiorenzo Omenetto (Tufts)
Arianna Traviglia (IIT)
Paolo Gaudenzi (Consulate General of Italy in Boston)

6:00pm **ITALIAN APERITIVO NETWORKING** |
Concluding remarks



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Boston 2024

Gala of Italian Creativity

November 22

Sowa PowerStation – 6:00PM

An unforgettable celebration and the occasion to express the deep gratitude for the significant contributions of the Italian-American community to the growth and success of the United States of America.



www.italyimboston.org/gala