



2021



JANUARY

news letter

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Italian Cultural Institute,

It is a pleasure to have arrived in the beautiful city of Toronto, and I am looking forward to a year filled with interesting Italian activities and events.

Toronto is a lively, multicultural city with a vibrant national and international cultural scene. I am honoured and excited to continue the Institute's mission to bring the best of Italian culture to Ontario and other Canadian Provinces where this Institute operates.

While Italy is best known for its ancient, classic and renaissance history, my aim will also be to present the contemporary side of Italy's art, design, music, cinematography, theatre, science and the other facets present in modern Italy.

Despite the restrictions and emergency measures imposed by the global pandemic of Covid19, we are off to a good start as our January calendar is already filled with exciting events, from digital expositions to film screenings, including a special online event to commemorate "Holocaust Remembrance Day". Last but not least, we will have a virtual talk on Italy in the post-Covid era featuring four prominent speakers representing scientific, economic and literary sectors.

In the months and years ahead, I hope to bring several of our best artists, scientists and professionals representing Italian culture to Toronto and I look forward to working with our cultural partners in Ontario and other provinces.

May this year be filled with good health and new cultural discoveries.

Veronica Manson

books



ITALIAN BOOK CLUB

Dante Alighieri Society of BC

La vita bugiarda degli adulti | Elena Ferrante

Giovanna's pretty face is changing, turning ugly, at least so her father thinks. Giovanna, he says, looks more like her Aunt Vittoria every day. But can it be true? Is she turning into her Aunt Vittoria, a woman she hardly knows but whom her mother and father clearly despise? Giovanna is searching for her reflection in two kindred cities that fear and detest one another: Naples of the heights, which assumes a mask of refinement, and Naples of the depths, a place of excess and vulgarity. She moves from one to the other in search of the truth, but neither city seems to offer answers or escape.

NOTE: The discussion will take place in Italian Tuesday, January 19 | 8:30pm EST

Via Whereby | Free Event | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[click here for registration information](#)

EMERGING ECOLOGIES

@ DESIGNTO 2021

Italy Under Construction Series

Curated by Roberto Damiani, Emerging Ecologies presents a selection of eight built urban projects from Italy and Canada that show how public agencies and interdisciplinary teams of designers are working together to envision more socially and environmentally sustainable scenarios for our built environments. The Istituto Italiano di Cultura Toronto will launch a video presentation of the exhibition on its YouTube channel.

IIC VIDEO EXHIBITION:

Launches Thursday, January 21

YouTube Channel of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura

DesignTO DIGITAL EXHIBITION:

January 21 to March 1, 2021

[click here for more information](#)

Emerging
Ecologies
Architecture



ICFF/L'ALTRA ITALIA FILM SERIES HOME STREAMING

Once Upon a Time in Bethlehem

In a small Sicilian town in 2019, a local church organizes a nativity scene. At the helm of the operation is Valentino, a straight-laced, traditionalist priest who typically prays first and acts later. Playing St. Joseph in the nativity scene is Salvo, a bumbling, selfish thief who hopes to steal the statue of the infant Jesus and sell it for a fortune. When Salvo finally makes his move, he is pursued by Valentino into the marshlands. The two come out of the grasses, finding themselves in the middle of the Palestinian desert at the time of Jesus' birth.

Supported by the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Toronto

Available January 25 to February 4

[click here for details and tickets](#)

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2021

Holocaust Museums and Memorials: Preserving History and Conveying a Message of Life

2021 marks the 76th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The Istituto Italiano di Cultura Toronto will host an online conversation with Dr. Simonetta Della Seta, Italian representative at the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and former Director of the Museum of Judaism and the Shoah in Ferrara and Dr. Jeremy Maron, curator at the Canadian Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Tuesday, January 26 | 12:00pm EST

Via Zoom | Free Event | **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[click here to register on Zoom](#)





IT@CA 2021

Made in Italy Back to the Future

The second annual edition of IT@CA, will be presented as a free online event featuring four acclaimed and globally renowned guests in conversation with Anna Maria Tremonti, one of Canada's most trusted journalists.

The event provides an insightful opportunity to individuals interested in the cultural exchange between Italy and Canada and the post-COVID-19 expectations.

2021 Panelists:

Antonio Scurati | Writer | 2019 Premio Strega
Angela Missoni | President, Missoni S.p.A
Carlo Ratti | Architect
Ilaria Capua | Virologist

Thursday, January 28 | 12:00pm EST

Via Zoom | Free Event | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[click here for details and registration link](#)

MAJESTY @ DESIGNTO 2021

Illusion between Canada and Italy

Digital Exhibition

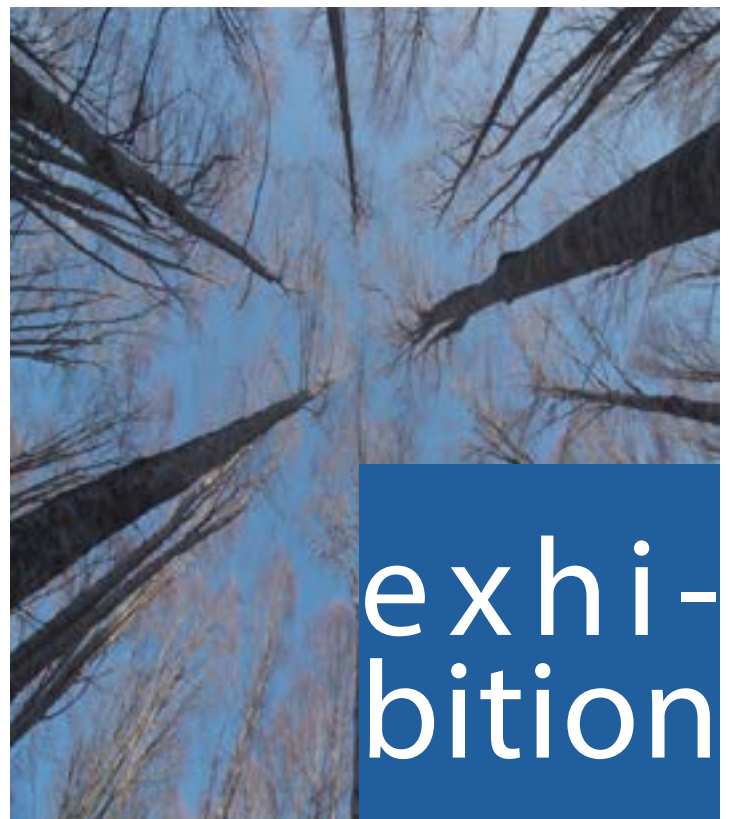
Designed by Chiara Andreatti and Francesco Faccin Curated by Maria Cristina Didero and Francesca Molteni

This exhibition that was to open in May, 2020 at the Istituto, is now part of the DesignTO Festival lineup. The exhibiton presents new young protagonists of the most innovative and remarkable Italian design by exploring one of the real and symbolic territories that define Canadian culture and identity: the relationship of humans with wild nature. In this area, designers Chiara Andreatti and Francesco Faccin were able to listen, interpret and represent the tension between the two extremes made up of the artifact and the natural.

Currently available until February 28, 2021

Online | Free Event

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