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2009 Sicilian Festival Entertainment Schedule

Cedar & India Street Stage



Sponsored by **Tarantinos Sausages**

- 10:00-11:30 am **Judy Ciotti** performs popular Italian hits, as well as other beloved songs from across the decades
- noon **COLORFUL FLAG PROCESSION** featuring costumed dancers and representatives from San Diego's Italian organizations
- 12:15 pm **ROMAN HOLIDAY ENSEMBLE** presents: **A MUSICAL TOUR of SICILY.**
- 1:30 pm The colorful **ITALIAN DANCE TROUPE** of Balboa Park performs a variety of Italian and Sicilian dances.
- 1:50 pm **ROMAN HOLIDAY** takes you back to *Bella Sicilia* with a wide repertoire of folk songs and dances.
- 3:00 pm **Direct from Las Vegas--"World's Greatest Accordionist"--FESTIVAL HEADLINER DICK CONTINO**
- 4:15-6:00 pm The **PETER PAVONE** ensemble, featuring Italian jazz & Sinatra-style vocals

Beech and India Stage

Sponsored by **Peroni**



- 10:00 am-11:30 am **Z-BOP** performs Italian and American hits from across the decades.
- 11:45 am-1:45 pm **The Sicilian Band** features lively vocals and a wide range of Sicilian & Italian music.
- 2:00-2:45 pm **Allesandra Belloni**, nationally acclaimed featured Guest Artist, will present **"Rhythm is the Cure,"** with percussion and vocals from Sicily and Southern Italy
- 3:00-3:25 pm **Pasta Eating Contest**, sponsored by Little Italy Spaghetteria
- 3:30 pm-4:30 pm Featured Guest Artist **Allesandra Belloni** returns to conduct a percussion workshop for the public
- 4:45pm-6:00 pm Join Jerry Balestreri and the **Sicilian Street Musicians** as they close out the Festival with a fun-filled jam--Sicilian-style

Date and India Stage

Sponsored by Solunto's Bakery



- 10:00-11:30 am **Al Marchese & the Diplomats of Jazz** feature classic jazz standards.
- 12:00-2:30 pm **Daniele Spadavecchia's Sicilian Swing**--Italian music, New Orleans-style, sponsored by Evelyn Ascough
- 2:45-4:30pm **The Sinatra Guy** croons famous Italian American hits
- 5:00-6:00 pm **The Pizarro Brothers**, ages 8 & 11, present classical music on two pianos.

Italian Courtyard

1646 India Street

- 11:00 am & 2:00 pm The **Jim Bianchi Ensemble** presents Italian and operatic melodies featuring soprano **Delynn Ketcherside**
- Noon-1:00 pm Soprano **Monique Caron** presents Italian opera selections
- 3:00-6:00 pm Smilin' Jack entertains with his wide variety of accordion selections

SICILIAN CULTURAL PAVILION

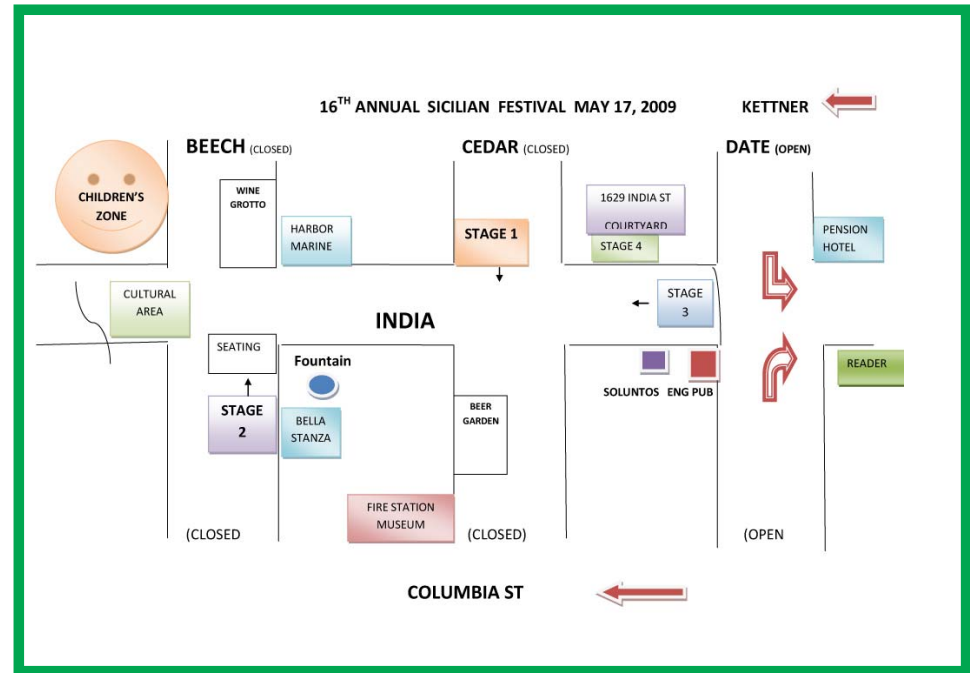
Part of the goal of the *Sicilian Festival* is to preserve the history and heritage of the Sicilian American Community in San Diego. Now in its second year, the SICILIAN CULTURAL PAVILION, located on India and Beech, features a wide variety of artists and historians—all dedicated to the preservation of Sicilian and Italian culture. We invite our visitors to step into the world of our forefathers to view old photographs of San Diego's first Sicilian immigrants, listen to authors sharing precious family memories



and discover what modern Italian artists are contributing to the world of art and culture. New this year is a historical display of vintage Sicilian marionettes, some three feet tall!

Stop by to view a traditional Sicilian Carretta; fishermen repairing their nets, a display of fish caught by Sicilian fishermen; renowned chalk artist Lori Escalera, artisans, and more....

Getting Around the Festa



Festa Highlights

The Sicilian Festival is proud to announce this year's headliner, the world-famous accordionist virtuoso, **Dick Contino**. Billed as the "world's greatest accordion player, he appears regularly at festivals across the nation and around the world to delight audiences of all ages.



Direct from New York City, the Festival welcomes the nationally-acclaimed **Allessandra Belloni**, who is the only woman in the United States and in Italy specializing in the Southern Italian tambourine style together with the singing and the dancing that is so much a part of the heritage of this region.

Hopefully you've come hungry, because this is your chance to taste some of the best Sicilian cuisine this side of Palermo! Enjoy a stroll through the many booths lining India Street. If you have kids in tow, the Children's area offers face-painting, rides, Puppet Shows at noon and 2:00 pm, CantaShow youth entertainers, Italian fun with song at 1:00 pm, and more! At noon, a colorful flag parade of costumed dancers, musicians, and representatives from the Italian community will make their way through the streets of San Diego's beautiful Little Italy neighborhood.

