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Subject: Invitation - Italian Heritage Month - Friday, June 26 + Virtual Event 9-10pm

Attachments: IHM - Online poster - 2020.jpg

Dear Mayor and Council,

You are invited to a virtual celebration of Italian Heritage Month, one of the City's recognized celebrations and observances, on Friday, June 26 from 9 – 10 pm. The celebration will feature a Proclamation reading by Deputy Mayor Melissa De Genova, and a musical performance to launch of the *Virtual Italian Day on the Drive for Courage* concert series. The event will be live-streamed on the Italian Day webpage from the north steps of City Hall. Vancouver City Hall will be illuminated in green, white and red to mark the occasion.

The event and the *Italian Day on the Drive for Courage* concert series is inspired by Italy's uplifting music and song delivered via balconies and rooftops during its COVID-19 crisis. The virtual performance on Friday evening marks the first in this summer concert series. The initiative also seeks to drive awareness to mental health and our community's most vulnerable; and will be supporting *Coast Mental Health's* campaign *Spread Courage*, *Not Fear*.

Event details

• Date: Friday, June 26, 2020

• Time: 9-10 pm

View event online: https://www.italianday.ca/live-stream [italianday.ca]

Attached is the poster for the event and given our strict adherence to public health directives, everyone is encouraged to join the celebration online.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact ellen.vaillancourt@vancouver.ca.

Best, Sadhu

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.



ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH Virtual Celebration

and launch of Italian Day on The Drive for Courage



City Hall Friday, June 26 | 9:00pm https://www.italianday.ca/live-stream