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The New Jersey Italian Heritage Commission presents

Increasing Awareness of Italian Heritage through Film

“The University of Italian Heritage” curriculum, developed by the
NJIHC in consultation with the New Jersey Department of
Education

*New Jersey Italian Heritage Commission promoting Italian Culture
in NJ*

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The Agenda Part 1

- 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM** **Welcoming - Opening Statements**
Robert DiBiase - Chair
- Executive Director
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- 9:15 AM - 9:50 AM** **Film & Panel Discussion:**
Integration of ‘An Italian’s Dream:’
Leads to the Origin of the
Hispanic Peoples and Beyond
- Eric Lavin
 - Giulia Vallucci
 - Andre DiMino
 - Robert DiBiase
- 9:50 AM - 10:15 AM** **What’s happening with our**
statues? “The Restoration of the
Trenton Statue of Columbus”
- Cav. Gilda Rorro, Ed.D.
Chair Emerita
 - Al Hutchins
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM** **BREAK**

The Agenda Part 2

- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM** **“The Creation of America: The**
Roman Legacy”
- Dr. Brady
 - Ms. Laura Francolino
 - Matthew Guarnieri
 - Steven Puricelli
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 AM** **Musical Interlude by**
Dame Dr. Mary Rorro
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM LUNCH**
- 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM** **Filmmaker /Director Donna**
Serbe-Davis- Introduction of
“Gianni Berengo Gardin’s
Tales of Two Cities”
- 1:20 PM - 1:40 PM** **"St. Frances Xavier Cabrini -**
Immigration" Intro & Film -
Dame Josephine Marchetta
- 1:40 PM - 2:00 PM** **Awards - Q & A**