

ITANJ ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE DAY COMPETITION 2025

“L'Italia nel mondo: l'impronta globale degli italiani”

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH, 2025

AT RU COLLEGE AVE CAMPUS STUDENT CENTER

LEVELS: Students from all levels of Italian are able to participate. Each teacher chaperone may bring up to 25 people.

PERFORMANCES: Each school must do a presentation on that day. Not every student from each school is required to be in the performance but each school must be represented by some type of presentation. The top High School performances as well as the top Middle School performances will be awarded prizes for their schools. Performances will be judged based on the following [rubric](#).

Students will also have a chance to vote for their favorite performances based on certain criteria.

TIME LIMIT: Kindly note that the rubric indicates specific requirements relative to the time limit. Please note that performances cannot exceed the 5 minute time limit. **Any performance that exceeds 5 minutes will be penalized according to rubric.**

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: All the performances must include an oral component in the target language in addition to any related accompanying materials. The oral component must be written and completed by the students. Speech must be memorized and performed live, and students should not rely on a written script.

PROPS / SCENERY: Each group is responsible for creating and bringing their own props and scenery. Please no glitter or confetti, no flames, sprays or chemicals, no live animals. A limited number of tables and chairs will be available as well as four wireless microphones.

GENERAL RULES OF ETIQUETTE:

- **Please be respectful of all performances.**
 - No cell phone use
 - No talking
 - No rehearsals at tables or in hallways
- **No reading lines during performance**, either from a written script or cell-phone. If a student forgets a line, there should only be a verbal cue from a fellow performer. On that note, there will be someone from our committee designated to survey the stage and surrounding area during performance for any possible reading or improper prompting.
- **Teachers should always be vigilant of their own students.** This includes during “down time.”
 - Please no “rough housing”
 - No loitering in the bathrooms or lobby area
- **Please don't question the judging process or results of the competition.** Our committee has worked hard on creating and tweaking the judging rubric to be fair and accurate to the goals of the event. Please review it ahead of time with your students, and note the time limit penalties. Remember, this is intended to be a fun, positive experience for all participants!

ACCOMPANYING SLIDES:

Background slides (Google slides or Powerpoint) may be used to enhance the presentation but will not count towards the overall score. Do's and Don'ts for Slides:

- ✗ No pre-recorded audio/video (**no** recorded audio of spoken dialog/narration, **no** video)
- ✗ Nothing requiring internet access or log-in (i.e. Youtube video for music).
- ✓: All sound effects and music must be embedded as audio clip within the slides
- ✓: Written captions and short phrases are ok, but no dialog or narration may be written in the slides

E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS: Each school will also be required to submit the following:

1. **Google slide(s) from the teacher's account or Powerpoint with the following information (SET SHARING SETTINGS TO "ANYONE WITH LINK"):**
 - o *TITLE SLIDE WITH NAME OF SCHOOL AND TITLE OF PRESENTATION*
 - o *ANY BACKGROUND SLIDES WITH EMBEDDED AUDIO*
2. A brief synopsis in English of what the performance is about. This will be provided to the students in the audience so that they may follow along without necessarily understanding the language completely.

*Please submit these to our co-chair Marisa Fusaro at fusaromarisa@gmail.com by March 6th, 2025

LUNCH ORDERS

In a separate email all registrants will receive Google Form with the options for boxed lunches. Please provide the numbers for each student and chaperone's lunch request. Teachers please keep track of each student's name and their lunch choice for your records. Please also submit **by March 6**

CHECKLIST:

Please send in the following by March 6

- Google Slides or Powerpoint (email to Marisa Fusaro)
- Synopsis in English (email to Marisa Fusaro)
- Lunch Orders (Google Form)

Tentative Program Schedule

9:00 AM Arrival and sign-in

9:30 -10:00 AM Welcome address

10:00 - 11:30 AM Presentations

11:30 AM- 12:30 PM Lunch and Entertainment

12:45-1:15 PM Awards Ceremony and Photos

1:30 PM Arrivederci!