

Italian Courses in Term 2/2016

From Beginner I to Advanced Levels

Beginner I (DA021627): every Mon from 16 May 2016, 19:00 - 21:00

For other courses and details, please click: www.ladante.cc/italian_language_schedule_fee.html

Latin Course for teenagers

Beginner II (L021604): every Tue from 28 Jun 2016, 17:00 - 18:00

For details, please click: www.ladante.cc/latin.html



Opera Workshop: Roméo & Juliette by Peter Gordon

Date: Fri, 13 May 2016

Time: 19:00 - 21:00

Place: Dante Alighieri Society in Hong Kong

Fee: \$200 (\$180 for DA members and DA students)

Registration: www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html

***Opera Hong Kong offer an exclusive 20% discounted tickets of 'Romeo et Juliette' to DA members and participants of this workshop. Please forward your booking through DA. The three shows will be on 27, 28 and 29 May 2016 at 19:30 at the Grand Theatre of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. For details, please visit their website: www.operahongkong.org.*



Art Workshop: The Hidden Treasures of Italy Our fourth leg, Tuscany and surrounding Regions

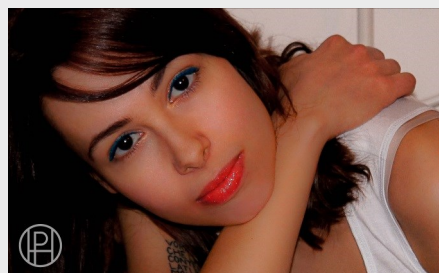
Date: Fri, 20 May 2016

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

Place: Dante Alighieri Society in Hong Kong

Fee: \$100 (\$80 for DA members)

Registration: www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html



Skincare and makeup workshop

By Mr Patrick Havegheer, the former makeup artist, trainer and spokesperson for Versace and YSL

1. Demonstration Basic Makeup Workshop

Mon 9 May 2016, 19 - 21

at Dante Alighieri Society in Hong Kong, 1/F, Honest Building, 9-11

Leighton Road, Causeway Bay

Fee: \$100 (\$80 for DA members)

2. Self-Application Active Workshop

Wed 25 May 2016, 19 - 21

at STUDIO8 - Atelier Patrick Henri, 8th Floor, CNT Commercial Building, 302 Queen's Road Central, Sheung Wan

Fee: \$300 each

Registration: www.ladante.cc/event_registration.html

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WE PROVIDE
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ADULTS AND
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Meeting with Ms Stefania Giannini The Italian Minister of Education




On Friday, 22 April, we had the honor of meeting Stefania Giannini, the Italian Minister of Education at the Dante Alighieri Society in Hong Kong.

Minister Giannini is always very close to the language teaching and the Italian for foreigners, because she is the former Dean of the University for Foreigners of Perugia. Therefore she has a very deep understanding of the importance of the language teaching especially abroad.

In spite of her tight schedule, Minister Giannini found the time to visit our school in order to get a better knowledge of what our jobs and our missions are in Hong Kong.

We had the chance to show our programs, organizational structure, our past and future events as well as some of the problems and challenges which we are facing now.

By showing great appreciation to our work, Minister Giannini shared her ideas and opinions with us, and made us very hopeful for the future. 



Maestro Luca Paglia

Una serata italiana con.... Luca Paglia



Venerdi' 8 aprile abbiamo trascorso una piacevole serata con un ospite speciale.

E' venuto a trovarci nella nostra sede di Causeway Bay il signor Luca Paglia.

Luca e' un esperto nel settore della pelletteria e degli accessori, avendo lavorato per molti anni con varie case di moda, in diversi ruoli ed in diversi paesi. Si e' formato principalmente lavorando per Fendi, dove era responsabile del design e della manifattura degli accessori in pelle.

Nel corso della serata ci ha parlato dei vari tipi di pelle e dei loro usi nel mondo della moda, mostrandoci dei campioni e degli accessori creati da lui personalmente.

La serata si e' svolta in un ambiente

molto rilassante ed alla fine i nostri soci e studenti presenti hanno avuto la possibilita' di parlare e fare delle domande all'artigiano.

Non e' mancato alla fine della serata il solito banchetto come in tutti gli eventi della Dante Alighieri. Vino, formaggio, salame e altri stuzzichini hanno accompagnato le chiacchiere tra i partecipanti.

Workshop di design della moda e di artigianato per la lavorazione delle pelle (23 - 30 aprile)



Dopo l'interessante incontro dell'8 aprile, Luca Paglia ha tenuto due workshop di teoria e pratica sulle tecniche di lavorazione della pelle. I partecipanti hanno avuto modo prima di imparare a fondo tutto cio' che riguar-

da la pelle italiana. Successivamente guidate dal maestro Luca hanno preso in mano taglierini, pinse, filo e pezzi di cuoio ed hanno iniziato la parte piu' difficile, La creazione.

Nel primo incontro sono stati creati dei bellissimi e coloratissimi portacarte. Nel secondo incontro invece braccialetti e portasoldi hanno visto la luce.



Finalmente gli studenti hanno potuto constatare direttamente quanto lavoro e quanta fatica c'e' dietro ogni oggetto artigianale. Saper apprezzare questa antica tradizione e' molto importante in un mondo



Patrick Havegheer



Founder and Creative Director of Patrick Henri Limited

Born in Belgium near the Flemish town of Bruges, Patrick moved to **Milan**, Italy after his studies, where he began experimenting with makeup and furthering his artistic education. He was soon offered a position as makeup artist, trainer and spokesperson for **Versace** on a global scale, covering over 30 countries for 5 years. He later worked for **YSL** Asia for 9 years and also in artistry and training.

The "Patrick Henri philosophy" and driving force, is based on the products themselves. "I have searched the globe to find only the best natural, organic and cruelty-free products, that I can personally recommend and believe in."

It is our pleasure to have Patrick to be present in the following two amazing workshops. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about skincare and makeup from this excellent makeup artist!!

1. **Demonstration Basic Makeup Workshop**
Mon 9 May 2016, 19 - 21
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**For details of the workshops, please see next page.*



DA Membership 2016

Become our Dante Alighieri Ambassador!

Launched in 2008, the Dante Alighieri Membership programme offers numerous and fantastic privileges to our DA members, such as receiving the latest information about Italy, priority registration to selected events, being about to meet with Italian singers and artists in town, special discounts at selected Italian shops, restaurants, fashion and beauty, schools in Italy.

We now invite you to become our DA Member to take an active role in fulfilling our mission.

As a member, you are entitled to a series of special offers upon presentation of our DA card at about 50 selected shops and a lot of shops, museums, hotels and book stores in Italy and in Tokyo, Japan as well.

For information and subscription, please go to www.ladante.cc/joining_dante_alighieri.html.



Diamond Member HK\$10,000
Gold Member HK\$3,500
Silver Member HK\$750 (Renewal HK\$500)
DA Student HK\$350

Mare Nostrum



Jointly presented by

Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Contemporary Progetti and Expona

Exhibition: *Mare Nostrum: Roman Navy and Pompeii*
Date: 8 Jun to 29 Aug 2016
Place: Special Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Museum of History

For details, please go to www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/History/en_US/web/mh/exhibition/current.html.

***A special guided tour will be arranged for DA members and DA students. Please stay tuned!!**

Italian Market 2016



This year we are participating in the Italian Market. Come and join us!! **Selected books are on sale!**

Sat, 28 May 2016, 12 - 9 PM
Sun, 29 May 2016, 12 - 8 PM
At the Cyberport-The Arcade,
Pok Fu Lam

Wine Tasting: Tuscan Wines

On the night of 11 April, we had the pleasure to host an evening of Wine Tasting: Tuscan Wines, another beautiful event of our "Primavera Toscana".

Our guests were guided by our professional wine expert, **Mr Paolo Fassina**, the Area Manager of **Castello di Banfi**, a leading winery in Tuscany.

A glass of sparkling Prosecco was served immediately to break the ice and to cheer up our wine lovers, who filled the room.

While Mr. Fassina was describing

and giving extensive information about Tuscan wines and wine production, photographs of the charming Tuscan hills and the beautiful Tuscan vineyards were showed, thus creating the right atmosphere for the wine tasting.

Finally the moment arrived. Numerous bottles of the most important and famous red wines from Tuscany were opened. Chianti, Chianti Classico, Cum Laude and Barolo, generously sponsored by **Castello di Banfi**, were on stage!

Observing the purplish colors, smelling the fruity perfumes and tasting

the woody and full body flavors, the enthusiastic participants followed Mr. Fassina's advices step by step and tried to figure out which was their favourite wine.

Mr. Fassina continued to share his experiences and interesting stories of wines. He also answered all the questions made by our participants.

Tuscan wines are without any doubt some of the best and the most well-known Italian wines. It was a great chance to know more in depth, but all in all it was a magnificent night to share joy and harmony, simply what wine is about. Salute!

