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CIOL INTO THE LIGHT

On display through February 2nd, 2025

**MY
SF**

RICHARD LOUIS PERRI

On display February 18th, 2025

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The list on this page includes donations received from **September 1 to November 30, 2024** and are exclusive of donations made to the Capital Campaign. Our sincere apologies if any names were inadvertently omitted.

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A Message from Our Board President

Dear Members,

As we come to the end of the year, it's time to reflect on the numerous exhibitions, lectures, and events which we have provided in support of our mission to preserve the heritage of Italian Americans through art, language, and culture. As always, we strove to offer a broad variety of offerings to capture the interest of our members.

In April we presented "**Earth and Soul**", featuring two distinguished Bay Area artists **Elena Civoli Brittain** and **Tricia Grame**, Ph. D. This exhibition of paintings and sculptures showcased a seamless blend of two artistic mediums.

In September we opened our current exhibit "**Into the Light**" celebrating the talent of two of Italy's most significant photographers: **Elio and Stefano Ciol**. This exhibition has been supported by the Italian Cultural Institute, the Consulate General of Italy, the Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia, and Ente Friuli nel Mondo, with collaboration from the artists themselves.

In October we held a one-day opera symposium "**Puccini at 100**" to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Giacomo Puccini's passing. This event was co-presented by the Museo Italo Americano and the Leonardo Da Vinci Society, and was generously underwritten by Barbro and Bernard Osher.

We were also pleased to host the exhibition **Saint Francis of Assisi – Emotions of the Man by Artist Lorenzo (Larry Brucia)** at our future home at 940 Battery Street where it remains on display and available for viewing by appointment.

We could not accomplish all that we do without our unparalleled core staff comprised of Executive Director Sandra Bagnatori, Assistant Executive Director Susan Filippo, Curator & Communications Director Bianca Friundi, Designer & Digital Media Manager Alice Amigassi, Administrative Assistant Tessa Shanahan as well as our language instructors and volunteers.

Thanks to the tireless work of our Alleanza volunteers, led by Jackie Svevo and Sandra Bagnatori, we were able to offer numerous social and fundraising events throughout the year, including an **Antipasti dinner, Italian Heritage night with the SF Giants**, participation in the **Italian Heritage Parade**, and annual **Bocce Tournament**.

The Board's Capital Campaign Committee continues to progress with development plans and fundraising to renovate our future home at 940 Battery Street.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, our members, for your active participation in our organization – we are grateful for your support.

Buon Anno,
 Victoria LoBue

Elio and Stefano Ciol - *Into the Light*

On September 22, 2024, the Museo unveiled *Into the Light*, an exhibition featuring the remarkable work of two of Italy's most renowned photographers, **Elio and Stefano Ciol**. The evening included a special video greeting from the photographers, followed by speeches from Alberta Lai, Director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura, and Luca Lodolo, President of Fogolâr Furlan Nord California, part of the Ente Friulani nel Mondo.

Into the Light will be on view until **February 2, 2025**.

Sponsored by:

- Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia
- Ente Friuli nel Mondo
- Elio and Stefano Ciol

In collaboration with:

- Italian Cultural Institute of San Francisco

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↑ Stefano Ciol, *I morars su la beorcia di Sant Antonio dal pursit* - Casarsa, 2013

MY SF by Richard Louis Perri



↑ Richard Perri, *Self-Portrait*

The Museo is excited to present *MY SF*, an exhibition featuring the work of acclaimed San Francisco artist **Richard Louis Perri**. Through his paintings, Perri captures the city's architectural evolution and its enduring character. His work focuses on everyday landmarks—restaurants that served local workers rather than fine dining establishments, as well as iconic San Francisco staples like drawbridges, cable cars, and a federal mint. Some of the places featured in Perri's paintings no longer exist, adding a layer of nostalgia and historical reflection to the exhibition.

MY SF celebrates the unique spirit of the city Perri has chosen as his lifelong home.

The exhibition opens on February 16, 2025.



↑ Stefano Ciol, *In punta di piedi* - Valcellina, 2020

Capital Campaign Updates

A quick update on the status of our projected move to the building at 940 Battery St. After responding to comments from the Department of Building Inspection, we are now awaiting final approval of our site permit so we may start the demolition and renovation of the building from a warehouse to the Museo.

A remaining hurdle in the permit process is obtaining approval from PG&E for our utility plans which is being handled by a hired consultant. We have engaged a project manager who can help move things forward both in the final permit plans and construction phases. We soon will be conducting a search for a development consultant for the capital campaign who will direct the renewal of our efforts to secure adequate funding to make this exciting dream come true. For more information please contact Sandra Bagnatori at sandra@sfmuseo.org or at 415-518-4865.

A YEAR TO REMEMBER



Unforgettable events,
inspiring exhibitions,
and cherished moments
at the Museo in 2024

Board of Directors 2025

Meeting Schedule

- February 19th (also Members meeting)
- May 21st
- August 20th
- November 19th

All meetings will be held at the Museo and are scheduled for 6:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

Alleanza Group 2025

Meeting Schedule

- January 16th via Zoom at 6:00 PM
- March 13th via Zoom at 6:00 PM
- May 17th in person at the Museo 10:00 AM
- July 12th in person at the Museo 10:00 AM
- September 18th via Zoom at 6:00 PM
- November 20th via Zoom at 6:00 PM