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ITALO AMERICANO

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# Legàmi

Indica una connessione,  
un vincolo o una relazione  
tra due o più entità, che siano  
persone, cose o idee.

# *Bonds*

*Indicates a connection, a bond,  
or a relationship between two  
or more entities, whether they  
are people, things, or ideas.*

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## Volunteer Corner

### Calling all Members! Pronti a darci una mano?

The Museo is looking for volunteers to support our vibrant community through a variety of initiatives, no matter your museo experience.

#### Event Assistance:

- Setting up prior to the event, and cleaning up following the event
- Aid with various tasks during the event
- Assist with event mailing preparation

#### Membership Outreach:

- Face-to-face outreach at select events, both at the Museo and elsewhere
- Contribute to preparing mailing for quarterly newsletters

Interested in getting a bit more involved? Committees are available for individuals with skills they'd love to lend to the Museo.

#### Fundraising Committee:

- Assist in the planning process of fundraisers taking place throughout the year.

#### Membership Committee:

- Contribute to membership initiatives! Be involved in the advancement of member communications, collaboration, and promotion.



Ready to get involved?  
**Scan the QR code** to take a short survey providing **your information!**



Image of the breathtaking view from the rooftop of our future home at 940 Battery Street.

# Capital Campaign Update: New Renderings

Our Capital Campaign continues to build strong momentum as we move closer to establishing the Museo's permanent home – a transformative step that will expand our ability to serve the community, present world-class exhibitions, and preserve Italian and Italian American art and culture for future generations. This campaign is not only about a new building; it is about long-term sustainability, increased visibility, expanded educational programming, and creating a **welcoming cultural gathering place in San Francisco**.

We are excited to share that **new architectural renderings** have been completed and are included in this newsletter, offering a compelling look at the vision for the space and the dynamic experiences it will support. From flexible exhibition galleries and public programs to community events and partnerships, the new home will allow the Museo to grow its impact in meaningful and lasting ways.

There are many ways to get involved in this important moment. We invite you to **schedule a tour to experience the building firsthand**, meet with Danielle for coffee to learn more about the campaign and naming opportunities, or join us at upcoming events supporting this milestone. Your participation helps bring this vision to life.

To support the Capital Campaign today, please visit our giving page: [sfmuseo.org/join-give/give-museo](https://sfmuseo.org/join-give/give-museo). Together, we are creating a lasting home for Italian and Italian American art, history, and culture.



Architectural rendering of the new entrance for the Museo Italo Americano at 940 Battery Street. *Courtesy of Mark Cavagnero Associates.*



Architectural rendering of the new lower level, designed to host the permanent exhibition exploring Italian and Italian American history and culture. *Courtesy of Mark Cavagnero Associates.*



Architectural rendering of the new second level event space, complete with a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen designed to support culinary programming and special events. *Courtesy of Mark Cavagnero Associates.*



Have questions or want to learn more?  
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## Legàmi / Bonds

Since 1978, the Museo Italo Americano has built a remarkable permanent collection through the **generosity of artists and private donors**, shaping it into a vibrant home for Italian and Italian American creativity. The exhibition Legàmi/Bonds celebrates this enduring support by showcasing significant works, including sculptures by Arnaldo Pomodoro and Beniamino Bufano, and honoring the lasting relationships that continue to strengthen the Museo's mission and future at 940 Battery Street.

Now on view at our current location, we invite you to experience this special exhibition and discover the generosity that continues to shape our collection. We also look ahead to our Future Home, where exhibitions will be presented on the first level in a dedicated gallery space designed to host a dynamic range of art and history exhibitions throughout the year.

# Grazie Mille to Our Incredibly Generous Members!

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