



## Casa Italiana Zerilli - Marimò at New York University Fact Sheet

Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at New York University was founded in 1990 by Baroness Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimò with the goal of promoting Italian culture by offering a program of free events, open to everyone, on all topics related to Italian studies, including language, literature, cinema, music, theater, visual art, as well as politics, economics, and lifestyle. Casa's mission is to create a physical and virtual space for dialogue between Italy and the United States on all of these themes.

Owing to the generosity of its Founder, and its affiliation with a prominent institution of higher education, Casa Italiana has risen to prominence as a renowned Italian cultural center. It continues to foster scholarship and excellence in a wide range of fields and disciplines while simultaneously nurturing a vibrant community of scholars, students, and citizens.

Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò champions diversity and inclusion at all levels and promotes partnerships with public and private organizations that share its goals.

### Key Casa Italiana Facts

#### Opening date

November 13, 1990

#### Annual visitorship

Approximately 10,000 visitors

#### Offerings to date

More than 3,900 public programs and 100 exhibitions

#### Building and public spaces

Casa Italiana, situated in a 19th-century brownstone, was built between 1851-1852 by Charles Partridge, displaying an Anglo-Italianate style with ornate cornices and decorative doors and windows in cherry wood. Some of Casa Italiana's furniture comes directly from the Zerilli-Marimò family, including the Baron's Italian Walnut monastery table from the XV Century that graces Casa's lobby.

Its public spaces include one art gallery with a floor in Italian marble for temporary exhibitions, an auditorium with over 100 seats for performances, talks and screenings, two large terraces and a backyard with a garden for receptions.



## Leadership

**Founder:** Baroness Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimò

**Advisory Board Chairman:** Giorgio Spanu

**Legacy Members:** Maria Chiara Zerilli, daughter of Baroness Zerilli-Marimò, and Tao Kulczycki, grandchild of Baroness Zerilli-Marimò.

**Director:** Stefano Albertini

## Events

Our event programming has always been Casa's main area of focus. This institution is committed to planning and executing high-quality performances and panels; anything that can help fulfill its mission of creating a physical and virtual space for a dialogue between Italy and the United States. Whether online or held at 24 West 12th Street, all Casa events are free and open to the general public.

## Productions

Casa Italiana transitioned from showcasing other people's work to inspiring new productions. Over the past three years, it helped dozens of artists and intellectuals to express their talents and knowledge through generous sponsorships. Casa supported many creative projects, from films to live productions, from translations to publications. This transition is meant to create an everlasting legacy for Casa Italiana.

## Clubs

They were born inside Casa Italiana to satisfy our community's desire to learn about certain topics in an extensive and interactive way. Casa's clubs are led by people who want to share their knowledge and passion for specific subjects such as Italian books, music, theater, and opera with the institution's community. Like our events, the clubs are free and open to everybody.

## Casa's Newest Initiatives

With the concerts of Casa Afternoons and the activities and labs for children of La Casa dei Piccoli, Casa Italiana has created a new and fresh dialogue with the younger generations with a particular eye on fostering a sense of community in its neighborhood.



## Support & Membership

All events and activities of Casa Italiana are supported through the Baroness Zerilli-Marimò Endowment Fund. In recent years, Casa has received part of its financial support from more than 500 members as well as individual donors. The individual membership is \$75, the dual membership is \$125. Any donation to Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò is fully tax-deductible and is valid for the academic year of the donation (September - June).

## Casa Italiana Visitor Information

### Contact Information

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### Social Media

Casa Italiana has active pages on Facebook (@NYUCasaitalianaZerilliMarimò), Instagram (@casaitaliananyu), YouTube (@CasaitalianaNYU) and X (@CasaitalianaNYU), sharing compelling content and engaging with visitors and fans.

### Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (longer hours when there are evening events)  
Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED otherwise stated  
Casa Italiana is closed during Labor Day, Thanksgiving, NYU Winter Recess, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day.  
No events or exhibitions during the summer.

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