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**ITALY IS SERVED  
NEW ICCC CHEF'S COOKING DEMO & DINNER SERIES**

**WHAT:** The Italian Cultural & Community Center of Houston is launching this January a new series of educational cooking demonstration and dinner aimed to promote and to guide the public through the history, the tradition and the flavors of the Italian-American Cuisine.

The first event of this new and exciting series will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and will be led by the Executive Chef Carmelo Mauro, owner of Carmelo's Ristorante Italiano. During the evening we will explore the gastronomic treasures of Carmelo's native Italian Region: Sicily.

"We are very excited for this new series of educational cooking demo & dinner dedicated to the Italian-American cuisine", said Tiziana Triolo, ICCC Director, Program Development, and further, "Carmelo Mauro is the perfect testimonial for launching this new series. First generation in the United States, with a tremendous career in the hotel industry and restaurant sector, Carmelo Mauro represents for us a great "Ambassador" that connects the bridge of the Italian community: the Italian community from one side and the Italian American on the other side."

The menu of the dinner features *hors d'oeuvre* like *Arancine di Riso*, *Pasta Fritta* and *Bruschette* followed by *Pasta alla Norma* as first course and *Involtini di Pesce Spada* served with *Cipollata*, *Caponatina di Melanzane* and *Broccoli Fritti* as second course. The dessert will feature *Cannoli alla Siciliana* and all courses will be accompanied by wines specifically selected by Executive Chef Carmelo Mauro.

The Italian Cultural & Community Center is a 501c3 whose mission is to preserve, celebrate and advance Italian culture and heritage. To learn more about Italian Cultural & Community Center's multiple programs and offerings visit our website:  
<http://www.iccchouston.com/>.

**WHO:** Italian Cultural & Community Center

**WHEN:** **Monday, January 20, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:** ICCC Houston  
1101 Milford  
Houston, TX 77006

**PRICE:** \$75 for ICCC Members, \$90 for Non-Members.  
Price includes: Introduction to the Italian region, Chef's Demonstration, Full Course Dinner, Wine and Beverages.

**ON-SITE**

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