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

WHAT: The Italian Cultural & Community Center of Houston launched this January, with great enthusiasm of the public, 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 second appointment of this new and exciting series will be held at the ICCC on February 27th 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 the Italian Region of *Liguria*.

“Our first event was a blast! Carmelo has been a brilliant entertainer and an amazing chef! Our guests left the center excited and already anxious for the next cooking demo & dinner to come”, said Tiziana Triolo, ICCC Director, Program Development, and further, “the public was literally enthusiastic and couldn’t get enough of Carmelo’s stories and anecdotes. First generation in the United States, with an extensive career in the hotel and restaurant industry, Carmelo Mauro represents a great “Ambassador” that connects the Italian community from one side and the Italian American on the other.”

The menu features *hors d'oeuvre* like *Crostini di Mare alla Genovese*, *Focaccia al Formaggio* and *Panissa* followed by *Ciuppin*, a typical fish stew, as appetizer. The diners will be also delighted by *Trofie al Pesto* as first course and *Tonno alla Genovese* served with *Fagiolini alla Genovese* and *Frittata di Biete* as second course. The dessert will feature *Pesche Ripiene* and all courses have been paired with 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: Thursday, February 27, 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.
Reserve your seat on eventbrite.com

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