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***Benvenuti! History Center to Host Sixth Annual Italian Heritage Day
–Kids 17 and under receive FREE admission to the Italian American-inspired festivities
on Sunday, Oct. 6–***

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24, 2019 – The Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center will kick off Italian Heritage Month with its sixth annual **Italian Heritage Day**, a family-friendly day of Italian-inspired festivities on **Sunday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Italian Heritage Day will feature an Italian American Bazaar in the History Center's fifth-floor Mueller Center featuring live entertainment, local heritage groups, and Italian food prepared by Common Plea Catering (available for purchase).

In addition, visitors can learn about Italian American history and culture by participating in family-friendly activities:

- Learn how to play bocce;
- Create arts and crafts inspired the History Center's Italian American Collection;
- Learn about the immigrant experience through stories and objects;
- Tour the Italian American display with a museum docent;
- Enjoy live cooking demos and sample tasty Italian American recipes in the third-floor Weisbrod Kitchen Classroom; and
- Explore their family tree with Roots in the Boot Italian Genealogy Group, North Hills Genealogists, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and the History Center's Detre Library & Archives.

As part of this special event, all children ages 17 and under will receive FREE admission to the History Center on Sunday, Oct. 6. Regular admission rates apply for adults ages 18 and older: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (age 62+), \$9 for students, and free for History Center members.

Live Entertainment Schedule (Mueller Education Center):

- 11 a.m. – Edwardo the Accordionist
- 12:30 p.m. – San Rocco Festa Ballabe Band
- 1:30 p.m. – *I Campagnoli*
- 2:30 p.m. – Pittsburgh Mandolin Orchestra

Italian Heritage Day is presented by the History Center's Italian American Program, which is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Italian Americans in Western Pennsylvania. Founded in 1990, the Italian American collection is one of the largest in the country and home to artifacts, archival materials, and oral histories that document the pivotal role Italian Americans play in shaping our region.

Italian Heritage Day is made possible through proceeds collected from the History Center's annual Bocce Tournament & Festival.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.



On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Heinz History Center will host its sixth annual Italian Heritage Day featuring an Italian American Bazaar, bocce, cooking demonstrations, and more. Children ages 17 and under receive free admission.

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