



Bocelli



Domenicali



Piscopo

NIAF GEARS UP FOR GLITTERING GALA

The National Italian American Foundation will celebrate its 48th anniversary gala on Oct. 14 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. This year's region of honor will be Emilia-Romagna. An aperitivo reception presented by Campari will kick off the celebration. Honorees will include Paychex founder Tom Golisano, philanthropist Veronica Berti Bocelli, Formula 1 President and CEO Stefano Domenicali, and musician and songwriter Neil Giraldo. Emceeding the black-tie event will be Fox News anchor Maria Bartiromo and comedian Joe Piscopo. The NIAF Forum, a series of seminars addressing the global Italian diaspora and trans-Atlantic relations, will take place earlier on the day of the gala. (niah.org/gala)

NIAF INKS AGREEMENT WITH GENOA

The National Italian American Foundation and the Municipal Government of Genoa have embarked on a partnership aimed at promoting education, research, cultural exchange and economic growth in their respective nations. The two organizations recently inked a three-year memorandum of understanding that solidifies their collaboration in several key areas. They include promoting the legacy of Christopher Columbus and the Centro Studi Colombiano, publicizing the renowned Premio Paganini Violin Competition and showcasing the National Museum of Italian Emigration. All three initiatives are based in Genoa. Present at the signing were (pictured, from left) Consigliere Comunale of Genoa Barbara Grosso, NIAF Executive Vice Chair John Calvelli, Mayor of Genoa Marco Bucci and NIAF President Robert Allegrini.



Franchetti

FRANCHETTI TAPPED AS TOP NAVY BRASS

President Joe Biden has nominated Admiral Lisa Franchetti as the Navy's top officer. If confirmed, she would be the first woman in U.S. Navy history to hold the job and the first woman appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Franchetti, who is currently serving as the vice chief of naval operations (the Navy's No. 2 post), joined the Armed Forces in 1985 and has served as the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea; deputy chief of naval operations for warfighting development; and director for strategy, plans and policy of the Joint Staff. She has also commanded two carrier strike groups. Admiral Franchetti will serve in an acting capacity until officially confirmed by the Senate.



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