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## A Genova: Il museo della nostra storia migrante

di Generoso D'Agnes

**La città di Cristoforo Colombo ospita il museo nazionale dell'emigrazione**

Se c'era una città nella quale far nascere un museo dell'emigrazione italiana, questa non poteva che essere Genova. Dal suo porto partirono milioni di italiani, alla volta delle Americhe o del Sudafrica o ancora più lontano, verso l'Oceania. Viaggi lunghissimi, viaggi pericolosi in navi spesso sovraffollate, stipate di quell'umanità che da tutta Italia arrivava nella città di Cristoforo Colombo per scoprire la propria fetta di sogno.

Da pochi mesi Genova rende onore ai tantissimi italiani partiti dalle sue banchine. Uomini soli o famiglie intere, tutti legati da un progetto di vita comune: conquistare una vita dignitosa sulle sponde opposte dell'Atlantico o in continenti ancora più lontani. E nel Museo Nazionale dell'Emigrazione è possibile rivivere alcune delle pagine più importanti di una storia che vede l'Italia protagonista assoluta. La diaspora migrante nel mondo.

La scelta di Genova, tra le varie città e regioni che si sono candidate a ospitare il MEI, è stata dettata proprio dal ruolo che questa città e il suo porto hanno avuto nella



Piazza della Commenda a Genova, dove ha sede il MEI

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## Celebrating Italian American Heritage and Culture Month: Columbus celebrations in D.C.



Matthew Barrick

Presentation of the Embassy of Italy's wreath by Ambassador Mariangela Zappia at Union Station's Columbus Memorial. Story on page 9.

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# NIAF Gala honors Italian American leaders

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The tastes, sights, and sounds of this iconic region will be highlighted throughout the evening's program. An aperitivo reception presented by Campari will kick off the celebration.

Emcees for the gala dinner are acclaimed Italian Americans Maria Bartiromo, Anchor and Global Markets Editor for FOX Business Network and FOX News Channel, and Joe Piscopo, entertainer, actor and radio host.

This year's honorees include: entrepreneur and civic leader Tom Golisano, Founder of Paychex; philanthropist Veronica Berti Bocelli; Dr. Sara Farnetti, medical doctor and scientist; Stefano Domenicali, CEO of Formula One Group; Founder and Managing Partner of RedBird Capital

Partners Gerry Cardinale, who will receive the Leonardo da Vinci Award in Finance; and Neil Giraldo, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer.



**Tom Golisano**

Earlier in the day, NIAF will also host the NIAF Forum, a series of seminars focused on the global Italian diaspora and transatlantic relations. The Italian diaspora consists of over 80 million people of Italian descent living outside of Italy. Major diaspora populations reside in Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Australia, Venezuela, and Uruguay., and of course the United States.

The weekend concludes with a Mass on Sunday at Holy Rosary Church, the Italian National Parish of Washington, D.C..