



SPRINGTIME IN ITALY' TO WARM UP FLORIDA Opera Star Cristina Fontanelli to Perform At Palm Beach Atlantic University



Sunday, March 26, 2023, 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM EST at Palm Beach Atlantic University, DeSantis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach – Tickets: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/springtime-in-italy-with-cristina-fontanelli-tickets-537975929487</u>

A vocal journey through Italy's best-loved opera arias, classic and Neapolitan songs sung by a "Vocal Genius" (the NEW YORK SUN) Photo: Cristina Fontanelli on stage at Carnegie Hall (Rob Klein, photo credit)

Boca Raton, Florida, February 14, 2023--Award-winning singer/PBS-TV host/accomplished actor, Cristina Fontanelli www.cristinafontanelli.com returns to her musical roots in Palm Beach just steps away from the Kravis Center where she appeared in title roles with the Palm Beach Opera (Nedda *I Pagliacci*; the *Merry Widow*; Musetta La *Boheme*). Fontanelli is fondly remembered for her memorable appearances for II Circolo, the Italian Society of the Palm Beaches, at the Breakers Hotel. Cristina will be inviting talented young singers/musicians from Palm Beach





Atlantic University and South Florida to join her on-stage at the sublimely beautiful De Santis Family Chapel at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Ms. Fontanelli has traveled throughout the United States and the world as an ambassador of her Italian heritage musical roots. She was invited by the Italian government to the region of Puglia as a *Pugliese nel Mondo*, an artist who has become well-known in the world from the Puglia region of Italy. Fontanelli is revered for elevating Italian culture worldwide. A versatile artist who is at home on the world's most famous opera stages as well as on popular stages, sharing the bill with Tony Bennett and other luminaries. She is thrilled to be returning to the Palm Beach area after a long absence keeping busy with PBS television hosting (Andrea Bocelli in Central Park) and film acting (Best actress: Cutting Room International Film Festival, NYC and the Venus International Film Festival, Las Vegas) in addition to her many vocal concerts.

As a tribute to her heritage, Ms. Fontanelli's concert repertoire will include Italy's best-loved Neapolitan songs such as *Torna a surriento*, *Cor n'grato* and *O Sole Mio*; great opera arias such as *"Un bel di"* Puccini's Madame Butterfly) and *"Sempre Libera"* (Giuseppe Verdi's La Traviata), plus classic songs by Tosti and other classic and popular Italian composers. (If in our talent search, we locate talented South Florida young singers, Ms. Fontanelli will be joined on-stage in famous opera duets, plus solo arias for tenor or baritone. To be announced further.)

This concert is presented under the auspices of the 501 c-3 The Cristina Fontanelli Foundation, Inc. www.thecristinafontanellifoundation.org whose mission statement includes providing young people performance opportunities while preserving the great songs of Italy and the world while raising awareness of the scientifically-proven healing benefits of this music.

Get your tickets – https://www.eventbrite.com/e/springtime-in-italy-with-cristina-fontanellitickets-537975929487 – Tickets are non-refundable. Your unused ticket will be gratefully donated to our beloved Veterans or to the underprivileged. For Group tickets, please call our NY office at (212) 967-1926.

For more information about Cristina Fontanelli, please visit the official website at <u>https://</u> <u>cristinafontanelli.com</u>.

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