

CONCORSO 2016

The Ontario Association of Teachers of Italian
c/o E. Polin-De Luca

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SCHOOL NAME	BOARD	TEACHER NAME
STUDENT'S LAST NAME	STUDENT'S FIRST NAME	

CURRENT OR MOST RECENT GRADE COMPLETED IN ITALIAN (check one):
 10 11 12 Currently Not Enrolled → Most appropriate grade: _____
Continue with Category and Contest Info.

CATEGORY (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/> A (no exposure to language outside the classroom)	<input type="checkbox"/> A2 (no exposure to language at all)
<input type="checkbox"/> B (some exposure to language outside the classroom)	<input type="checkbox"/> B2 (some exposure to language outside the classroom, but not taking a course)
<input type="checkbox"/> C (regular exposure to language AND a minimum of 3 consecutive months in Italy in the last 3 years)	

CONTEST (circle one):

Option 1: Written & Oral Exam	Option 2: Artistic Expression
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Description of artistic item for students choosing Option 2:

ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY

MEDIA/NEWS CONSENT:

The OATI Italian Competition often receives media attention both in hard copy written newspapers, newsletters and electronic e-letters and websites, including the TISSO website – (Teaching Italian in Secondary Schools of Ontario).

Please indicate authorization for the use of photos and /or names in any of the above media publications as the results are posted on the TISSO website.

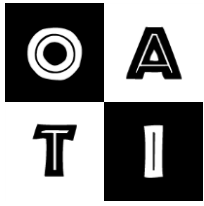
I give my permission for inclusion in media publications: Photo: YES NO Name: YES NO

*Refreshments and light lunch will be provided.
However, should anyone have special dietary needs, we recommend that they supply their own food.*

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE	PARENT SIGNATURE
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☒ Please complete and return this form along with your registration fee (\$7) to your teacher no later than Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016.

*** All FAXES should be sent with a covering page indicating the TOTAL NUMBER of pages in the FAX submissions either to Mrs. Emanuela Polin-De Luca or Mr. Biagio Aulino. It should also include the sender's telephone number. ***



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Teachers of Italian:

Please find here enclosed the Criteria and Student Entry Forms for this year's OATI Italian Contest. Students in Grades 10 – 12 are invited to participate. This year's contest will be held at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus on **Monday, May 2, 2016**.

The Executive Committee decided on a format that honours tradition and embraces change. With this commitment, we hope to encompass a greater spectrum of student strengths. Students have the option of writing an exam and presenting an oral component OR the option of preparing an artistic piece, which may include – but is not limited to – a dramatic reading, a painting, an original composition delivered orally, or a sculpture. **Should your school participate, please note that a teacher or staff representative must be present on the day of the contest at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus, along with participating students. We would like you to encourage your entire class to participate, be it as a competitor or a supporter. There will be a variety of activities that students of Italian will be able to participate in.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Starting in 2013 the registration forms and package for the OATI Italian contest have been available on the TISSO Website. Please visit the TISSO website at <http://tisso.apps01.yorku.ca/> and follow the instructions.

Don't forget, it is imperative that teachers accompany their students on the day of the competition. In the event that you are unable to do so, we encourage you to designate another adult representative. We would also like to invite you to participate even if you do NOT currently offer an Italian Language Course in an effort to promote and inspire interested students and your school community. Please indicate this on your application.

The letter to the student informs them and you of the Criteria for the Contest. The student may enter one of the following contests:

- Option 1 EXAM (Written and oral component completed on site on May 2)
- Option 2 ARTISTIC EXPRESSION (Brief oral presentations may be done on May 2)
↳ With the poetry and prose, the final written good copy must be in at least one week prior – April 25th, 2016.

They must choose one theme from the topics listed below:

➤ *Scegliere una persona della cultura italiana che t'ispira (dal mondo politico, artistico, storico o qualcuno in famiglia) e spiegare come e perché?*

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➤ *La mia passione per l'italiano.*

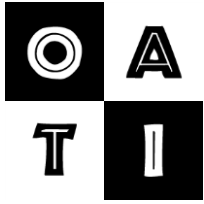
All students must identify their grade level as well as the category they fit into (Please see enclosure). It is necessary to understand that they must be entered in the correct category. If the OATI executive is made aware that the student has knowingly been entered in the wrong category and wins a prize, they will be automatically disqualified. OATI entry forms must be submitted for all categories by **prior Wednesday March 23rd, 2016**. **If students are entering a poem / prose submission – it must be faxed to one of the above numbers, no later than Friday, April 1st, 2016.**

The entrance / participation fee is **\$7.00 per student** with a **\$35.00 school fee**. All cheques must be made payable to OATI (or The Ontario Association of Teachers of Italian).

We are very enthusiastic about this year's contest and look forward to enjoying the success of last year's contest. We hope that this day offers us the opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to the teaching of Italian as well as inspire our students to appreciate the richness of the Italian language and culture.

Yours truly,

The O.A.T.I. Executive



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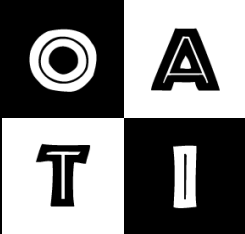
Students of Italian:

This year's *Concorso* will be held at the University of Toronto, St. George Campus on **Monday, May 2, 2016**. Students in grades 10-12 are invited to participate in one of the following contests:

⇒ **OPTION 1:** For this option students will write a comprehensive examination that tests students' linguistic competency in the language at their grade level. In addition to the written exam, students choosing this option will also complete an oral exam on the day of the contest.

⇒ **OPTION 2:** You may choose any medium to express the theme (e.g. video, photography, painting, sculpture, drawing, music, and writing). Each submission must be accompanied by a description in Italian of no more than 75-100 words. We understand that students in the A2 Category may seek assistance in writing their descriptive blurb. In addition to the physical item, students may be required to present an oral justification of their item to the judges. Should the students decide to enter the "Poetry and Prose" category, the final good copy must be submitted to the committee no later than Friday, April 1st, 2016. ***The teacher must verify via email or phone that the entry has been received by the committee.***

- ⇒ The criteria for evaluation are:
- ⇒ relevance to theme
 - ⇒ creativity
 - ⇒ clarity of oral description

THEMES FOR OPTION 2	
	⇒ <i>Scegliere una persona della cultura italiana che t'ispira (dal mondo politico, artistico, storico o qualcuno in famiglia) e spiegare come e perché?</i>
	⇒ <i>La mia passione per l'italiano.</i>

CATEGORIES:

- You are in **CATEGORY A** if you have no exposure to Italian language outside of the classroom.
- You are in **CATEGORY A2** if you have no exposure to Italian language whatsoever and are currently **not enrolled in an Italian course.**
- You are in **CATEGORY B** if you have had some exposure to Italian language outside of the classroom, but have not been in Italy for more than three consecutive months in the last three years.
- You are in **CATEGORY B2** if you have some exposure to Italian language outside of the classroom, but have not been in Italy for more than three consecutive months in the last three years **AND** are currently **not enrolled in an Italian course.**
- You are in **CATEGORY C** if you have regular exposure to Italian language outside of the classroom and/or have spent at least three consecutive months in Italy in the last three years.

Please complete the attached entry form and return it, along with necessary entrance fee to your teacher **NO** later than **Wednesday, March 23rd, 2016**