

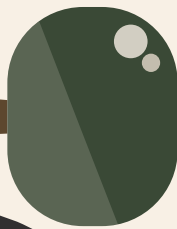
La Piazza

A CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN CULTURE

*Music
&
Food
Festival*

APRIL 10 - 12
2026

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Benvenuti!

La Piazza Festival is a celebration of Italian culture and, most importantly, the Italian and European lifestyle. Its mission is to offer and leave a lasting impression of the timeless spirit that has shaped our way of life since Roman times.

La *piazza*, the town square, is the heart of every Italian community. It is where people gather to exchange ideas, share projects, trade goods, enjoy food and unwind after a long day of work. It is where life unfolds naturally, where spontaneous conversations begin, where art is born and where community is strengthened.

The square is the most visible and natural place where this spontaneous sense of community reveals itself. Yet the true spirit of *la Piazza* should not exist only within its physical boundaries. It is something we should carry with us into our homes, our streets and our daily interactions.

la Piazza is not just a place. It is a way of life.

WELCOME!



PROGRAM

FRIDAY, April 10th

3:30 pm

OPENING CONCERT - FAULKNER GALLERY

An inaugural musical performance accompanied by curated projections from iconic Italian films.

SATURDAY, April 11th

12:00 - 4:30 pm

LA PIAZZA MARKET - MICHAEL TOWBES LIBRARY PLAZA

Artisans, regional specialties and Italian-inspired goods

12:30 pm

UCSB & Guests Cultural Seminar - FAULKNER GALLERY

3:30 pm

AFTERNOON CONCERT - FAULKNER GALLERY

SUNDAY, April 12th

12:00 - 4:30 pm

LA PIAZZA MARKET - MICHAEL TOWBES LIBRARY PLAZA

Artisans, regional specialties and Italian-inspired goods

3:00 pm

CLOSING CONCERT - FAULKNER GALLERY

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KIDS' CORNER

SUNDAY, April 12th

M. TOWBES LIBRARY PLAZA

12:00 - 4:30 pm

CREATIVE WORKSHOP

Craft Your Own Pizza Bookmark.
Self-guided, materials provided.
Just stop by and have fun!

1:00 - 2:00 pm

PASTA-MAKING WORKSHOP

Fresh Pasta Workshop with Chef Sergio Chierogo of Pasta Santina.
A hands-on culinary experience introducing children to the art of traditional Italian pasta-making.

Music Festival

Music has always been a force that brings people together. At our piazza, internationally acclaimed artists share music inspired by Italian heritage yet universal in spirit. Offering moments of reflection, joy and a deeper sense of connection.



Faulkner Gallery
SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY



JACOPO GIACOPUZZI
Piano

Born in Verona, Italy, into a family of pianists and now a Santa Barbara resident, Jacopo has appeared as a soloist and chamber musician at major festivals and concert halls across the United States, Europe and Japan. He is the winner of 14 international competitions and Director of the Tramonto Festival in Encinitas, a cherished platform for celebrating artistic excellence and fostering community.



ALVISE PASCUCCI
Piano

A versatile musician, he began learning violin at age nine but, after graduating in Rome in 2006, chose to focus on his piano studies. Praised by critics for his virtuoso technique and refined musicianship, he has won over 60 national and international competition prizes. Alvis is currently pursuing his DMA at UC Santa Barbara where he has been awarded the prestigious Chancellor's Fellowship.



TOMMASO BENCIOLINI
Flute

Winner of the 2017 New York Respighi Prize, he made his debut at Carnegie Hall in 2018 and has since built an active international career. A dedicated researcher, he is the author of the first complete recording of Mendelssohn's Trio in D minor, Op. 49 for flute, cello, and piano, brought to light some unknown flute works by Antonio Vivaldi, and edited several of the composer's modern world premieres.



CAMILLE MILLER
Violin

This Santa Barbara native made her solo debut with the Santa Barbara Symphony. Camille has since performed at venues such as the Hollywood Bowl or The Oscars. Her recording credits include major film and television soundtracks, as well as studio and live collaborations with renowned artists including Selena Gomez, Elton John, Billie Eilish, Andrea Bocelli and Michael Bublé.



JESSICA GUIDERI
Violin

A compelling American soloist whose flair combines technical brilliance, wide-ranging imagination, and expressive depth. She serves as Concertmaster of the Santa Barbara Symphony and has held numerous orchestral leadership positions. As a longtime recording artist, she has appeared on more than 500 film, TV and video game soundtracks, including Star Wars, La La Land, Oppenheimer and The Simpsons.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

APRIL 2026

FRIDAY 10, 3:30 pm

AMORE ITALIANO: ROME, CINEMA, AND THE MUSIC OF THE HEART

Ottorino Respighi	Pines of Rome	Jacopo Giacomuzzi & Alvise Pascucci, <i>/PIANO 4 HANDS/</i>
Film Music <i>An immersive experience enhanced by projections from the iconic films:</i>	Gabriel's Oboe - The Mission Speak Softly Love - Godfather Main Theme - La Vita È Bella Love Theme - Cinema Paradiso Playing Love - The Legend of 1900 Mi Mancherai - Il Postino	Camille Miller <i>/VIOLIN/</i> , Tommaso Benciolini <i>/FLUTE/</i> , Jacopo Giacomuzzi <i>/PIANO/</i> & Alvise Pascucci <i>/PIANO/</i>

SATURDAY 11, 3:30 pm

RECOMPOSED: VIVALDI, VERDI, AND THE ART OF REINVENTION

Max Richter	Vivaldi - The Four Seasons	Jessica Guideri <i>/VIOLIN/</i> & Jacopo Giacomuzzi <i>/PIANO/</i>
E. Krakamp	Fantasy on "Traviata"	Tommaso Benciolini <i>/FLUTE/</i> & Jacopo Giacomuzzi <i>/PIANO/</i>
Nino Rota	Trio	Jessica Guideri <i>/VIOLIN/</i> , Tommaso Benciolini <i>/FLUTE/</i> & Jacopo Giacomuzzi <i>/PIANO/</i>

SUNDAY 12, 3:00 pm

DOLCE SWING

Claude Bolling	Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Trio	Tommaso Benciolini <i>/FLUTE/</i> & Antonio Artese West Coast Trio: Antonio Artese <i>/PIANO/</i> , Luca Alemanno <i>/BASS/</i> & Mark Ferber <i>/DRUMS/</i>
Mediterranean Groove		Antonio Artese <i>/PIANO/</i> , Luca Alemanno <i>/BASS/</i> & Mark Ferber <i>/DRUMS/</i>



ANTONIO ARTESE
Piano

LUCA ALEMANNO
Bass

MARK FERBER
Drums

ANTONIO ARTESE WEST COAST TRIO
Antonio Artese (IT) bridges the worlds of jazz and classical music through a refined balance of composition and improvisation. In this project, he partners with Luca Alemanno (IT), a solid, virtuosic, and sensitive bassist, and Mark Ferber (CA), a drummer whose refined touch and sense of timbral variety have graced numerous ECM recordings. The trio embodies a jazz that looks both inward and forward, embracing the subtle art of creating new music landscapes.

Food Festival

From April 6 (Mon) to 12 (Sun), local Italian restaurants around Santa Barbara will be serving up special dishes and wines to enjoy all week long! Food trucks and vendors will also gather at our Market in the Library Plaza on Saturday and Sunday. Come hungry!



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VIA MAESTRA 42
3343 STATE ST

Not your usual gnocchi! Three large gnocchi domes with ricotta. Made without wheat and served with a fresh tomato and basil sauce. Gluten free!



6

CA' DARIO
37 E VICTORIA ST

Crespelle alla Trevisana: Homemade crepes filled with braised radicchio and ricotta cheese over creamy bechamel.



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OLIO E LIMONE
11 W VICTORIA ST

Gemelli con Broccoletti: A Sicilian classic by the chef-owner: gemelli pasta with broccoletti, sweet raisins, pine nuts and toasted breadcrumbs.



Tiramisù al Pistacchio di Bronte A silky tiramisù with prized Bronte DOP Sicilian pistachios. Rich, nutty and unforgettable!



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LA PIAZZA MARKET

SAT & SUN 12.00 - 4.30 pm

LIBRARY PLAZA, 40 E ANAPAMU ST

Eat, sip, and take home some authentic Italian and Italian-influenced goodies at the Piazza Market over the weekend! [Click here](#) to discover more about participating restaurants and vendors, or tap a number on the map for directions to each location.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

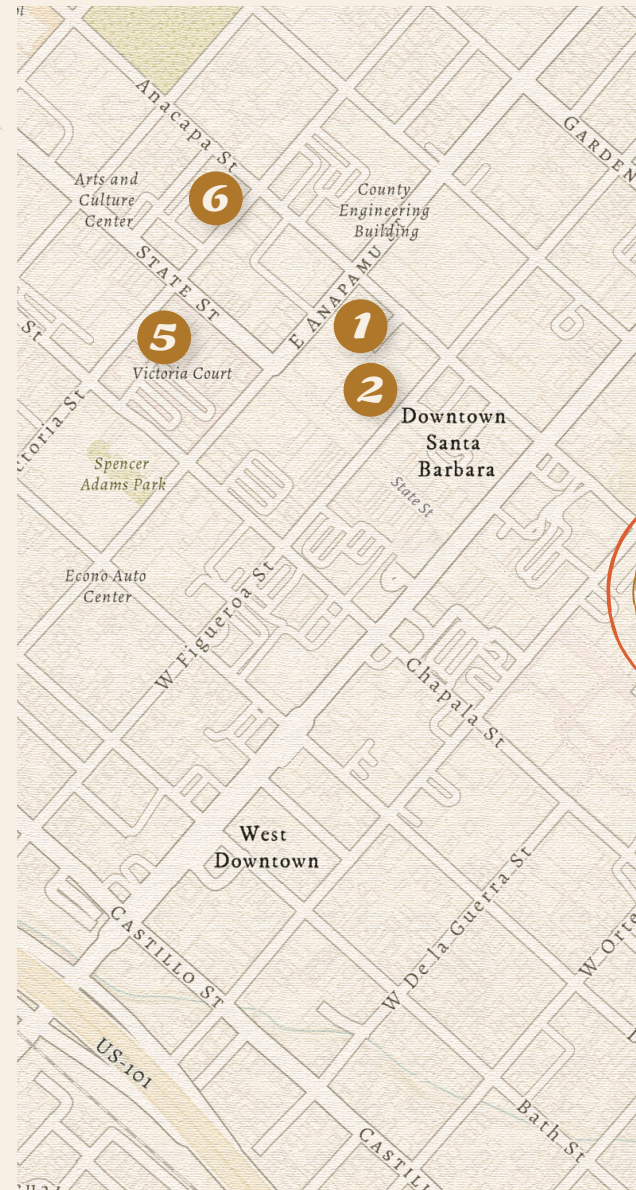
COLOMBINI BAKERY
PASTA SANTINA
LURETIK OLIVE OIL
BINDI GELATO
BUONGUSTO ICE

SATURDAY 11th

CONSIDERED COFFEE
WOODSTOCK FARINA

SUNDAY 12th

CAFÉ ORTEGA
HI-FI PIZZA





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BARBIERI WINES

1114 STATE ST,
(LA ARCADEA PLAZA)

The winery will be offering a selection of wines under the Barbieri label, including a favorite: the **Testaccio 2022**, named after the historic and oldest soccer field in Rome. This wine represents Paolo's connection to Italy: structured, expressive, and built on tradition with a California voice.



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ARNOLDI'S CAFE

600 OLIVE ST

Santa Barbara's oldest Italian restaurant will be offering **Braised Oxtail with Risotto**. A rustic Northern Italian dish, inspired by the slow-braised traditions of Lombardy and Lake Como. Served over creamy risotto, this recipe embodies the comforting elegance of Northern Italy's mountain-to-lake cuisine.

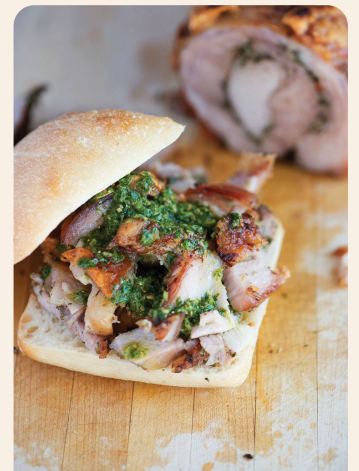


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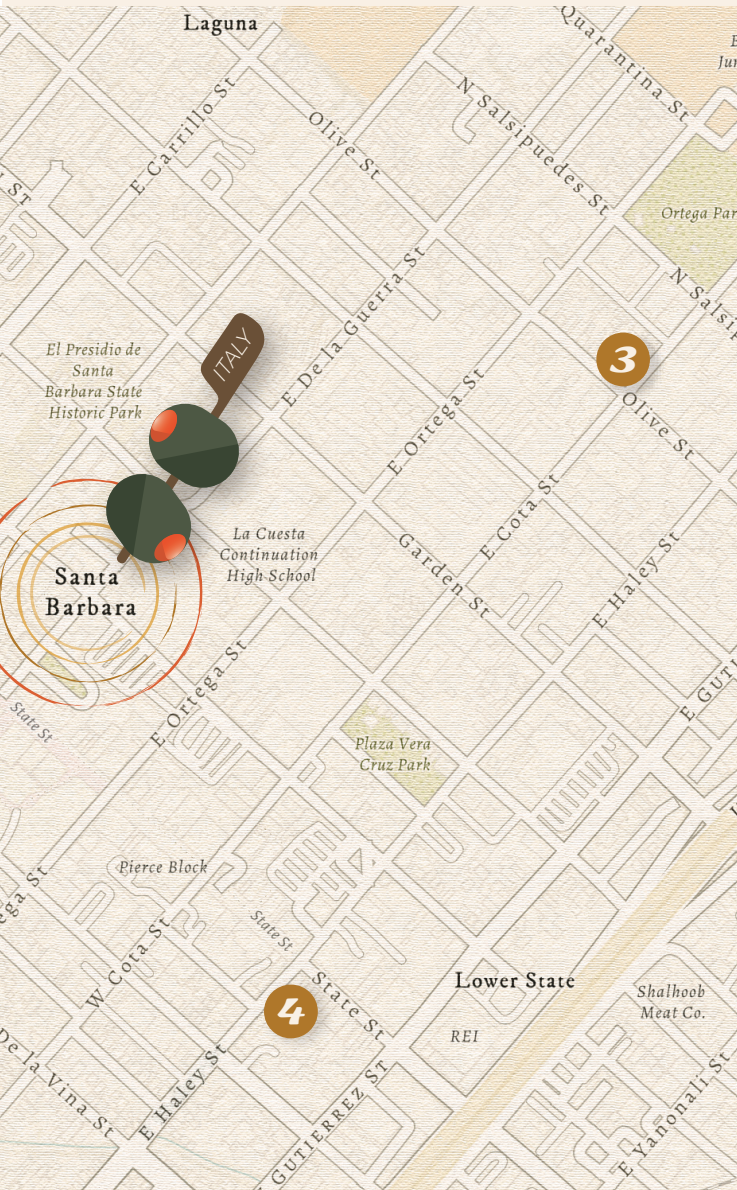
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7 W HALEY ST

Don't miss the **Porchetta alla Romana Panino**, available *only April 10-12*. Slow-roasted pork with crackling, seasoned the Roman way with rosemary, garlic, cracked black pepper, dried chili, citrus zest, fennel pollen, and other secrets from the exclusive *When in Rome* spice blend from Chef Dodero for Spiceology. Enjoy it alongside the weekend's featured wine, **Nera Buona from Lazio**.



And for those looking to linger, the newest Italian addition by the duo behind Aperitivo, is just around the corner for an exquisite dining experience: **Manifattura**, 413 STATE ST



Our mission

"La Piazza Inc. is a dynamic non-profit organization dedicated to fostering cultural connections, community engagement, and meaningful social interactions. A cornerstone of its mission is supporting classical music performances, with a focus on showcasing talented Italian and European musicians.

Through festivals, networking opportunities, and local initiatives, *La Piazza* builds bridges, nurtures creativity, and strengthens the social fabric of the community. Join us as we create spaces where people come together, celebrate diversity, and connect through the universal language of music and the arts"



Jacopo Giacopuzzi

Founder & local Real Estate Advisor

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