

# Italian Excellence Honored in New York: The Italian Reputation Awards Spotlight Global Achievers

*Top talents celebrated for enhancing Italy's global image through innovation and dedication at NYC event.*

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA, March 27, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- At the Italian Cultural Institute in New York, a prestigious gathering celebrated the [Italian Reputation Award](#), honoring individuals for their exemplary contributions to enhancing Italy's image globally through their dedication and innovative efforts in various professional domains. Journalist Francesca Di Matteo presided over the ceremony, guiding the audience through the event at this beacon of Italian culture in New York City.



John Viola Basil Russo and Davide Ippolito with Italian reputation Award

The partnership between the Italian Cultural Institute of New York, under the leadership of Fabio Finotti, and Reputation Research, managed by Davide Ippolito, birthed this event. It aimed to underline the significant cultural contributions made by Italians through their professional acumen, expertise, and unwavering commitment, thereby bolstering Italy's global stature.

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This award celebrates those who carry Italy into the world not just through their words, but with their actions and their hearts.”

*Davide Ippolito*

The opening remarks were made by Director Finotti, who shared a message from Maria Tripodi, the Undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Tripodi extended her gratitude to Fabio

Finotti, Davide Ippolito, Pasquale Antonio Riccio from Project Alfa, and Mattia Iovane, director of [IINewyorkese](#), acknowledging the Italian Reputation Awards' role in highlighting the diverse sectors where Italian excellence leaves its mark globally, including the arts, culinary arts,

technology, science, finance, and communications. She emphasized that the awards go beyond mere recognition, serving as a homage to those individuals whose initiative and diligent efforts have significantly contributed to the prestige of the Italian system, especially apt in today's celebration.

Consul General of Italy in New York, Fabrizio Di Michele, then highlighted the importance of this initiative, praising the assembly of Italian talents from diverse backgrounds in New York. He first presented the award to Allegra Baistrocchi, the Consul General of Italy in Detroit, for her pivotal role in promoting Italy and strengthening international ties. Her innovative leadership in cultural and promotional initiatives, notably through the LoveITDetroit event, underscored the friendship and collaboration between the United States and Italy. LoveITDetroit was not just a celebration of Italian design excellence but also a platform for sustainability, a cause dear to Baistrocchi, showcasing Italy's leadership in this critical area and helping to reshape the image of Italy as a nation of innovation, technology, and creativity beyond traditional stereotypes.

John Viola and Basil Russo were celebrated with the Italian Reputation Award for their remarkable commitment to disseminating and preserving the rich cultural heritage of Italian-American generations through the establishment of the IAFL - Italian American Future Leaders. Their efforts in promoting and researching Italian-American culture have significantly strengthened the bond between the United States and Italy, consolidating a unique imprint of Italian identity worldwide.

The Italian Reputation Award was also promoted by RetImpresa, Project Alfa, IARL – Italian American Reputation Lab, and Federmanager Academy.

Other awardees include Leonora Armellini, Franco Rossi, Diego Pisa, Mauro Porcini, Giuseppe Romano, Gianmario Bertollo, Maria Sole Pavan, Marco Chiellini, Anna Rondolino, with a special mention from Reputation Review for Alessia Panella and Maria Azzurra Rinaldi.

Pianist Leonora Armellini's performance added a profound dimension to the ceremony, much to the audience's appreciation.

Distinguished guests such as Micheal Cascianelli, Alma Laias, Don Luigi Portarulo, Domenico Veneziano, Ciro Iovine, Verdiana Patacchini, Pasquale Antonio Riccio, and Mattia Iovane showcased the wide-ranging impact of Italian culture and excellence.

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