The Italian American Museum Celebrates Women's History

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March has finally arrived, marking the month long celebration of Women's History in the Italian American community here in New York City.

Women's History Month [2] is celebrated annually in the United States throughout the month of

March and highlights the contributions women have made to society. It corresponds with International Women's Day [3] on March 8th, a day that pays respect to women for all of their economic, political, and social achievements. To commemorate this special occasion, the Italian American Museum [4] located in the heart of Little Italy [5] is hosting a lovely art exhibition called Artiste Italiane which displays the works of thirteen contemporary Italian American female artists.

The Workers' Mandala

Artiste Italiane will feature a large wall relief entitled Workers' Mandala created by <u>B. Amore</u> [6] which honors the journey that many Mexican farmers have made from Mexico to Vermont where they are currently the mainstay of workers in the dairy industry. The farmers would carefully trace their long voyages onto small maps which the artist then transcribed and transformed into a mixed media work of art. She believes that "the story of these workers resembles the stories of our own immigrant ancestors, who risked traveling far from their familiar towns to seek a better life in America."

B. Amore's Artist Statement

B. Amore is an artist, educator, and writer who has spent her whole life traveling between Italy and the United States. She has studied all over the world from <u>Boston University</u> [7] to the <u>Accademia di Belle Arti di Carrara</u> [8] and is even the founder of her very own <u>Carving Studio and Sculpture Center in Vermont</u> [9]. Her work incorporates her interests in time, journey, and reflection on the human condition and acts as a portrayal of the deep connection she feels with the world. Amore believes that each of us are part of a larger whole and hopes that "the ties that bind us together in our human journey are much stronger than any external differences."

For those who are interested in seeing the work of B. Amore and several other talented artists, the beautiful exhibition will be open from March 3rd until April 30th at the Italian American Museum on 155 Mulberry Street in Little Italy. More information can be found at: https://www.italianamericanmuseum.org/ [4]

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