

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE LECTURE SERIES

present a special

JOSEPH G. ASTMAN CONCERT

Friday, October 5, 2018, 7 p.m.

Music and Memory:

The "Uncle From America," A Bridge Between Rural Italy and New York (1930-1970)

An ethnomusicologist, composer, and musician, Professor **Nicola Scaldaferrì** from the University of Milan (Italy) presents a lecture-recital that discusses the musical and cultural activity of Italian migrants in New York and on Long Island before and after World War II. He will delve into musical and linguistic research, touching on the issues of subjective and collective memory, and intercultural communication. Scaldaferrì will also perform traditional southern Italian music on the *zampogna* (bagpipe), accompanied by the percussionist **Massimo Cusato** on tamburello.

The lecture examines the case study of Joe Chiaffitella (1900-1980), known as the "Uncle From America," who pioneered the promotion of numerous initiatives in both public and private spheres – such as audio recordings, home movies, and photographs – with the purpose of keeping alive the links between his home village, San Costantino Albanese (in Basilicata, southern Italy), and the community of migrants based in the New York area during the period 1930-1970.

The Helene Fortunoff Theater, Monroe Lecture Center, South Campus



Event Host: Dr. Francesca Cassio
Professor of Music
Sardarni Harbans Kaur Chair in Sikh Musicology
Hofstra University

This event is FREE and open to the public.

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