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A Sparkling and Shining Italian Evening

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The Extra Ordinary Italian Taste

On the picture at Crowne Plaza kitchen, Mariska Perugini-Viser, Gabriela Gavazza, H.E. Andrea Perugini and Mario Andolfi.

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A renown Italian Chef demonstrated his cooking skills at an Italian gastronomic festival at Hotel Crowne Plaza The Hague. Organizers of the festival are the Embassy of Italy, Diplomat Magazine and Hotel Crowne Plaza. The authentic Italian taste was lead by Daniela Gavazza and Mario Andolfi, two Italian chefs awarded with one Michelin Star coming directly from the Liguria region.

Zooming into the program one learns that the festival was not only about Italian gastronomy, but also included wine and opera.

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Franca Pampaloni, Irene Geninatti Chiolero and Nicanor Cancellieri, from Opera Guitta.

There have been a number of food festivals in 2018, co-organized by Diplomat magazine, Crowne Plaza Promenade Hotel and an Embassy.

On 22nd November 2018, it was the turn of H.E. Andrea Perugini, Ambassador of Italy in the Netherlands, a lover of gastronomy, to place his country Italy in the limelight. It turned out to be an eventful evening one will not easily forget.



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Opera Guitta.

Ambassador Perugini related how the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in 2018 launch the third edition of the Settimana della Cucina Italiana nel Mondo.

Pergugini added, in 2018 the Italian Mission in The Hague has organized 22 major events.

To mention one example, restaurants of the European Patent Office, The European Space Center and other institution in the environ of The Hague, had Italian food on the menu for a week. It has been a successful phenomenon.



H.E. Ms. Rawan Sulaiman, Chief of Palestinian Mission, writing a message on Opera Guitta's guest book.

Furthermore, a sparkling opera performance by Opera Guitta, the Italian Trio Trioche has been an integral element of the Italian food festival.

Trio Trioche consists of the following performing artists: Nicanor Cancellieri, Irene Geninatti Chiolero, and Franca Pampaloni. The director is Antonio Vergamini; Opera Guitta is anything between melodrama and clownery, further, its an impassioned tribute to the greatest opera arias from Donizetti to Mozart, from Rossini to Verdi.



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Italian opera singer Francesca Patane, H.E. Mr. Venu Rajamony, tenor Marc Chingari and H.E. Mr. Abdelouahab Bellouki, Ambassador of Morocco.



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H.E. Mr. Aviv Shir-On, Ambassador of Israel and H.E. Mr. Venu Rajamony, Ambassador of India at the Italian Flavours buffet.

The dinner was a combination of a sitting dinner and buffet was marvellous. To mention a few items on the menu: Rosa di Prosciutto San Daniele, Arancini and Cuoredi Cioccolato.

Italian cuisine is very popular throughout the world. The Italian Flavours soirée at the Crowne Plaza Hotel The Hague was, therefore, an enormous success.



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