



# NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WORLD

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## **\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

### **Navy Pier Presents *Bell'Italia* This Sunday**

*Join Navy Pier on Sunday, February 17 from noon – 5 p.m. to celebrate Italy and the first week of the Neighborhoods of the World event series*

**WHO:** Navy Pier, Inc.

**WHAT:** Navy Pier is proud to celebrate Italy in the first week of the Neighborhoods of the World series. Presented in partnership with the Italian Cultural Institute and the Consulate General of Italy, enjoy a great afternoon of performances by **Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino**, a traditional eight-person ensemble from Italy, while eating cuisine provided by **Taste of Tuscany by Phil Stefani** and discovering unique gifts by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans.

Neighborhoods of the World is a free public event series that pays tribute to Chicago's diverse ethnic communities by featuring one community each Sunday for eight weeks. Navy Pier transforms its Crystal Gardens into a place where the music, dance, cuisine and art from different cultures are highlighted.

**WHEN:** **Sunday, February 17, 2013**

**Noon – 5 p.m.**

**WHERE:** The Crystal Gardens at Navy Pier

600 East Grand Avenue

**Neighborhoods of the World Schedule:**

- **February 17: Bell' Italia**  
Presented in partnership with the Italian Cultural Institute and the Consulate General of Italy
- **February 24: Chinese Celebration**  
Presented in partnership with the Chinese Fine Arts Society
- **March 3: Celebrate Mexico**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Mexico and the Mexico Tourism Board
- **March 10: Celebrate Lithuanian Independence**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania
- **March 17: Amazing India**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of India and the Indo-American Heritage Museum
- **March 24: Philippine Fest Chicago (Piyesta Pinoy sa Chicago)**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of the Philippine and the Philippine American Cultural Foundation
- **March 31: Africa In Chicago**  
Presented in partnership with Africa International House and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations
- **April 7: A Greek Journey in the Windy City**  
Presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Greece

\*Schedule subject to change.

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Located on Lake Michigan, just east of Chicago's downtown, Navy Pier® ([www.navy pier.com](http://www.navy pier.com)) is the top-visited tourist and leisure destination in the Midwest, welcoming more than eight million visitors annually for entertainment, family attractions, cultural and educational events, as well as business meetings and tradeshow. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, it is now one of the country's most unique recreation and exposition facilities, showcasing more than 50 acres of parks, gardens, restaurants, shops, attractions, sightseeing and dining cruise boats, and more. Navy Pier is accessible by car, CTA Bus, taxi, bike or on foot.