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ITALIAN MUSICAL HERITAGE

FEATURING

ALDO MANCUSI “THE LIFE AND TIMES OF ENRICO CARUSO”

and TENOR DANTE FIORE

EDITORS: The Italian Musical Heritage event, free of charge, at the New Utrecht Reformed Church Parish House begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19. We invite your coverage.

Images attached: Picture of Enrico Caruso, Aldo Mancusi,

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BROOKLYN – Aldo Mancusi, author and curator of Brooklyn’s Enrico Caruso Museum and tenor Dante Fiore will be featured in an “Italian Musical Heritage” event sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm at the New Utrecht Reformed Church Parish House, 18th Avenue and 84th Street in Bensonhurst. Mr. Mancusi will give an illustrated presentation on the “Life and Times of Enrico Caruso” and tenor Dante Fiore will perform several of Caruso’s most famous songs. Admission is free.

Aldo Mancusi is the founder (in 1990) and curator of the Enrico Caruso Museum of America in Sheepshead Bay (open by appointment), home to a vast collection of memorabilia relating to the famous tenor, who made more than 600 appearances at the Metropolitan Opera, was a pioneer star of the record industry and became an icon to generations of Italian Americans.

Tenor Dante Fiore’s repertoire consists of major roles in Italian and French opera and he has performed widely in more than 30 opera parts. He has also performed with groups like the *Sicilian Tenors* and at Italian festivals and events including the Manhattan Columbus Day Parade.

The 1892 Parish House is part of the landmarked campus of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, home to a congregation organized by Dutch settlers in 1677, which also includes the 1828 Church, now undergoing interior repairs and restoration, and the 1783 New Utrecht Liberty Pole. The Parish House is at 18th Avenue and 84th Street in Bensonhurst, with bus (B8, B1) and subway (D train) lines nearby.

Italian Musical Heritage is one in a series of historical and cultural events offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the event and other Friends activities or New Utrecht’s landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or mail@historicnewutrecht.org, and to visit www.historicnewutrecht.org or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht.

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