



AN ITALIAN FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

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PRESS RELEASE

Get Access to one of the Premier Italian Food & Wine Events in the Southeastern U.S.
Festa Italiana Charlotte returns May 17th, 2026

Charlotte, North Carolina (February 27th, 2026) — Tickets are now available for the 21st Annual **Festa Italiana Charlotte: An Italian Food & Wine Festival**. Organized by St. Anthony Foundation of Charlotte, the vibrant all-inclusive event returns to Uptown Charlotte on Sunday, May 17th, 2026, starting at 1:00 PM.

Highlighting “The Beauty of Italian Culture & Cuisine, for Charities,” net proceeds from the event benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The centerpiece of the event, the **Grand Tasting Experience**, will feature over 25 Culinary Partners, including renowned chefs, restaurants, winemakers, importers and artisan food producers showcasing Italian and Italian-American cuisine.

In addition to an afternoon of endless sips and bites, the 2026 event features:

- **Live Entertainment:** Musical performances ranging from classical Italian Opera to Italian-American Jazz
- **Culture & Exhibits:** A visual art gallery, luxury Italian sports car exhibit, kid’s zone and a silent auction
- **The Italian Village Market (New for 2026):** A curated shopping experience featuring local and international vendors

“Celebrating our 21st Anniversary is an incredible milestone for our organization and our charitable beneficiaries,” says **Dr. Vincent E. Voci**, Founder & Chair of Festa Italiana Charlotte and St. Anthony Foundation of Charlotte. “We started with 50 guests in a courtyard in 2006. Now, we are planning for 1,000 attendees to come together in support our cause.”

Guests are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the day by wearing Italian-influenced "Spring Cocktail" attire.

VIP Tables for large parties and Individual Tickets are available now at FestaltalianaCharlotte.org. Special rates are available for young adults (ages 13–20), and children 12 and under are free with adult registration. Early booking is strongly encouraged, as the event historically nears a sell-out.

About Festa Italiana Charlotte

Festa Italiana Charlotte is a charity event hosted by St. Anthony Foundation of Charlotte, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. To date, the Foundation has contributed more than \$300,000 to local beneficiaries, including Nevins Inc., to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more information about this event, visit www.FestaltalianaCharlotte.org.

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