

CHICAGO'S 2024



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COLUMBUS DAY

WEEKEND

2024 PARADE CHAIRMAN

2024 PARADE GRAND MARSHALS



SCOTT HARRIS
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PAUL ANKA



SUPER SPORTS AGENT
SEAN STELLATO



SAL "THE VOICE" VALENTINETTI
AMERICA'S GOT TALENT
GOLDEN BUZZER WINNER

2024 PARADE THEME:
"BRIDGING GAPS,
CELEBRATING OUR
HERITAGE AND
PROTECTING OUR
CULTURE"

SPECIAL GUESTS: NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
DAKOTA, SIOUX, CREEK SIOUX, NAVAJO, CHEROKEE AND CHIPPEWA



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

12PM ● **FLAG RAISING** The official kick-off to the 2024 Columbus Day celebration! Proclamations with elected officials, inspirational music and the raising of the Italian Flag in downtown Chicago at Daley Plaza!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

8PM ● **FRANKIE VALLI LIVE!** Live at the Rosemont Theatre, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons! Earlier that day, Frankie will be presented with the first annual Chicago Columbus Medal. Discounted tickets available to the Italian American community. Go to jccia.com for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

5PM ● **PRESIDENTS' BALL** A celebration of Italian American heritage hosted by leaders of the Italian American community. Galleria Marchetti - 825 W Erie St., Chicago, IL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

7:30AM ● **PARADE BUS** Bus transportation will leave from Casa Italia at 7:30am and 10am. Reservations are required. To RSVP contact 708-450-9050 or jcc@jccia.com

9AM ● **MASS** Start the day on an inspirational note in a setting that has sustained us spiritually for generations. Celebrated by Monsignor Ken Velo and Rev. Richard Fragomeni.

10:30AM ● **WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY** After Mass is the procession across the street to Arrigo Park for a solemn wreath-laying ceremony in honor of our Veterans.

11:45AM ● **OPENING CEREMONY** Gather at State Street and Wacker Drive in Chicago for a pre-parade rally featuring uplifting speeches by local and visiting dignitaries and plenty of wonderful music amid a sea of Italian Flags. With a special presentation by Paul Anka!

12:30PM ● **OUR 72ND ANNUAL PARADE!** On State Street, from Wacker to Van Buren. Board your floats and line the route as State Street is once again transformed into a mighty river of green, white, and red. Each float this year will salute an individual or aspect of our culture that makes us proud to be Italian American! Broadcast live on ABC7 TV.

3PM ● **RECEPTION** Join us at the Casa Italia Festival Center for an outdoor party like no other! Hundreds of post-parade revelers will gather under the shelter of the Festival Center for an entertainment extravaganza and abbondanza of delicious Italian food, all free of charge!