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Keeping Italian heritage alive

By Eric Gross
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CARMEL—Ralph Nudo wants to keep his Italian heritage alive for America's next generation.

Nudo, who moved to Putnam County a decade ago and last year formed the non-profit Calabrian-Heritage Italian American organization, has organized a series of concerts next month in both the Carmel and Mahopac school systems.

Nudo explained the mission statement of his group was to promote culture: "Our children are our future. Without them, Italian culture won't survive!"

On January 7 at the George Fischer Middle School and on January 8 at the Mahopac High School, a special program is planned for both student bodies. "We proclaim that all Italian culture belongs not only to the Italians but to whoever has

the desire to know more about it. We achieve this look at our history through stunning pictures and film and primarily through the poetry of songs that tells the story of plight, love, disdain and emotion transcended through generations. Italians believe that song shares feelings and history for my people is expressed through song," he said.

The quartet will also be performing for the public at the Westchester Manor in Hastings on January 5.

Nudo described the concert as "spectacular. One doesn't have to be of Italian heritage to enjoy the magnificent music. The presentation of song and dance will be in the rich Italian-Albanian history of the Calabrian region.

Those wishing additional information about the concerts can contact Nudo in Carmel at 222-0768 or on line at www.ciaoamerica.org.

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