



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

*Ciao a tutti!* I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 4th Annual *In Scena!* Italian Theater Festival New York.

The creative energy that defines New York has long inspired artists from around the world and attracted generations of playwrights, actors, musicians, costume designers, and more. Since 2013, the *In Scena!* festival has enhanced our city's diverse cultural landscape through its showcase of Italian theatrical works by established and emerging companies from Italy and the United States. Whether they are dramatic or comedic, theater productions have the power to cross cultures and borders, uniting people of all backgrounds in appreciation of the live, communal experience. As a proud Italian-American, I am grateful to New York's Kairos Italy Theater for organizing this outstanding 15-day event that strengthens the bonds between our two countries and shares Italy's rich literary and linguistic heritage with audiences throughout the five boroughs. *Bravo!*

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to all of the talented performers and companies being featured here this month. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful festival, and enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor