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No need to use passport to feel like you're in the heart of Italy

Grasmere restaurant is sponsoring Tuscan-themed night with a super lineup of music and food

For those of you who have always dreamed of traveling to the boot-shaped country — or have and are longing to go back — **Bocelli Ristorante** has an Italian-themed night that's right for you.

The Grasmere establishment's owners, **Vincent Demonte**, **Maria Buonsante** and **Stefano Sena** will host "Under the Tuscan Moon," on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The evening will feature Tuscany-inspired food and wine and exceptional entertainment.

Sena, who doubles as the executive chef, is planning an innovative menu. He explains that the Tuscan cuisine is based on ingredients of the highest quality. It is prepared in fine fashion and is not burdened by too many complicated flavors.

As a sidenote: Tuscany is considered by many to



Gathered at Bocelli's Ristorante, are from left to right: Bocelli co-owner, Vincent Demonte, Paula Pesaturo of New York Music Production, vocalist, Don Felice, Bocelli co-owner, Stefano Sena, tenor, Anthony Piranio, and Bocelli co-owner, Maria Buonsante.

be the heartland of Italy, where the Italian language is said to be "most pure." Its traditions and culture also are some of Italy's liveliest.

The talented **Anthony Piranio**, New York Music Production's latest discovery, will perform the works of critically acclaimed Italian tenor, **Andrea Bocelli**.

Also on tap will be the Neapolitan sounds of vocalist **Don Felice**, who'll perform all you're familiar Italian and American favorites accompanied by keyboardist,

Marc Shamrakov.

It's interesting to note that the 18-year-old Piranio bears an uncanny resemblance to Bocelli — his idol — not only in his vocal ability and song style, but also in his appearance and demeanor.

Piranio's compact discs, "Sogno" and "Opera," feature many tunes recorded by Bocelli.

During an impromptu visit to Bocelli Ristorante last month, Piranio, Felice and Shamrakov previewed several of their upcoming arrangements. International agent/promoter,

Mike Bongiorno,

arranged for their musical performance to be recorded and aired via satellite on RAI international television, an Italian cable station.

"Under the Tuscan Moon" will be reprised on Jan 27 at 7:30 p.m. Bocelli Ristorante is located at 1250 Hylan Blvd., Grasmere.

Piranio, Felice and Shamrakov plan to encore the presentation next month.

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