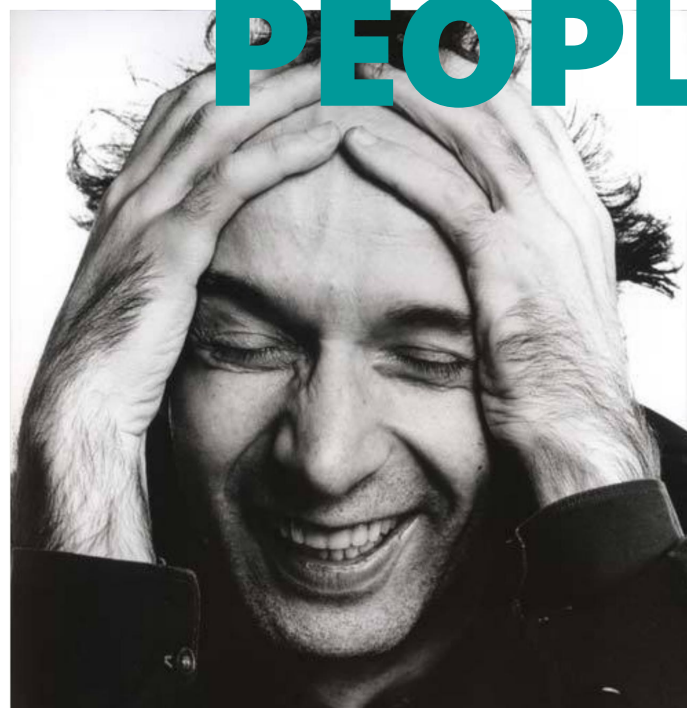
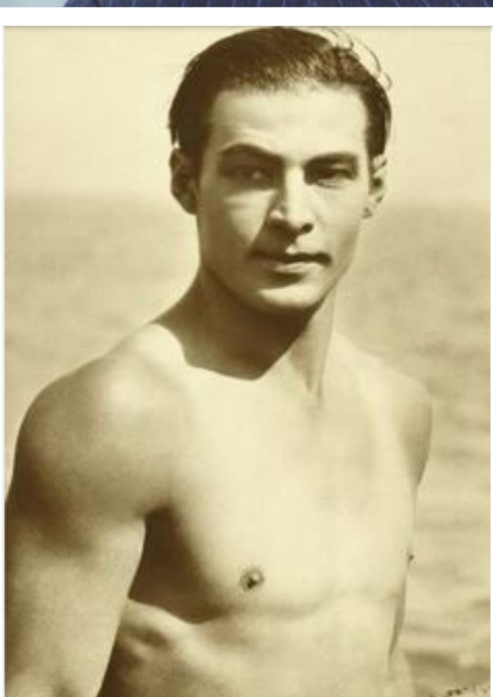




# FAMOUS ITALIAN PEOPLE



**-VERSACE**

# -MUSIC-



**Andrea Bocelli**, (born 22 September 1958) is an Italian classical tenor, recording artist and singer-songwriter. Born with poor eyesight, he became permanently blind at the age of 12 following a football accident.

Bocelli has recorded fourteen solo studio albums, of both pop and classical music, three greatest hits albums, and nine complete operas, selling over 150 million records worldwide. He has had success as a crossover performer bringing classical music to the top of international pop charts.<sup>[1][5][6]</sup> In 1998, he was named one of People's 50 Most Beautiful People. In 1999, he was nominated for Best New Artist at the Grammy Awards. "The Prayer", his duet with Celine Dion for the animated film *Quest for Camelot*, won the Golden Globe for Best Original Song and was nominated for an Academy Award in the same category.

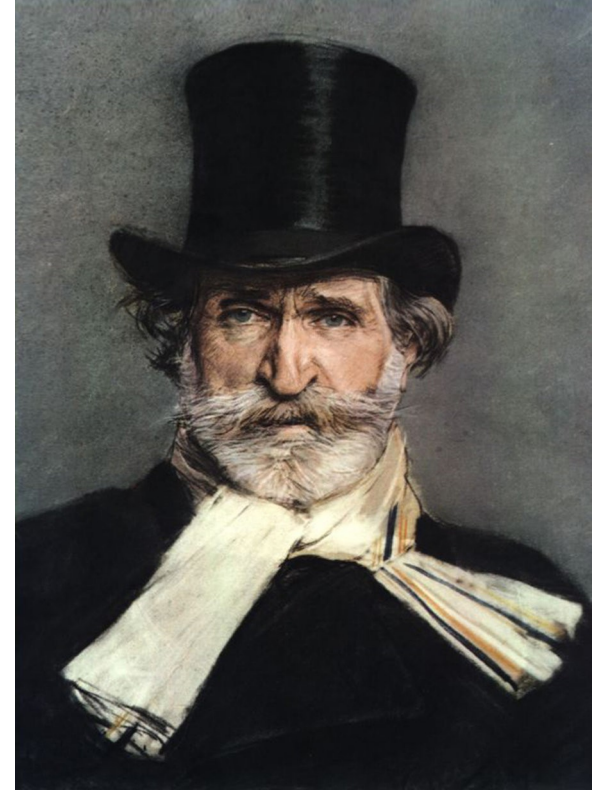
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***LUCIO DALLA***



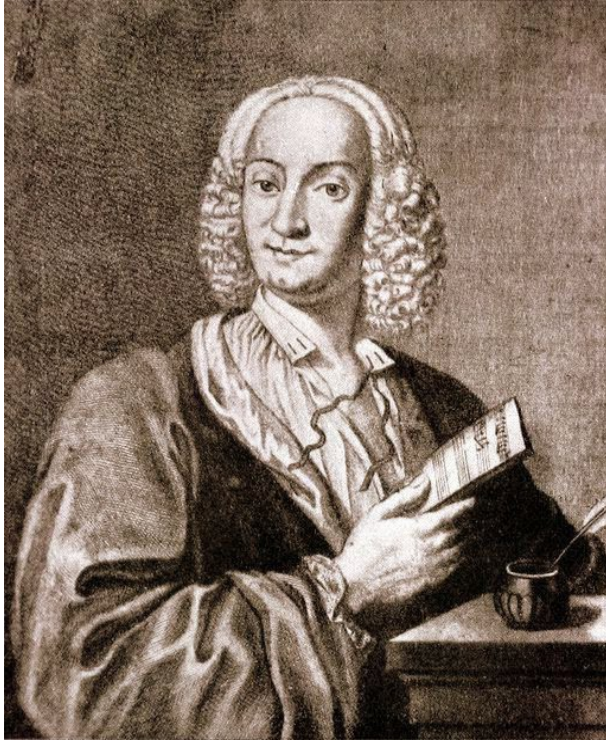
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***ELISA***



***LAURA PAUSINI***



# EROS RAMAZZOTTI



## IL VOLO



# -HISTORICAL CHARACTERS-



Durante degli Alighieri, simply called **Dante** (c. 1265–1321), was a major Italian poet of the late Middle Ages. His *Divine Comedy*, originally called *Comedia* (modern Italian: *Commedia*) and later christened *Divina* by Boccaccio, is widely considered the greatest literary work composed in the Italian language and a masterpiece of world literature. Dante played an instrumental role in establishing the national language of Italy. Dante's significance also extends past his home country; his depictions of Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven have provided inspiration for a large body of Western art, and are cited as an influence on the works of John Milton, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, and Lord Alfred Tennyson, among many others. In addition, the first use of the interlocking three-line rhyme scheme, or the *terza rima*, is attributed to him. Dante has been called "the Father of the Italian language". In Italy, Dante is often referred to as *il Sommo Poeta* ("the Supreme Poet") and *il Poeta*; he, Petrarch, and Boccaccio are also called "the three fountains" or "the three crowns".

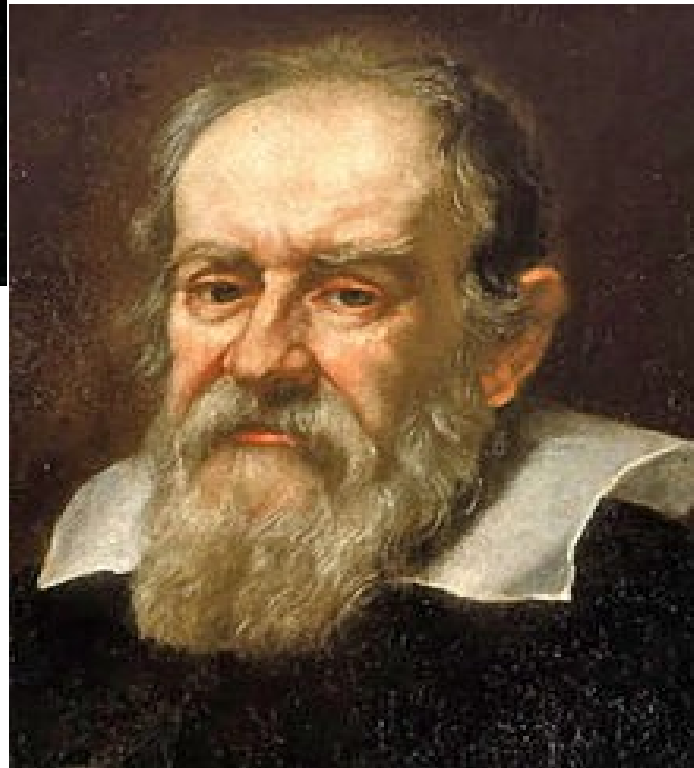
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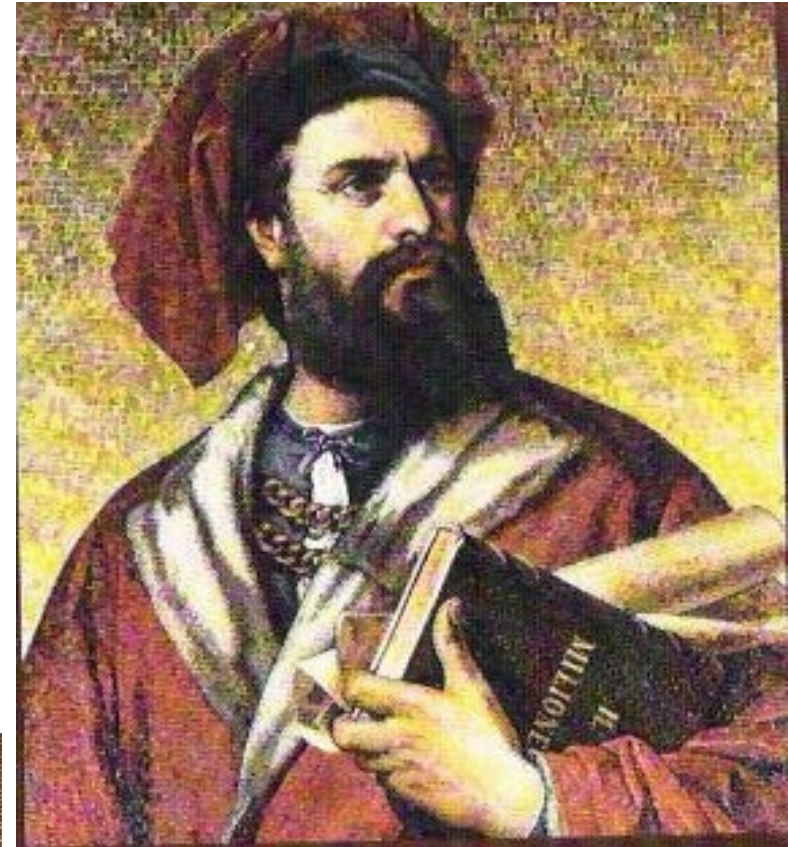




**CRISTOFORO COLOMBO**



**MARCO POLO**



**MICHELANGELO  
BUONARROTI**

# -TV HOSTS-



**Paolo Bonolis** ( born 14 June 1961) is an Italian television host. He made his debut in 1981 on Tre, due, uno, contatto..., a program for children that aired on Italian national broadcast RAI.

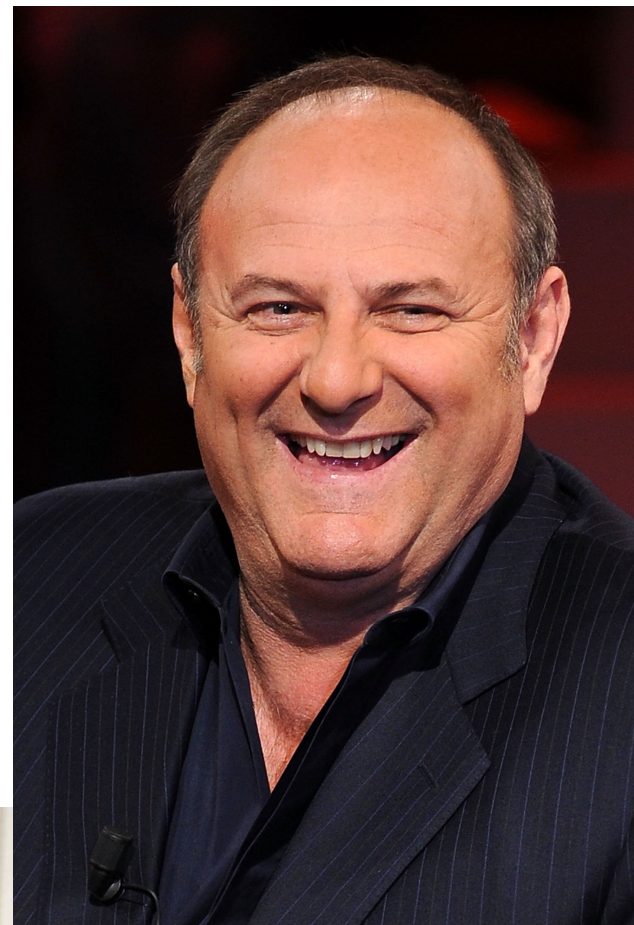
In 1982, he moved to Italia 1 where he hosted Bim bum bam, again a program for children. He anchored Bim Bum Bam until 1990 and then he hosted some variety shows like Non è la RAI. After that, he signed back with RAI and hosted a few prime time shows.

In 1996 he went back to Mediaset, where he successfully hosted Tira & molla and the prime time shows Ciao Darwin e Chi ha incastrato Peter Pan?. Beginning in the same year he also hosted on Canale 5 the satirical news program Striscia la notizia. The program was anchored along with Bonolis's longstanding collaborator, the singer and comic actor Luca Laurenti. He returned in RAI in 2003 where he presented Affari tuoi, game show that in the early 2004 had a lot of success. After that he presented the Festival di Sanremo 2005, the most important Italian music festival, having a lot of success. He repeated this experience in 2009. He is now hosting his own successful game show “Avanti un Altro”.

**BARBARA D'URSO**



**GERRY SCOTTI**



**MARIA DE  
FILIPPI**

# -FASHION BRANDS-



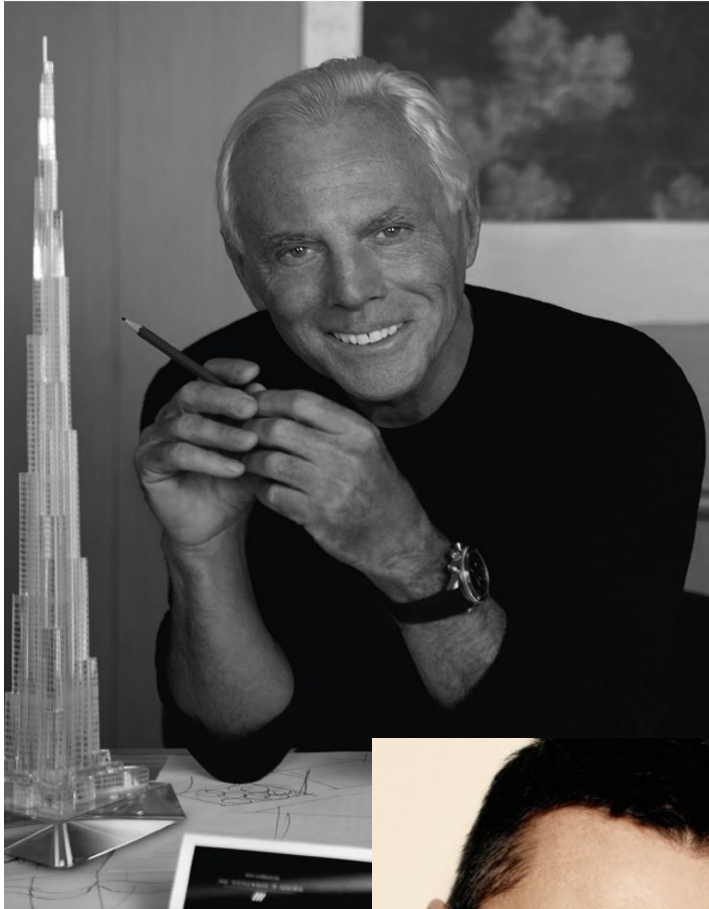
Gianni Versace S.p.A., usually referred to as **Versace**, is an Italian fashion company and trade name founded by Gianni Versace in 1978. The main collections within the Versace group are Versace Collection, Versus Versace and Versace Jeans.

The first Versace boutique was opened in Milan's Via della Spiga in 1978. In 1994, the brand gained widespread international coverage due to the "Black Versace dress of Elizabeth Hurley", referred to at the time as "that dress".

After the death of Gianni Versace in 1997 his sister Donatella Versace, formerly vice-president, took over as creative director and his older brother Santo Versace became CEO. Donatella's daughter Allegra Versace was left a 50 percent stake in the company, which she assumed control of on her eighteenth birthday.

As of August 2013, more than 80 boutiques operate worldwide; the first boutique outside of Italy was opened in Glasgow, Scotland in 1991.

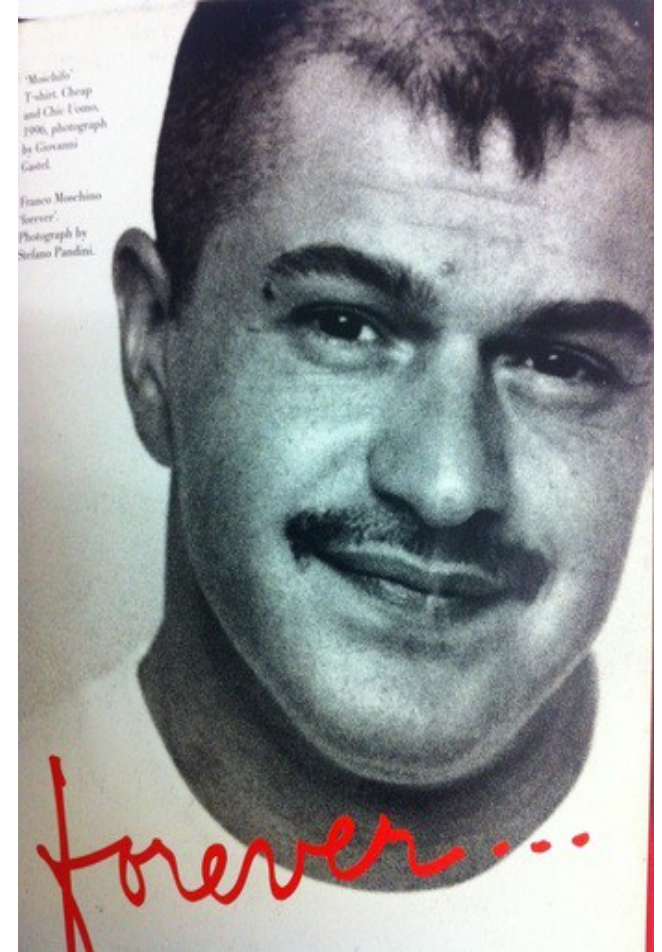
# GIORGIO ARMANI



# DOLCE & GABBANA



# MOSCHINO



# -CAR BRANDS-



**Ferrari S.p.A.** is an Italian luxury sports car manufacturer based in Maranello. Founded by Enzo Ferrari in 1929, as Scuderia Ferrari, the company sponsored drivers and manufactured race cars before moving into production of street-legal vehicles in 1947. Ferrari is the world's most powerful brand according to Brand Finance. In May 2012 the 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO became the most expensive car in history. Throughout its history, the company has been noted for its continued participation in racing, especially in Formula One, where it is the most successful racing team, holding the most constructors championships and having produced the highest number of winning drivers. Ferrari road cars are generally seen as a symbol of speed, luxury and wealth.

**LAMBORGHINI**

*automobili*  
**Lamborghini**



**PAGANI**



**FIAT**



# -SPORT-



**Valentino Rossi** (born 16 February 1979) is an Italian professional motorcycle racer and multiple MotoGP World Champion. He is one of the most successful motorcycle racers of all time, with nine Grand Prix World Championships to his name – seven of which are in the premier class.

Valentino started racing in Grand Prix in 1996 for Aprilia in the 125cc category and won his first World Championship the following year. From there, he moved up to the 250cc category with Aprilia and won the 250cc World Championship in 1999. He left Yamaha to join Ducati for the 2011 season, but it was confirmed in 2012 that he would rejoin Yamaha for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

Rossi is first in all time 500 cc/MotoGP race wins standings, with 86 victories, and second in all time overall wins standings with 112 race wins, behind Giacomo Agostini with 122.



**ALESSANDRO DEL PIERO**



**MARIO BALOTELLI**



**GIGI BUFFON**





**FEDERICA  
PELLEGRINI**

**FLAVIA  
PENNETTA**



# -CHEFS-



Carlo Cracco (Creazzo, October 8, 1965) is an Italian chef and TV host. After attending the hotel management school "Pellegrino Artusi" of Recoaro Terme and having worked in the restaurant "Da Remo" of Vicenza, the professional turning point is when in 1986 he collaborated with Gualtiero Marchesi in Milan. He then worked in the Meridiana Garlenda (Savona) and in France. He lived for three years in France where he studied French cuisine at Alain Ducasse (Hotel Paris) and Lucas Carton (Paris, Senderens). Then Carlo Cracco is back in Italy, in Florence, where he was chef at Enoteca Pinchiorri getting two Michelin stars. Later he opened The Clivio in Piobesi d'Alba (CN), where he earned a Michelin star. Since 2011 he leads MasterChef Italy with Bruno Barbieri and Joe Bastianich. Since April 17, 2014 he leads the first Italian edition of Hell's Kitchen Italy.

***BENEDETTA PARODI***



***BRUNO BARBIERI***



# -WRITERS-



***Oriana Fallaci*** (29 June 1929 – 15 September 2006) was an Italian journalist, author, and political interviewer. A partisan during World War II, she had a long and successful journalistic career. Fallaci became famous worldwide for her coverage of war and revolution, and her interviews with many world leaders during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Her book *Interview with History*, contains candid, lengthy, penetrating interviews with Indira Gandhi, Golda Meir, Yasser Arafat, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Willy Brandt, Shah of Iran Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, and Henry Kissinger, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and North Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap during the Vietnam War. After retirement, she returned to the spotlight after writing a series of articles and books critical of Islam that aroused support as well as opposition.

# -CINEMA-



***Sophia Loren*** (stage name of Sofia Villani Scicolone Ponti, 20 September 1934) is an Italian film actress. She began her career at age 14 after entering a beauty pageant in 1949. Encouraged to enroll in acting lessons, Loren appeared in several bit parts and minor roles until the late 1950s when Loren's five-picture contract with Paramount launched her international career. Notable film appearances around this time include *Houseboat*, *That Kind of Woman*, and *It Started in Naples*.

Her talents as an actress were not recognized until her performance as Cesira in Vittorio De Sica's *Two Women*; Loren's performance earned her the Academy Award for Best Actress in 1962 and made her the first artist to win an Oscar for a foreign-language performance. She holds the record for having earned six David di Donatello Awards for Best Actress, the most ever received.

**RODOLFO VALENTINO**



**DARIO ARGENTO**



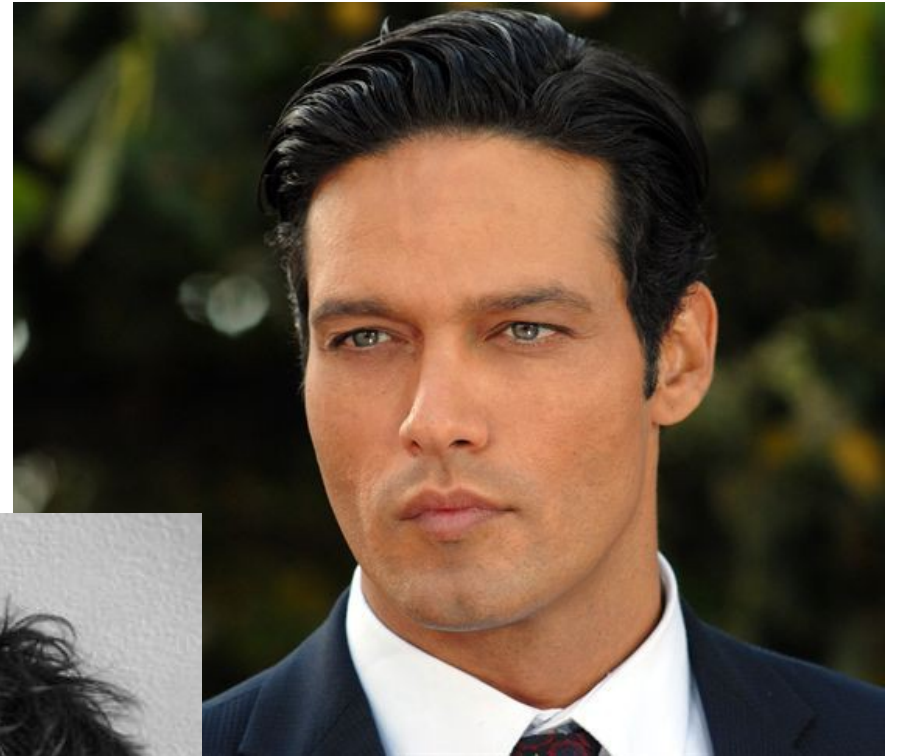
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**LUCA  
ARGENTERO**



***PAOLO SORRENTINO***



***RAOUL BOVA***



## **AMY ADAMS**



## **ARIANA GRANDE**



Amy Adams and Ariana Grande have both important Italian origins. Ariana also collaborated with Andrea Bocelli on the single 'E più ti penso' and made an Italian version of her famous single 'One last time' with the Italian rapper Fedez.

# -IMPORTANT SOCIETY CHARACTERS-



**Rita Levi-Montalcini**, (22 April 1909 – 30 December 2012) was an Italian Nobel Laureate honored for her work in neurobiology. She was awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly with colleague Stanley Cohen for the discovery of nerve growth factor (NGF). From 2001 until her death, she also served in the Italian Senate as a Senator for Life.

Rita Levi-Montalcini had been the oldest living Nobel laureate and was the first ever to reach a 100th birthday. On 22 April 2009, she was feted with a 100th birthday party at Rome's city hall.

**SAMANTA  
CRISTOFORETTI**



**MATTEO RENZI**



# **-MOST FAMOUS WEB STARS-**



**MARIANO  
DI VAIO**

**CHIARA  
FERRAGNI**



*THE END*

Alessia, Giulia, Nicoló, Sara e Miriam