

ICS Christmas Dinner Sunday December 8, 2019

La Festa di Natale

Doors open at 5:00

Prosecco at 5:30

Dinner at 6:00

Audubon Country Club

Price: \$99

**Chairs: Kathleen Sullivan
John and Nancy Petralia**

Join us for an Italian Christmas feast at the beautiful Audubon Country Club. Begin the evening with a selection of savory Italian appetizers accompanied by a flute of bubbly prosecco. For dinner, executive chef Richard Nielsen has planned an extraordinary Italian three-course meal featuring artisan insalata, grilled veal medallions, broccolini, blistered tomatoes and mushroom risotto accompanied by a fine red wine and a zuppa inglese dessert.

During the evening Tom Cimarusti and four of his finest vocal students will perform traditional Italian Christmas favorites. Between courses, pianist Michelle Cashman will play some of her favorite Italian melodies. You can also expect a few surprises and will not want to miss this lovely, lively evening. Good music, good food and good friends... now that's Italian!



Performers

Dr. Thomas M. Cimarusti is an Associate Professor of Music History at Florida Gulf Coast University. He holds a Ph.D. from Florida State University with graduate certificates in Early Music and World Music. His dissertation dealt with musico-poetic relationships in the songs of Luigi Gordigiani (1806-1860): 'The Italian Schubert.' Dr. Cimarusti's principal research interests are in the music of the Enlightenment, Italian Romanticism, and the music of utopian communities. He has presented papers at numerous conferences in Italy, Greece, Holland, Japan, and the USA.

Michelle Cashman has studied piano since the age of four years old. Although she trained as a classical musician, Michelle learned early on to improvise and write her own arrangements. She regularly performs at Catholic masses, cocktail parties, weddings, receptions at Monmouth University in New Jersey, private parties and fashion shows at the Naples Imperial Golf Club.