

RecitaDante 2021

“E quindi uscimmo a riveder le stelle”



Competition on the occasion of the 700th Anniversary of Dante Alighieri's Death

Film yourself reciting one of the Divine Comedy's *terzine* (tercets) and have the chance to win a voucher to purchase your next return flight to Italy.

Imagine to be a great Italian actor and immerse yourself into the marvellous world of Dante's *Inferno*, *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*. Take inspiration from some great Italian actors reciting excerpts from the *Divina Commedia*:

YouTube

Carmelo Bene recita Dante: Inferno Canto XXVI

Vittorio Gassman recita Dante: Purgatorio Canto XXX

Roberto Benigni recita Dante: Paradiso Canto XXXIII



You will only need to recite between one and three *terzine* from one of the Comedy's *canti*. Here are a couple of the most famous:




*Amor, ch'al cor gentil ratto s'apprende
prese costui de la bella persona
che mi fu tolta; e 'l modo ancor m'offende.*

*Amor, ch'a nullo amato amar perdona,
mi prese del costui piacer sì forte,
che, come vedi, ancor non m'abbandona.*

*Amor condusse noi ad una morte:
Caina attende chi a vita ci spense».*
Queste parole da lor ci fuor porte.

Inferno Canto V, Verses 100-108



*I' mi volsi a man destra, e puosi mente
a l'altro polo, e vidi quattro stelle
non viste mai fuor ch'a la prima gente.*

*Goder pareva 'l ciel di lor fiammelle:
oh settentrional vedovo sito,
poi che privato se' di mirar quelle!*

Purgatorio Canto I, Verses 22-27



*A l'alta fantasia qui mancò possa;
ma già volgeva il mio disio e 'l velle,
sì come rota ch'igualmente è mossa,
l'amor che move il sole e l'altre stelle.*

Paradiso Canto XXXIII, Verses 142-145

Finally, before sending your video, you will also need to complete the sentence “**Mi piace Dante perché...**”, giving us your personal reason why you feel inspired by the *Sommo Poeta* and father of the Italian language.

In the video you can also add your name and the University/Institution where you are studying Italian.

Please send your video (max.1 minute and by the 4th of October), indicating which passage you have chosen, plus your “**Mi piace Dante perché...**” sentence, through WeTransfer or Dropbox to **your class teacher**, who will then forward to us all videos, highlighting the best entry for each class. The **Italian Cultural Institute** will select at its discretion the winners, who will be announced during the

XXI Settimana della Lingua Italiana nel Mondo (18-23 October 2021).

By taking part in in this contest, participants give their consent to the Italian Cultural Institute to publish the submitted videos on their social media channels and website.

The competition is open to students of Italian at one of the Universities that the Italian Cultural Institute collaborates with, such us: University of Sydney, UTS, Macquarie University, Wollongong University, ANU, UNSW, University of Queensland, Universities of Wellington and Auckland (NZ) and the students of the Italian Cultural Institute of Sydney

The first three winners will receive a \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 voucher respectively to be used exclusively towards the purchase of a return flight to Italy.

Don't hesitate then, pull out your smartphone now (and your copy of the Divine Comedy!) and transport yourself into 14th century Florence and Dante's extraordinary poetic world

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