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LIDO CANTARUTTI DIRECTOR OF THE ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MARIN COUNTY

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The award recognizes his thirty-nine years as director of the Festival, and his thirty years as an Italian language teacher at the College of Marin, Kentfield, CA. Commendatore is the third of five levels of knighthood. Mr. Cantarutti was previously honored as Cavaliere (Knight) and Cavaliere Ufficiale (Knight Officer).

This year, Commendator Cantarutti is one of only four American-born recipients of this rare honor.

The Order of Merit of the Italian Republic was established in 1951 and is the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic. The award recognizes meritorious service to Italy in various cultural fields, including the arts, literature, and public service.

The award will be presented to Commendator Cantarutti by the Honorable Mauro Battocchi, the Consul General of Italy in San Francisco, CA, at the Italian Film Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

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