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'City of Food is Bologna' Celebrates Mercato Notturmo at the Union Square Greenmarket in Collaboration with GrowNYC for Tasting Italian History



Stefania Civolani attends the City Of Bologna Celebrates Partnership With GrowNYC At Union Square's Night Market at Union Square Market on October 10, 2014 in New York City (Robin Marchant/Getty Images North America)

It was an exciting week for foodies in New York City this week with the announcement of the world's biggest wine and food park, Eataly World, followed by a celebration of Mercato Notturmo at the Union Square Greenmarket in Collaboration with GrowNYC.

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Deputy Mayor of Bologna Matteo Lepora attends the City Of Bologna Celebrates Partnership With GrowNYC. (Robin Marchant/Getty Images North America)

Matteo Lepore, City Councilor for Economy and City Promotion, Tourism and International Relations of the Municipality of Bologna presented "City of Food is Bologna" at Eataly's famed Scuola Grande. Lepore also announced the exciting 2015 World Expo Food program in Bologna and introduced the city to New Yorkers as a must-see destination in Italy for all lovers of quality sustainable cuisine.

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Director of Greenmarket Program Michael Hurwitz, Director of CAAB Duccio Caccioni, Executive director of GrowNYC Marcel Van Ooyen, president at CAAB Andrea Segre and deputy mayor of Bologna Matteo Lepora attend at City Of Bologna Celebrates Partnership With GrowNYC (Robin Marchant/Getty Images North America)

“It is going to be incredible and wonderful to see,” said Deputy Mayor Lepore.

A special Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Municipality of Bologna, CAAB (The Agriculture and Food Centre of Bologna), and Grow NYC at the Municipality of New York on Friday. After a celebration of the collaboration of these two major “foodie” cities took place in Union Square Greenmarket Farmers Market with The City of Food Festival.

Showcased were the many delicacies of Bologna. There was a cooking station featuring the renowned chef Agostino Iacobucci from the restaurant “I Portici” of Bologna, along with the pasta maker Stefania Civolani from the “Trattoria Il Gallo” of Castel Maggiore. Food anthropologist, author and TV presenter, Sergio Grasso also was on hand to tell the story of the Italian cuisine from the Etruscan times to the contemporary era.

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