

CHEF RUDY *rocks Henderson* AND BEYOND

Chef Rudy “Valentino” Janeo Jr. brings his brand of Italian Fusion to Henderson by way of San Francisco and the Philippines! Opened May 2016, Il Chianti-Italian Seafood & Steak Restaurant blends classic Italian with an Asian twist, plus other multicultural favorites. Imagine Bocconcini d’Agnello (lamb chops) with wasabi-mint sauce and dates — a savory and sweet delight!

The former executive chef at Ventano’s Italian Grill, Chef Rudy’s story started in an impoverished Philippine village. Finding his way to San Francisco, he completed an apprenticeship at the renowned Westin St. Francis. There, Chef Maurizio Vinuti encouraged him to keep cooking Italian, explaining, “Italian chefs give and get hugs and kisses, not slaps!” Words taken to heart, a meal at Il Chianti is often accompanied by a warm hug from Chef himself.



“My grandmother always told me, be inspired, excited, and in-love!” His passion to give back is a force. He co-founded The Mabuhay Foundation “A Better Life” to help destitute children in the

Philippines. He regularly raises money for local charities and this October Il Chianti will host a breast cancer fundraiser.

Live music, patio seating, weekend brunch, lunch, dinner, spaghetti & meatball nights, even karaoke — Chef Rudy fills this cozy yet elegant eatery with his love of giving, food, and fun! Experience firsthand Chef Rudy’s mantra, “Cooking with LOVE.”

Il Chianti is located at 72 W. Horizon Ridge Parkway in Henderson. For details, call 702-566-1999 or visit www.ilchianti-italian.com.



STARS CELEBRATE *Bennett’s birthday at* KMA GALA

On Saturday, May 21, some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry celebrated the 90th birthday of the legendary Tony Bennett at Keep Memory Alive’s 20th annual Power of Love® gala at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

The star-studded event raised funds and awareness for Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health and its fight against brain diseases including Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s and Parkinson’s diseases, multiple sclerosis and multiple system atrophy.

Highlights from the night included a performance by honoree Tony Bennett and heartfelt tributes by James Corden, Andra Day, Herbie Hancock, Darius Rucker, Jordin Sparks, Steven Tyler and more.

A variety of world-renowned painters, sculptors and other artists also joined to celebrate and were recognized during a special presentation narrated by Minnie Driver, which was accompanied by an original score from guitarist Laurence Juber.

Continuing its 20-year history, the Power of Love gala showcased a dinner prepared by superstar chefs Mario Carbone, Nobu Matsuhisa and Wolfgang Puck, who has participated in every gala since its inception. In addition to enjoying the finest cuisine, wine and spirits, guests bid on one-of-a-kind experiences during a live and silent auction. www.keepmemoryalive.org

ELISABETTA RUSSO: *a masterful voice* WITH GLOBAL REACH

A lyric coloratura soprano, Italian Elisabetta Russo masterfully combines sensitivity and sparkling bel canto while sweetly embracing audiences all over the world with her soaring arias and elegant grand-gala style. Her crystal-clear voice resounds powerfully and expressively in classical opera repertoire as well as in modern musical masterpieces and crossover songs.

Born by the sea in beautiful Bari, Italy, Elisabetta graduated from the prestigious Conservatory of Santa Cecilia in Rome with high honors. She then continued her studies abroad with internationally renowned artists.

Among her most successful collaborations are with Ennio Morricone, two time Academy Award honored composer, and Academy Award winner, Nicola Piovani (Best Original Dramatic Score for Roberto Benigni’s *Life is Beautiful*) in the Napoli San Carlo Opera Theater performances of “Padre Cicogna.” She won Best Female Vocal at the 2011 Hollywood Music Awards. Elisabetta moved to Los Angeles in 2013, following her extraordinary success at the Paramount concert with Andrea Bocelli, David Foster, and Eugene Kohn.

Nowadays, Elisabetta performs regularly in Europe and North America, receiving numerous accolades while proudly celebrating her Italian heritage and international artistic background.

Upcoming performances scheduled in 2016 include The Dennis Bono Show in Las Vegas, New York Fashion week, and Los Angeles Rossini Opera Festival celebrations. www.elisabettarusso.com

