

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) presents
THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE: A LITERARY FEAST
A One-Woman Show and Staged Reading by Mary Lou Sanelli
One Night Only: Saturday, September 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Join **Mary Lou Sanelli** and Bainbridge Performing Arts for a staged reading of an acclaimed, original collection of work that dramatically and poetically tells a story of immigration and cultural adjustment, weaving Old and New Worlds together into a rich fabric of memoir. Sanelli's staged reading from her book, *THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE*, includes humor, dance, storytelling, and Italian food and wine: all the elements she so enthusiastically writes about in her story of coming of age as a first generation Italian-American. Sanelli introduces her audience to her family in the most Italian of settings: around a table. And in introducing her family, she also reveals long-held family recipes for a great meal as well as those for a lively family. Bainbridge Dance Faculty Member **Kiplinn Sagmiller** is among the dancers joining Sanelli for the show's entertaining dance segment.

Inspired by her immigrant parents, Sanelli's performance expands the reach of the written word with a dramatic reading by the multi-talented author, whose engaging and dynamic stage presence stresses performance as strongly as literature. Sanelli's readings win an audience with poignant insights and gentle self-effacing humor.

Sanelli works as a writer and performer. Her recent collection of essays, *Falling Awake*; her latest collection of poetry, *Small Talk*; and *Among Friends: A Memoir* are in bookstores now. She contributes, periodically, to *The Seattle Times*, *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*, NPR, and is a regular columnist for *City Living* magazine (Seattle Pacific Publishing Newspapers). She is heard regularly on KSER, FM. She performs her staged reading of her book, *THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE*, throughout the country.

THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE – a one-woman show with Mary Lou Sanelli - appears Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at BPA. Patrons are invited to join Sanelli for a short wine reception and book signing following the show. Tickets, \$20 for adults, and \$18 for seniors, students, military, and teachers, may be purchased online at

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www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206.842.8569 or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. BPA Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance. *THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE* is appropriate for adults.

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Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on “Join Mailing List” to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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