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Caetani Centre Returns to Rome with Upcoming Fundraiser

Caetani Splash fundraiser August 14th features a “Return to Rome” theme, celebrating a major Italian exhibition.

VERNON, B.C. — The Caetani Centre invites the community to experience the spirit of an Italian summer without leaving the Okanagan at its signature fundraising event — Caetani Splash: Return to Rome — taking place Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 5:30 to 9:30 PM on the historic Caetani Centre grounds. Gates open at 5:00 PM.

This year’s event is themed Return to Rome, honouring a major international milestone: Sveva Caetani’s life and art will be the subject of a [large-scale feature exhibition](#) opening this fall at Rome’s MAXXI National Museum. This will be the first time her work will be shown outside Canada, and the full Recapitulation series exhibited in its entirety.

“We look forward to celebrating this achievement with those who support Caetani Centre and the vibrant North Okanagan arts scene,” said Caetani Centre Executive Director Laisha Rosnau. “This year’s event will encapsulate the rustic charm of an alfresco Italian night in Roma and will also be a return to the fabulous Splash events that have been held in the past at Caetani. Think Mediterranean-inspired elegance with warm, inviting colours, delicious Italian food served family-style at long tables and surrounded by the trees and recently restored gardens.”

Guests are encouraged to dress in red, white, and green — colours of the Italian flag — or whatever interpretation they prefer, and enjoy a vibrant evening of food, music, and art, including:

- Aperol and antipasti reception
- Live entertainment
- Family-style Italian dinner (with vegetarian and gluten-free options)
- Dessert and aperitif toast
- Silent and live art auctions featuring esteemed local artists
- A lovely alternate location in case of smoke or inclement weather

“We are especially grateful to all the Okanagan-based artists who have graciously supported us with contributions this year,” said Gabrielle Strong, Splash committee artist liaison. “We have a spectacular lineup of 18 stunning pieces going into the live auction, and another 30 gorgeous works of art in the silent auction, all by some of the best artists in the Okanagan. Artist Jordan Perkins will also create a live painting during the gala to be auctioned off at the end of the evening.”

Both the live and silent auctions feature a diverse range of paintings in watercolour, acrylics, oils and multi-media, as well as sculptural and three-dimensional works. Pre-registration and bidding for the silent auction can be done in advance through Benefit Auctions at [Caetani Splash Return to Rome](#).

All works of art in the silent and live auction will be on display for public viewing at the Caetani Gallery on August 9, 12 and 13 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Tickets for the Caetani Splash are \$150 per person, with discounted rates available for full tables of eight. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Caetani Centre (Tuesday to Saturday, 10 AM–4 PM), or online at [Showpass Caetani Splash 2025](#).

All proceeds support the Caetani Centre’s arts, culture, and heritage programming.

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Images:  2025 Caetani Splash photos

About Sveva Caetani and the Caetani Centre

The Caetani Centre is a vibrant cultural facility on a 1.3-acre heritage site in Vernon, BC. A beloved hub for arts and culture, the Centre hosts artists and visitors from around the world. Its mission is to ignite the power of art and story to inspire creativity, community, and connection. Born in Rome in 1917, Sveva Caetani was descended from Italian nobility. After early years of privilege followed by long reclusion in Vernon, she emerged into the public eye through art. Upon her death, her family home was entrusted to the community, and today it thrives as the Caetani Centre. More: www.caetani.org