

## Sound of Strings at The Sembrich: Three Concerts Scheduled

By Mirror Staff

A wide range of string playing will be featured at The Sembrich in a trio of upcoming events.

On Saturday, July 22 at 7:30, the musicians from Meadowmount School of Music present a concert of classical masterworks. Tickets are \$25. As seating is limited, reservations are highly recommended.

The Meadowmount School of Music, founded in 1944, is a 7-weeklong summer training program for accomplished young string and keyboard players preparing for professional careers in music.

Featured works on the concert are Rachmaninoff's Sonata for Cello and Piano and Schubert's Piano Trio in E-flat major. Music of Fritz Kreisler will also be highlighted.

The Silver Bay Quartet follows on Wednesday, July 26 at 1:30 with an afternoon of chamber music. Tickets are \$15.

The centerpiece of the program is Dvorak's Quintet for Strings and Piano, Op. 81 in A Major, featuring

pianist Olga Guerevich, an exciting work that offers a glimpse into the world of Dvorak's Bohemia with its soaring melodies and lively folk rhythms.

The Silver Bay String Quartet was originally founded in 1939 and serves in residence each summer at the nearby Silver Bay Association. The members of the ensemble include Meredith Arksey and Padua Canty, violins, Susan Bengtson, viola and Andrea Chandler, cello.

Scottish champion fiddler Mari Black rounds out the cycle with an appearance as a part of The Sembrich's World Music Wednesday series on August 2nd at 1:30. Tickets are \$15.

In a program entitled "Fiddling Around the World," Mari Black and her trio perform an innovative blend of Celtic, American and Canadian fiddling, jazz, tango, klezmer, folk, original works and more.

The Sembrich is located at 4800 Lakeshore Drive, Bolton Landing. For information about concerts, recitals and programs, call 644-2431 or visit sembrich.org.



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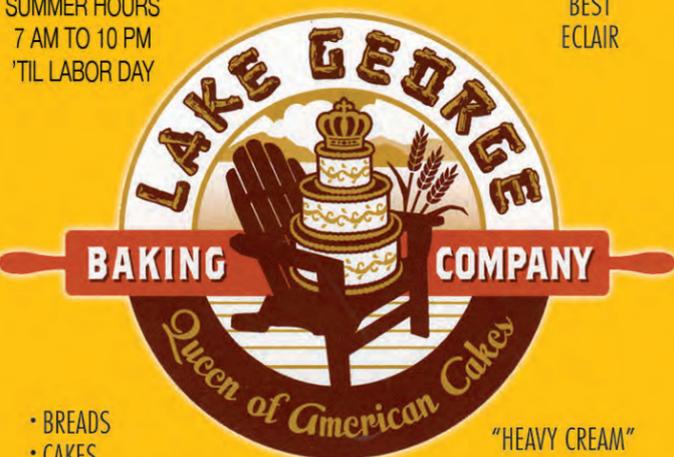
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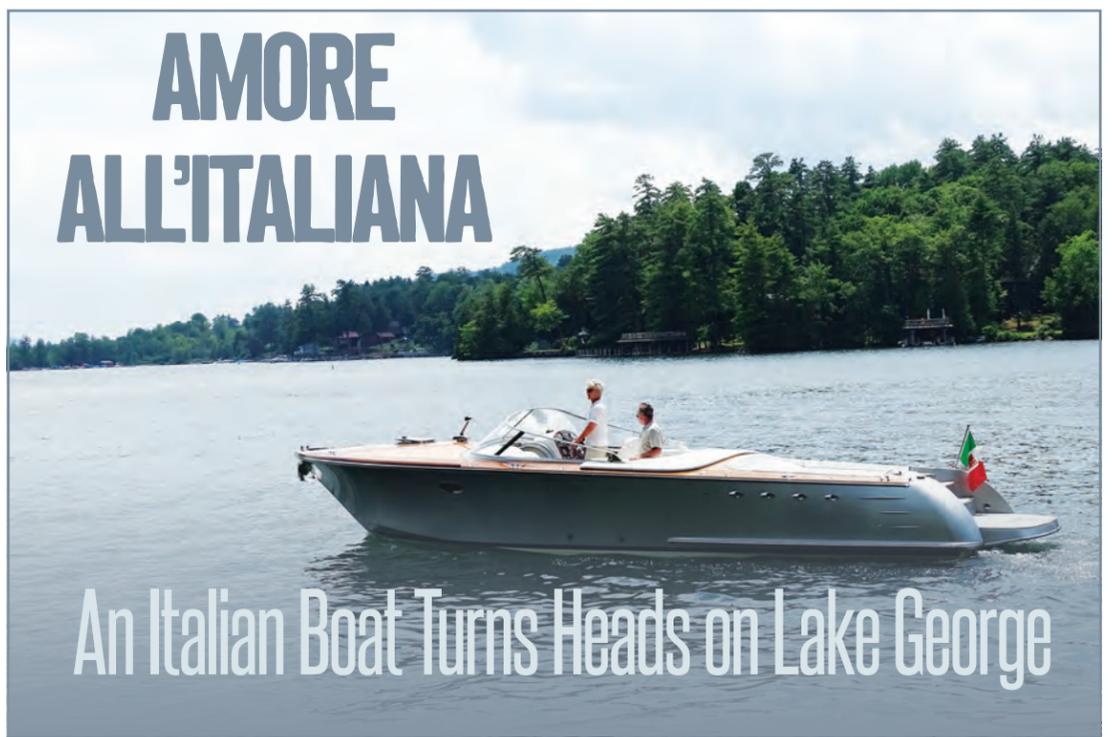
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## AMORE ALL'ITALIANA



## An Italian Boat Turns Heads on Lake George

By Anthony F. Hall

She's the kind of boat people like to take selfies with; at least they did when she was tied up at the Algonquin at the lunch hour last week.

Her owner, Mike Turner, and his friend, Cris Ginn, had taken the thirty-four foot, Italian made Comitti from Hague to Bolton Landing for one last ride before Turner puts her on the market.

"It's one of the quietest, smoothest rides I've had," said Ginn, who moved to Hague in the early 1980s to help Bill Morgan build his wood Hydroplane, Something Else.

In fact, Ginn and Turner met when both were working for Bill Morgan. Ginn married Hague native Sheri DeLarm, who introduced Turner to her best friend, Mary Jo Reale. They're still married, too.

Turner designed and built boats at Morgan's Silver Bay shop for five years before striking out on his own.

For the past fifteen years or so, he's been the North American representative for Comitti, the speed boat builder based on Lake Como.

"I'm thrilled to be able to offer a boat as stylish as this and of this quality to the Lake George region," said Turner. "I feel as though I'm repaying in some measure the education in the traditions of boat building I received here on the lake."

Turner, who now lives in Burlington, discovered Comitti at a boat show in Genoa, Italy.

"I didn't think anyone in Italy was still building wood boats in that style," said Turner.

That style, the flared bow, curved lines and tumblehome stern, is "emotional, sexy, elegant, retro," recalling the Dolce Vita of the 1950s, said Turner.

It was a style he first fell for while growing up in Philadelphia,



Mike Turner and Cris Ginn aboard Comitti's Venezia 34 Elegance in Bolton Landing.

attending boat shows with his father.

Among the boats he saw was a Riva Aquarama, the very one, as it happens, that resides in a Lake George boathouse today.

Turner is one of those people whose relationship with boats is a deeply committed one.

It began with the guide-boats and small wood outboards at his family's camp in the Adirondacks and continued with an apprenticeship in naval architecture in Maine in the 1970s, which led to an engineering degree from Brown University.

When Turner stumbled upon the family-owned Comitti Yachts, the company was in the process of evolving from a small artisan shop to a full production facility.

"When they started, they were building solely with mahogany; since then, they've expanded their lines to include boats with mahogany decks and fiberglass hulls," said Turner.

The Venezia 34 Elegance is an example. While the hull on Turner's boat has a metalized silver grey color, they can be painted any color an owner chooses.

"I'd say it's competitive with the higher end American brands in performance and amenities, but its style is so distinctive. You'd definitely stand out," said Cris Ginn.

"It's definitely a lake boat," said Turner. "They were originally built for use on the Italian lakes. And it handles like an Italian sports car."

Comitti boats are also easily serviced by any shop or marina selling MerCruiser or Volvo products, said Turner.

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