



**Make a New Memory.**

## Kennywood Media Release

**Release:** Immediate  
**Media Contact:** Mary Lou Rosemeyer  
412-461-0500 x1248  
[marylou@kennywood.com](mailto:marylou@kennywood.com)  
Pictures available upon request

### **76th Annual Italian Day at Kennywood amusement park on Tuesday, July 15, 2008**

West Mifflin, PA - The [Italian Sons and Daughters of America \(ISDA\)](#) & Kennywood are proud to present the **76th Annual Italian Day at Kennywood on Tuesday, July 15, 2008**. Festive Italian music, food and entertainment offer the chance to make a new memory – with an Italian twist!

“Americans of Italian origin have a very strong sense of community. Over the past 76 years, the ISDA has brought thousands of special needs children to Italian Day at Kennywood,” explains Ralph Hartford, National President of the Order Italian Sons & Daughters of America (ISDA). “Italian Day is the perfect opportunity to come together to celebrate our heritage and spend time with family and friends.” The ISDA provides a day of fun for hundreds of special needs children, including rides, games, and two meals – one with pizza donated by Vocelli Pizza.

Guests will enjoy many extras on Italian Day, including jugglers, stilt walkers, a Puppa Doll, face painters, and live music. The new ethnic kitchen features Italian fare from local proprietors: Bravo Italian Kitchen, Mariani’s Gourmet Foods, Joyce’s Homemade Cookies, and Christopher’s of Jeannette.

This year, legendary Italian entertainer, Frank Sinatra, will be honored at **2 p.m. on the Kennyville Stage**. **Pittsburgh Postmaster Jim Johnston II will unveil the [United States Postal Service’s Frank Sinatra](#)** commemorative stamp artwork to the public and make a special presentation to Ralph Hartford, President, ISDA, and Peter McAneny, President, Kennywood Entertainment. The Postal Service will sell the Sinatra stamp, CDs and musical cards following the unveiling.

The **Musical Line up in Pavilion # 5 begins at 2:00 p.m.** with the dynamic father-son duo of Benny and Matthew Faiella. The special entertainment continues all through the day and into the night with the [257<sup>th</sup> Army Band](#), Tre Bella and Ronnie Fiorentino, just to name a few.

**A pizza-eating contest sponsored by Vocelli Pizza takes places on the Kennyville stage at 3:30 p.m.** Kenny Kangaroo escorts marching bands, Sicilian carts, politicians, local celebrities, calliope music and even a gondola in the **6 p.m. Italian Day Parade**.



Italian Day has another tradition that dates back 76 years – ending the day with spectacular fireworks. **The evening sky will again light up with flashes up red, white and green at 10 p.m. as Zambelli Fireworks International puts on a fireworks display worthy of the Italians!**

For more information call 412.461.0500 or visit [www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com).

**Order Italian Sons and Daughters of America**  
**76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Italian Day at Kennywood Activities**  
**Tuesday July 15, 2008**

- **Ethnic Kitchen from 12:00 Noon – 7:00 p.m.**
  - Mariani’s Gourmet Foods (Strip District, Pittsburgh, PA)
  - Christopher’s of Jeannette (Jeannette, PA)
  - Bravo Italian Kitchen (Homestead, PA)
  - Joyce’s Homemade Cookies (McKees Rocks, PA)
  
- **Strolling Entertainers (performing at various times & locations in the park)**
  - Howard Mincone (Pittsburgh Juggler, Physical Comic)
  - Bob Spisak (Pittsburgh Stilt Walker)
  - The Villetta Barrea Club
  - Face Painters
  - 1 – 6 p.m. – [Dennis Bowman](#), ventriloquist, outside Pavilion # 5 (Pittsburgh)
  
- **Main Entertainers (performing on the Pavilion 5 stage)**
  - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Benny & Matthew Faiella (Baden, PA)
  - 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mirella “the Musician” Volpe
  - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. [The 257<sup>th</sup> United States Army Band](#) (Washington D.C.)
  - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. [Ronnie Fiorentino](#) (Youngstown, OH)
  - 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Tre Bella (New York City, NY)
  - 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Icampagnoli (Pittsburgh Dance Troup)
  
- **Italian Day Parade – 6:00 p.m.**
  - Letter Carrier Marching Band
  - West Park Fireman’s Marching Band (McKees Rocks, PA)
  - Sicilian Carts
  - Puppa Doll\*
  - Gondola & Villetta Barrea Club
  - Spingo dance group (Morningside, Pittsburgh, PA)
  - Local Celebrities & Politicians
  
- **Zambelli Fireworks International – 10:00 p.m.**

\*Note: for those of us who are “honorary” Italians, a Puppa Doll is a huge doll/puppet.

###