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The Italian Food and Wine Festival Scheduled at Belmar
This Popular Event Offers Activities for the Entire Family

Lakewood, CO (February 2007)—Belmar, located at Wadsworth and Alameda in Lakewood, will host the fourth annual *Festival Italiano Food and Wine Festival* from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 15-16.

The festival will feature the finest Italian food, wine and artisan vendors who will sell ceramics, gelato, sausage, baked goods, pasta, flowers, herbs, sculpture, antique maps, produce, pizza and much more. *Gli Sbandieratori*—flag throwers from Florence, Italy, will provide authentic Italian entertainment. There will be regional Italian wine tasting for adults, chef demonstrations, Italian lessons and a bocce ball tournament.

Activities for children include the Balistreri Vineyards children's grape stomp, hourly readings of classic Italian stories, a Pinocchio and Princess cut-out for photos, face painting and chalk drawing. The venue for the festival on W.Alaska Drive and S. Teller Street has been expanded to accommodate more people.

"The Festival is a very popular event and attracts people from far beyond the boundaries of Lakewood," said Mayor Steve Burkholder. "The sights, sounds and taste are enthralling and worth visiting every year."

For more information, call 303-742-1520 or visit www.belmarcolorado.com.

Belmar, which opened May 14, 2004, is a 104-acre mixed-use development located at Wadsworth Boulevard and West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood and serves as the downtown for the City of Lakewood. Belmar includes shops, restaurants, entertainment, cultural activities, offices and homes. The \$750 million project is being developed through a public/private partnership between the City of Lakewood and Continuum Lakewood Development Company LLC. For more information, visit www.belmarcolorado.com.

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