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JOHN FLORIO AND THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO ENGLISH RENAISSANCE.

Lecture by Lamberto Tassinari

Thursday, February 5, 2009 - 6:30 pm Istituto Italiano di Cultura - 496 Huron St., Toronto Free admission Infoline: 416.921.3802 ext. 221

NO RSVP REQUIRED

Lamberto Tassinari will hold a lecture on the influence of Italian literary works on the English Renaissance from Dante, Petrarca and Boccaccio to Giordano Bruno. The lecture will focus on the Florios, father and son, apostles of the Renaissance in England from 1550 to 1620: language teachers, translators, writers.

A resident of Montreal since 1981, **Lamberto Tassinari** obtained a PhD in philosophy from the University of Florence in Italy. Since 1982, Lamberto Tassinari has taught Italian language and literature at the University of Montreal. As well as writing numerous newspaper and magazine articles, he published a novel in 1985, an essay collection, *Utopies par le hublot* (Carte Blanche), in December 1999, and an essay on art in the

book *Utopia* (Les Presses de l'Université de Laval) in 2001. Early this year Lamberto Tassinari published a book in Italian (*Shakespeare? è il nome d'arte di John Florio*. Montréal : Giano Books, 2008 378 p. - forthcoming English version) in which he puts forward strong arguments which state that great Elizabethan linguist, translator and writer John Florio, is the author of the works of William Shakespeare.

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