



Foundry Wharf

Saturday 14th Feb. 10:30am – 12:30pm



“Mando Liscio” with Mattinata di Matteo

“Mando Liscio” is a tribute to mandolin dance music composed for “smooth” dancing. In the early part of the 20th century, coupled ballroom dancers enjoyed the sweeping waltzes, mazurkas, polkas, and later, the Latin dances that kept dance halls busy well into the 1940s & 1950s. “Ballo Liscio” music arrived with a Sicilian immigrant, Onofrio di Bella who came to New York City in 1908; he brought the lively dance tradition, his own compositional abilities, a corral of composers, and the passionate desire to share this type of music. It spawned a whole genre of mandolin music that is played to this day at Caffè Trieste. We are deeply in debt to those mandolin Maestros who excelled at playing the music of ‘ballo liscio’—smooth dancing!

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