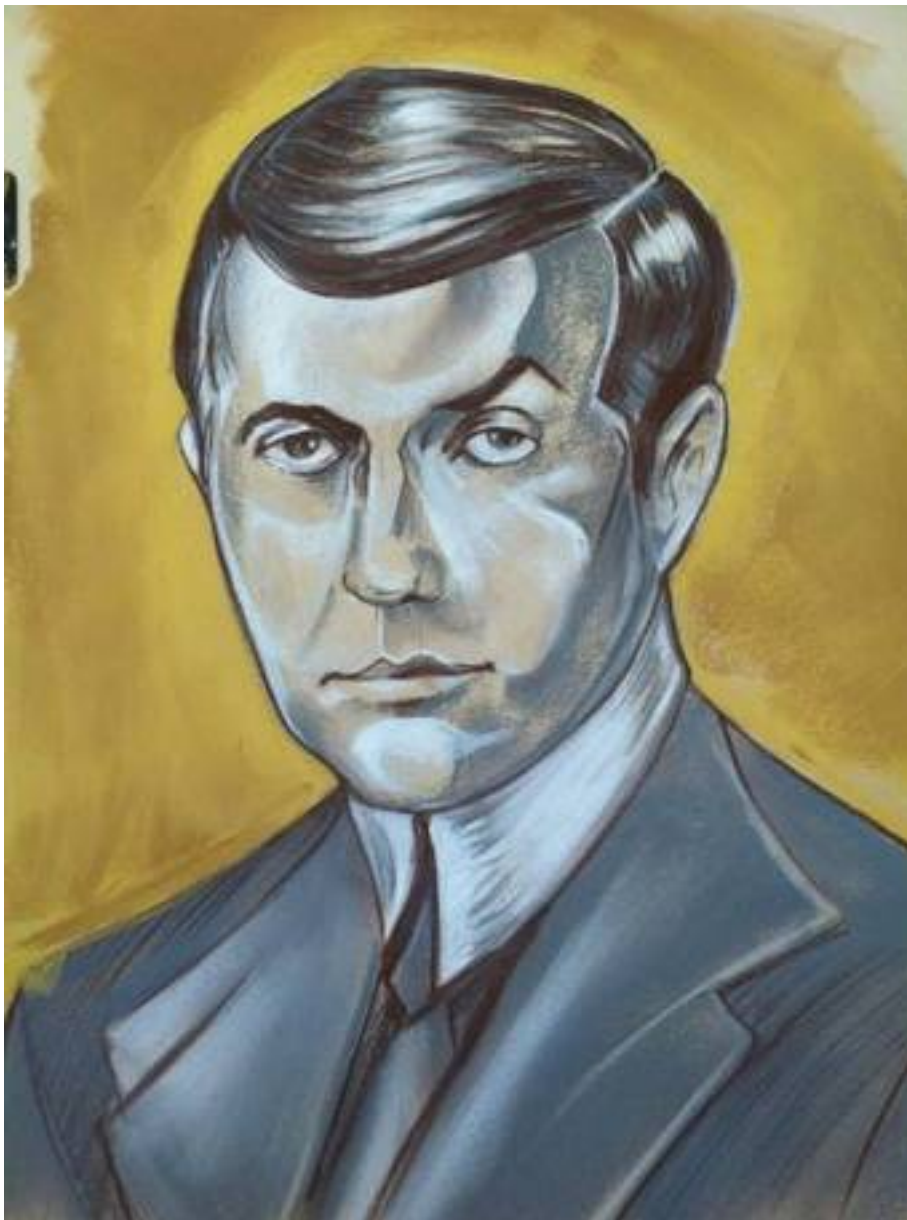




**IAWA: Prose, Poetry, Politics and Unsung Heroes Featuring Gil Fagiani, Stephen Siciliano Saturday, May 9 at Cornelia St. Cafe**

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The Italian American Writers Association (IAWA) presents two activist authors who are also co-founders of the Vito Marcantonio Forum, Gil Fagiani and Stephen Siciliano on Saturday, May 9 at Cornelia St. Café, Greenwich Village. Open Mic followed by features.



Gil Fagiani has published seven collections of poetry. His latest book, *Stone Walls* ([Bordighera Press](#) [2]), focuses on his relationship with his father growing up in Stamford, Connecticut. This fall Guernica Editions will publish *Logos*, which chronicles Fagiani's experiences in a South Bronx drug program in the early 1970s. Fagiani was the subject of a New York Times article by David Gonzalez, "[A Poet Mines Memories of Drug Addiction](#) [3]."

An independent scholar, translator, essayist, short story writer, and poet, his translations have appeared in such anthologies as *Poets of the Italian Diaspora*, edited by Luigi Bonaffini and Joseph Perricone; and *Italoamericana: The Literature of the Great Migration, 1880-1943* ([Fordham University Press](#) [4]). He curates the [Italian American Writers Association](#) [5]'s reading series, and is an associate editor of *Feile-Festa: A Literary Arts Journal*.

Los Angeles-based [Stephen Siciliano](#) [6] will read from his latest novel-manuscript, *The Goodfather*, which tells the life story of the marvelous and radical congressman [Vito Marcantonio](#) [7] from the perspective of la famiglia Fortunato who lived down the street from him in [East Harlem](#) [8]. New York-based pianist and composer Peter Dizozza will play piano.

A journalist, scriptwriter and a script reader for the Creative Artists Agency and United Talent Agency, he is a correspondent for [Bloomberg BNA](#) [9], [Los Angeles Business Journal](#) [10] and is managing editor at [Downtown Los Angeles News](#) [11]. He co-founded and edited the Spanish-language weekly, *La Otra Orilla* (The Other River Bank) in Seville, Spain. His adaptation of Jodi Picoult's novel *Change of Heart* is set to be filmed later this year. Visit his blog at [highwayscribery.blogspot.com](http://highwayscribery.blogspot.com)

IAWA's ([iawa.net](http://iawa.net)) series is the longest running literary reading at [Cornelia St. Café](#) [12]; on even months, IAWA-East is held at [Sidewalk Café](#) [13]. [The Vito Marcantonio Forum](#) [14], is an educational organization dedicated to disseminating and sharing knowledge of the life and work of Vito Marcantonio (1902-1954). [vitomarcantonio.org](http://vitomarcantonio.org)

Event kicks off with Open Mic readings of five minutes.

COVER: \$8 CONTACT: [www.corneliastreetcafe.com](http://www.corneliastreetcafe.com); or 212-989-9319.

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Since 1991, IAWA has given voice to writers through its literary series every second Saturday of the month. IAWA East is held even months at Sidewalk Café and IAWA West continues at Cornelia Street Café on odd months.

#### Next Readings

June 13: Susan Lembo Balik and George Guida @ Sidewalk Café

July 11: Joseph Luzzi and Fred Misurella @ Cornelia St. Café

August 8: Louisa Calio and Carole Giagrande @ Sidewalk Café

Sept. 12: Nancy Caronia and Edvige Giunta @Cornelia St. Café

Oct. 10: Maria Mazziotti Gillan and Michael Palma @ Sidewalk Café

Nov.14: Bob Agnoli and Tommy Fucaloro @Cornelia St. Café

Dec. 12: Premiere of Student Partners Night @Sidewalk Café

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