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The Italian In Me

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Playwright/actress **Dina Morrow**'s parents were Italians who immigrated to Canada before her birth. She was raised as a Roman Catholic by her Italian grandmother. And from the age of four, she knew she wanted to be an actress and a writer. As an adult, (in 1987) she made her way to Italy to launch a career in Italian movies. Dina spent eight years working in Italy and returned to Canada before ending up in Los Angeles.

Dina had lots of stories to tell about her experiences in Italy, and those stories resulted in her present one-woman show, *The Italian In Me*, at **The Globe Playhouse** in West Hollywood. The play is not a true autobiography, but is based on real events in her life. It abounds with wit and humor, and Dina's characterizations are superb. It is difficult to believe, by her Italian speech and accent, that she is not a true native of Italy! Her life wasn't exactly as she expected during her tenure in Italy. It seems that Italian men are looking for more in an actress than her acting ability! So Dina fell back on her Catholic upbringing and turned to prayer. They were finally answered when she met the incomparable **Frederico Fellini**. Unfortunately, he died a short time later.

Dina Morrow's career has taken off since those days spent in Italy. She is now a success, not only in Italy, but the United States and Canada as well. She has worked as an actress, TV host, a voice-over talent and writer. This most recent project, *The Italian In Me* (which she wrote), began as character pieces. In October 2005, Dina began to work-shop the characters into a theatre piece. Under the direction of **Peter Flood**, it has been honed into a delightful, humorous play, and Dina performs it with vim and vigor. Peter is a member of **Actor's Studio Playwrights & Directors Unit** in New York and Los Angeles. He has taught acting in a number of cities, and has worked as a story analyst for **Walt Disney Studios**.

The Globe Playhouse is located at 1107 N. Kings Road in West Hollywood. For tickets, call 323.960.521 or go to www.plays422.com/theitalian.

