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Art classes are on the menu at Alessandro Costa's newly-opened Sicilian cafe in Edinburgh.

Alessandro, 45, originally from Palermo, is preparing traditional Sicilian cakes and paninis at Colpamia cafe in Roseburn.

He has also teamed up with local artist and designer Julia Murden to host a series of leisure art classes at Colpamia. They will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on 24 September.

"I am delighted by the first few weeks of trading," said Alessandro. His 18-year-old son Alessio is helping him at Colpamia which translates from Italian as "My fault".

He joked "I've been married for twenty years. It is always my fault!"

Alessandro came over to Scotland after marrying his wife Debbie who is from Dumfries and was responsible for the cafe's interior design.

He said that he was keen to promote local talent and Julia is a former college lecturer who now runs Vizualedinburgh offering a range of art and design services.

An open day with samples of Sicilian specialities is being

held at the cafe on Saturday 20 September 10am to 2pm.

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