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Florence is bringing in the New Year in spectacular style, with twenty concerts in twenty piazzas across the city. Let the music ring out as we celebrate the start of a new year, then check inside your festive stocking to see what La Befana has left inside. January is the time for residents to savour the attractions of their special home while there are less tourists. Take the time to visit the galleries and museums, and keep an eye out for the Pitti fashion festival style icons that will be filling the streets. If you prefer a low-key winter, travel into the hills for skiing and thermal baths, or cosy up by the fire with a glass of Chianti. With our warmest best wishes for a magical start to 2020, from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JANUARY

BEST EVENT: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE CITY TO WELCOME 2020 WITH 20 CONCERTS IN 20 PIAZZAS

(From theflorentine.net)

The official New Year's Eve celebrations will consist in 20 performances across 20 places in Florence. All details about events is available from the information point in Sala d'Arme di Palazzo Vecchio (open from noon and throughout the night on December 31), while local information points will be set up in all the piazzas involved in the celebrations.

Acrobats and aerial dancing take over piazza della Signoria from 10pm to 1am with a visually impactful performance by Cirk Fantastik, in collaboration with Cirko Vertigo. The façade of the Palazzo Vecchio will be transformed with video mapping.

The city's loggias are coming to life for the new year with Logge in Festa. The Loggia del Grano will be illuminated by the Skunk Control Collective, while jugglers will entertain the young ones. Dance to pop music played by radio station RDF DJs and enjoy spectacular performances by the Dhakkan collective in the Loggia del Pesce until 1am. Enrico Tagliaferri will get everyone dancing in the Loggia del Porcellino (10pm to 1am) with a mix of disco, new wave and rock.

And there is so much more! Read everything here at The Florentine Magazine

BEST TRADITION: THE CAVALCADE OF THE THREE KINGS ARRIVES IN FLORENCE, January 6

This special parade recreates the arrival of the Three Kings in Bethlehem to the manger where the baby Jesus was born. The "Cavalcade of the Three Kings" takes place in downtown Florence on the morning of January 6 and is a commemoration of an ancient celebration of the epiphany that has taken place in the city as far back as 1400. On this special occasion, a parade in beautiful Renaissance costumes starts from Palazzo Pitti and winds its way through the city, passing by Piazza della Signoria and arriving at the Cathedral and Baptistery in Piazza del Duomo. The Sbandieratori, or flag-throwing company, of the Uffizi also participates in the event, enchanting the public with their skill in throwing, exchanging and waving their flags in Piazza della Signoria. The procession begins at 14.15 from Palazzo Pitti.

SECOND BEST TRADITION: LA BEFANA VISITS DURING THE EPIPHANY, January 6

La Befana arrives in Florence and this is Italy's traditional day of gift giving. The name "Befana" is a popular version of the Greek term "Epiphany", the festivity following Christmas commemorating the visit of the Magi. The three wise men on their journey were stopped by an old woman with a broom who asked them where they were going. They said they were following a star that would lead them to a newborn baby, and invited her to come along. But she was busy sweeping and cleaning and did not go. When she realised her mistake, her regret was so great that she continues to wander Italy. On the Epiphany (when the Wise Men found the baby Jesus), she rewards good children and disappoints those who were bad. She is portrayed as an old ugly woman dressed in dark rags who flies over houses on her broom and enters through the chimneys (or the keyhole). Children hang socks near the

fireplace, where she leaves candies and gifts or black coal (or black sugar), garlic and onions.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A DELIGHTFUL APARTMENT IN A VERY GOOD AREA FOR VISITING THE HISTORIC CITY

A lovely two bedroom and two bathroom apartment with terra cotta tiles, exposed wooden beams, and contemporary furnishings in a great central area. Piazza Santa Croce is in the heart of Florence on the north side of the river. It hosts many festivities including the Calcio in Costume football matches during the month of June and is the location of one of the most important churches in the city. It is within a few minutes' walk from the city's major museums and monuments. Close by are the Sant' Ambrogio open-air market, a post office, gym and general shopping. The apartment is located near several theatres, including "Teatro Verdi" and "La Pergola" hosting concerts and other performances throughout the year. [More photos and information here.](#)



BEST EXHIBITION: LAST CHANCE TO SEE CORPO A CORPO, FIGURATIVE ARTS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD AT VILLA BARDINI, Until January 12

On show 35 works (including paintings and sculptures) by as many artists from 12 countries (Australia, United States, China, Fed. Russia, Greece, Spain, Poland, Israel, Ireland, United Kingdom, Sweden and Italy) who have in common the training course at the academies and art schools of classical tradition present in Florence but also in other countries. An unprecedented cross-section of some excellences in the field of the figurative arts is thus presented to the general public, an expression of which Pietro Annigoni, whose permanent museum is located at Villa Bardini, is one of the greatest representatives in Italy.

Tuesday-Sunday 10.00-19.00 at Villa Bardini Costa San Giorgio 2 [More information.](#)

BEST MUSIC: JAZZ PROGRAM RETURNS TO CAFFÈ DEL VERONE, January 3

Kicking off the year, Claudio Jr. De Rosa Trio, the young and talented Neapolitan saxophonist comes to Caffè del Verone. Fresh from his latest performances at Umbria Jazz and the North Sea Jazz festival, he will perform alongside Alessio Bruno on double bass and Giovanni Paolo Liguori on drums. The trio will perform a mix of original and well-known American songs, celebrating one of the first days of the New Year together. The Verone Jazz program includes a short interview with each performing artist to introduce the public to their music. Concerts are free and open to the public while seats last, with a pre-show aperitivo starting at 7pm. [See the event page here](#) and follow their Facebook page to see who's programmed next.

BEST DINING OUT: NEW DINING HOTSPOT IN SANT'AMBROGIO, NUGOLO

(Review by Helen Farrell from The Florentine Magazine)

“The other night, I checked out Sant’Ambrogio’s newest culinary hotspot: [Nugolo](#). Chefs Antonio Badalamenti and Simone Caponnetto cook up a seasonal storm in the greenhouse-like kitchen: there’s a tomato theme that runs throughout and almost all the veggies are all grown in Settignano. The vibe is fresh and thoughtful, down to the slightly bouncy garden-esque chairs, cute weathered steel individual table lamps and sweetly scented roses, plus the “bunches” (hence, the name: “nugolo” means cloud) of tomatoes dangling from the ceiling in the entranceway. A superb spot for friends, couples and the culinary curious.” Nugolo, Via della Mattonaia, 27R, Sant’Ambrogio

BEST OF THE REST

FLORENCE WINTER SALES, Until March 4

While some sales have already started, after the Epiphany of January 6th all the stores of Florence will begin their major sales to clear out their Autumn and Winter stock, in order to make room for the new season arrivals. You can expect savings of at least 50%, which often reach 70% towards the end of the month as stocks dwindle. It’s the perfect time to grab a few last minute winter coats to help survive the winter chill of January!

HOT THERMAL BATHS TO EASE THE WINTER CHILL

Winter is the season to enjoy the range of beautiful hot springs located in Tuscany, both to warm you up and for all the rumoured health benefits. There are a number of different springs, some free and some with spa facilities designed to help you pass the entire day relaxing out of the city centre. Check them out online to see which one you like, and don’t be afraid to try the plunge from the hot springs to the cold lakes - they swear it’s good for you! A list of Tuscan Thermal Baths:

Terme di Bagno Vignoni (Siena)

Grotta Giusti (Pistoia)

Terme di Gambassi Stabilimento Acqua di Pillo (Florence)

Terme di Firenze (Florence)

Terme di Montecatini (Pistoia)

Terme di San Casciano dei Bagni Fonteverde (Siena)

Terme di Saturnia (Grosseto)

Terme Calidario (Livorno)

See photos of different *terme* and more information in this great article by [Discover Tuscany](#).

FIRENZE WINTER PARK AT THE OBIHALL, Until February 23

The winter park is back for the season! Go skiing, ice skating and tobogganing on the banks of the Arno at Obihall. After heading down the 80-metre piste on skis or a snowboard or trying your luck on the ice rink, indulge in some après-ski at the bars, enjoy a hearty meal at the restaurant or join in the many children's activities. The park will remain open over the Christmas period (and on Christmas Day from 2:00pm until 1.00am). See www.firenzewinterpark.it for details.

PITTI FASHION COMES TO TOWN, January 7-24

Although all of the Pitti Immagine productions are aimed at specialist fashion buyers (you may be one), Florence knows they are here because the streets are full of fashionable folk. January is the month that fashion events, parties, and shows spill out of various venues in the historic centre, and is a heavenly time for people-watching in the streets. Look out for local bloggers covering the fashionistas and the mad styles on show as people travel to and from the events.

PITTI UOMO 96 – From the 7th to the 10th January. The most important international platform for men's clothing and accessories collections and for the launch of new projects on men's fashion. Born in 1972, it takes place in Florence, two editions a year.

PITTI BIMBO 89 – From the 16th to 18th. The only international appointment able to represent the entire universe of children's fashion in all its forms; born in 1975, the fair launched the first fashion shows and events dedicated to this segment.

PITTI FILATI 85 – From 22nd to 24th. The leading event in the field of knitting yarns with an eye to technological innovations and services for the textile industry; his Spazio Ricerca is the laboratory where the trends of the future are experienced and anticipated.

Stazione Leopolda, info: 055 212622, www.stazione-leopolda.com

Pitti Immagine: <http://www.pittimmagine.com/en/corporate.html>

“F-LIGHT YOUR MIND”: THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES FLORENCE, Until January 6

From December the 8th to January 6th Florentines and tourists will be invited to take part in a light journey, an imaginary trip from the city's squares to the celestial vault. After the great success of the last editions, Florence is preparing to light up with "F-Light": the Florence Light Festival will shed new light on the monuments and squares of the city. The event will offer video-mapping, projections, light games, artistic installations, educational activities, special visits to museums, shows and cultural meetings. As usual, many spaces of the city will be involved: on all Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Piazza Santa Maria Novella and the Oltrarno, with particular attention to the Towers and the city gates and the neighborhoods outside the historic center. The lights of F-light 2018 will be jointly turned on Saturday, December 8th when the Christmas tree in front of the Duomo is switched on.

STADIO FRANCHI, FIORENTINA vs ROMA, January 12 and 25

(From visitflorence.com)

Looking for some action in Florence? Check out the home games. You won't want to miss the

football match between the home team Fiorentina and that of SPAL or Genova! Get out your purple sweatshirts, buy one of the team's jerseys and a scarf and make your way to the stadium for a game that is sure to have everyone jumping out of the seats cheering! [Fiorentina News](#)

BIRRAIO DELL'ANNO, January 17 - 19

(From visitflorence.com)

Finding the best craft beer in Italy. This is the 9th edition of celebrating the best craft beer maker in Italy - and what fun tasting your way through breweries from the north to the south. Make plans to include a day at ObiHall savoring the many flavors of beer! [Official link](#)

#DOMENICOALMUSEO : STATE MUSEUMS FREE FOR EVERYONE, AND CIVIC MUSEUMS FREE FOR RESIDENTS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

On the first Sunday of every month, Florence opens up all of its state and civic museums free for residents of the city, or people born here. Here's a list of the state museums free to all: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello , Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And civic museums free to residents: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. You'll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

EXHIBITIONS

NATALIA GONCHAROVA, A WOMAN OF THE AVANTE-GARDE WITH GAUGUIN, MATISSE, AND PICASSO, AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January 12

Palazzo Strozzi celebrates Natalia Goncharova, a leading female artist of the 20th century, in a major retrospective. The exhibition will explore her unconventional life and career, presenting her rich and multifaceted artistic output with masterpieces from major international collections by celebrated artists including Gauguin, Matisse, Picasso, Balla and Boccioni. Taking visitors on a journey from the Russian countryside to Moscow and Paris, two of the most important cities to Natalia, the exhibition features 130 artworks and gives an account of the unorthodox life of a woman who lived for her art and successfully forged her own unique fusion of tradition and innovation, of East and West, making her own work a unique example of experimentation with artistic genres and styles ranging from New-Primitivism to Rayonisme, painting and graphic art to her work for the theatre. [More information here.](#)

NEO RAUCH. PAINTINGS FROM 2008 TO 2019, AT PALAZZO PITTI until January 12

Neo Rauch's dreamlike realism casts its spell on the Pitti Palace. From today until 12 January, in this erstwhile Medicean abode the 19th-century rooms of the Andito degli Angiolini will be hosting the first Italian retrospective devoted to the famous Leipzig-born artist's work. Curated by Max Seidel and Serena Calamai, the exhibition displays 37 paintings of various sizes that Rauch executed between 2008 and 2019. The multi-faceted and enigmatic aesthetics of Rauch mixes, not

seldom in the same painting, elements and landscapes borrowed from German figurativism and Romanticism with both the artistic lexis of Socialist realism and the abstract and primeval forms of Surrealism. He therefore succeeds in fusing such aesthetics with the geometrical spaciousness of the architecture and decorations of the Pitti Palace in order to gain a unique visual alchemy. In fact, Rauch has been pursuing such a fusion over time by realizing several paintings among the ones on display in this exhibition, that - as he himself admits - he has conceived specifically for this Medicean abode's premises. [More information here.](#)

MUMMIES: JOURNEY INTO IMMORTALITY AT THE MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO OF FLORENCE, Until February 2020

The leitmotif of the exhibition is the Egyptian concept of life after death and the meaning of the objects that were placed in the tomb with the deceased that, according to Egyptian culture, would have been helpful to them once they reached the afterworld. In order to preserve the body, the Egyptians used the embalming method so as to allow them to reincarnate. The exhibition is divided into two sections: the first one displays artefacts concerning the mummification technique while the second deals with the grave goods that accompanied the deceased on their journey to the afterlife. This last part gathers both the objects with strictly funerary functions, like the ushabti or the offering tables, and the everyday items that were placed in the tomb to recreate the home environment of the deceased, for example furnishings or jewellery. [More information here.](#)

INSIDE MAGRITTE, MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION AT THE CHIESA DI SANTO STEFANO AL PONTE, Until March 1

An experience between the real and the imaginary, between the evocation of a dream world and the story of the concrete life of one of the greatest painters of the twentieth century, one of the greatest exponents of surrealism. "Inside Magritte" is a multimedia exhibition dedicated to the great surrealist master René Magritte (1898 - 1967), conceived and signed by Crossmedia Group and Hepco who produce the event directed by The Fake Factory. The exhibition will animate the Cathedral of the Image in Santo Stefano al Ponte with a suggestive immaterial, visual and sound architecture, which will reconstruct the pictorial universe of Magritte. [More information here.](#)

ENIGMA PINOCCHIO: FROM GIACOMETTI TO LACHAPELLE, Until March 22

(from theflorentine.net)

Pinocchio's adventures are known the world over. A symbol of both Italy and Tuscany, Carlo Collodi's 19th century creation has been the subject of works by Giacometti, LaChapelle, Munari, Paladino, McCarthy, Venturino Venturi and more. A dedicated exhibition demonstrates his influence and looks into why he is so often favoured by artists as a character worth exploring. Perhaps he represents veiled malevolence, or the spiritual search for enlightenment, in either case, Pinocchio is open to interpretation. Complex, elusive, and certainly enigmatic, a thousand eyes interpret a thousand different Pinocchio's, which is what the exhibition invites us to reflect upon. Location: Villa Bardini, Costa San Giorgio 2-4. Learn more at www.villabardini.it.

DANCE AND THEATRE

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. Built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison. This is truly one of the most stunning theatres in Europe, and their program is full of music, dance, musicals, and variety shows.

OUR PICK: [PINOCCHIO RELOADED](#), January 23-26

The fable of a wireless puppet. A revolutionary musical with the disruptive force of first love.

"When you get up and you feel destroyed, gather your strength and go to your day. To not go back to your usual steps would be enough, for a moment. One day you believe", Edoardo Bennato

Puppets or puppeteers? Are we really free or do we just think we are? Would we be able to live without the threads that inevitably regulate our interpersonal relationships, or do we need the threads to feel comfortable in society? A great hymn to freedom, to rebellion from conventions, a fairy tale of love and music, the timeless one of Edoardo Bennato, which is enriched with new contemporary shades, from Rock to House to Rap.

To see the full list of events in this stunning venue, go to: <http://www.teatroverdifirenze.it/en/>

THEATRE AND MUSIC AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA

The Teatro della Pergola is a historic opera house located in the centre of the city on Via della Pergola, from which the theatre takes its name. It was built in 1656 under the patronage of Cardinal Gian Carlo de' Medici to designs by the architect Ferdinando Tacca, son of the sculptor Pietro Tacca.

OUR PICK: [RE LEAR](#), KING LEAR, January 10-19

Note from the Director: "What has always struck me about King Lear, which is one of the blackest and in some ways enigmatic tragedies among those of William Shakespeare, is that under that black something incredibly bright seems to shine and this very light buried by the shadow makes it so charming. The torments of Lear, of Gloucester, the disturbances of Edgar, the wishes of Edmund, the tremors and terrors of the three daughters of the King, Cordelia, Goneril and Regan, have always attracted because the complexity and in some cases the violence that produces the generational conflict is necessarily universal." Andrea Baracco

To see the whole program for the theatre and to book tickets: <http://www.teatrodellapergola.com/>

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

EVENTS AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE

The British Institute has a whole new, expanded program bringing the old library to life as one of the most activated events spaces in Florence. From lectures to live music and film screenings, this is the program to follow to get your cultural fill. Entry includes wine and nibbles, and is cheaper for members. Sign up for a membership at the library, or through the website!

8 JANUARY 2020 - 18:00 [The Orion Piano Trio](#)
9 JANUARY 2020 - 19:00 ART STORIES SERIES - [The Tower that Giotto Never Built](#)
15 JANUARY 2020 - 18:00 [A mausoleum for the Medici: the Pollaiuolo in the provinces](#)
22 JANUARY 2020 - 18:00 [Pierrot: a silent witness of changing times](#)
23 JANUARY 2020 - 19:00 MUSIC AL BRITISH - [Warwick Lister \(violin\) and James Gray \(piano\)](#)
29 JANUARY 2020 - 18:00 [Florence and the changing concept of childhood](#)

See all the events and [more at the website](#).

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS: ODEON CINEMA

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi. This month's screenings include: **Sorry We Missed You, Little Women, and Leonardo Le Opera**

[See the full program here](#).

MUSIC

THE FIRST CONCERT OF THE ORCHESTRA OF TUSCANY AT TEATRO VERDI FOR 2020, January 10

(From [visitflorence.com](#))

Dmitry Sitkovetsky, the director and the violin soloist make for an exciting evening in one of Florence's more famous theaters. With the new year, bringing Brahms, Tchaikovsky, and Prokofiev back to find the RTO the Russian violinist-director Dmitry Sitkovetsky. This concert will be performed again in Figline Valdarno on the 11th and Arezzo on the 13th then on the 14th in Empoli.

[See full calendar](#)

NIGHTS OF MUSIC AT THE AUDITORIUM DI SANTO STEFANO AL PONTE VECCHIO

Enjoy a wonderful concert at Auditorium Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio, located in the Piazza Santo Stefano just a few steps from Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria.

OUR PICK FOR THE MONTH: [NEW YEARS EVE GALA WITH THE THREE TENORS AND BALLET](#)

Celebrate the passing of the old year with a wonderful concert in the church of Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio in Florence. Famous opera arias, Neapolitan songs and traditional works by Johann Strauss will be performed by three masterful tenors, accompanied by a mandolin, cello, and grand piano. Greet the new year with wonderful music, a glass of champagne and a dessert tasting.

[See the whole program for the Auditorium here](#).

CLASSICAL CONCERTS AND OPERA AT ST MARK'S ENGLISH CHURCH, INCLUDING SPECIAL ITALIAN DINNER ON SELECTED DATES

In the beautiful and intimate setting of St Mark's Church, the performances are complete operas, apart from one or two slight adaptations to suit the intimate setting. They also have a full [Cultural Program](#) that runs throughout the year - a very special place to visit while in Florence.

This month's program includes: Love Duets and a special Gala Concert for NYE.

[See the complete schedule here](#)

AMICI DELLA MUSICA

If you ever wanted to listen to classical music in a theatre where you could imagine Verdi or Mozart to walk in any second go to the jewel box Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts at the Teatro della Pergola. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed.

OUR PICK FOR THIS MONTH: [Giuseppe Albanese on Piano](#)

Giuseppe Albanese boasts an extraordinary curriculum: at 17 he received a 10-*cum laude* rating and an honorable mention at the piano diploma at the Rossini Conservatory of Pesaro; 110 *cum laude* (with dignity to print the thesis) for a degree in Philosophy; at 25 he is a contract university professor of the Methodology of Musical Communication. He has won awards from the Venice Prize in 1997 to the first prize in 2003 at the "Vendome Prize" (jury president Sir Jeffrey Tate) with finals in London and Lisbon. [Tickets, more information, and the full program of concerts.](#)

THE SHOWCASE OPEN MIC, WEEKLY AT GET LUCKY GASTROPUB FLORENCE,

Every Monday

Florence is filled with creative and talented performers and The Showcase at The Virgin Rock Pub is designed to give them a unique and special stage, hosted by Florence singer-songwriter Patti DeRosa. All creative spirits are invited to come and share their material, or just listen. The open mike begins at 9:00pm and performers can sign up (usually 3 songs), but each week also includes a "Featured Artist", (a local or touring musician or writer), who performs a 30 minute showcase. After the Featured Artist, the open mike resumes. Tutti sono benvenuti! [Follow their facebook page here.](#)
Virgin Rock Pub, Via dell'Agnolo 78r, Florence

EXHIBITIONS OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

WERNER BISCHOF. CLASSICS. AT THE L.U.C.C.A. CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, Until January 7

Female nudes, investigations on nature, portraits that show an unprecedented use of light, great journeys to remote places, devastated by war or exalted by indigenous culture: these are the main themes that will enliven Lu.C.C.A. - Lucca Center of Contemporary Art, with the exhibition dedicated to Werner Bischof, one of the greatest photojournalists of the twentieth century. One hundred and five shots, with images ranging from 1934 to 1954, divided into 8 sections.

"Werner Bischof, a master of reportage, but above all an artist able to investigate the relationship

between man and nature and himself, a seeker of truth, archaeologist of human feelings, narrator of the extraordinary daily life, passionate about life” explains Maurizio Vanni, who is also General Director of Lu.CCA. [More information here](#).

THE BEST OF CONTEMPORARY ART AT GALLERIA CONTINUA IN SAN GIMIGNANO

A contemporary and international art gallery in the heart of Tuscany. Galleria Continua opened in San Gimignano (Italy) in 1990. Occupying a former cinema, Galleria Continua established itself and thrived in an entirely unexpected location, away from the big cities and the ultramodern urban centres, in a town - San Gimignano - steeped in history, timeless, magnificent. Current Exhibitions:

KIKI SMITH: COMPASS

Kiki Smith (American, b. 1954, Nuremberg, Germany) has been known since the 1980s for her multidisciplinary practice relating to the human condition and the natural world. She uses a broad variety of materials to continuously expand and evolve a body of work that includes sculpture, printmaking, photography, drawing and textiles.

MOATAZ NASR: PARADISE LOST

Egyptian artist Moataz Nasr explores traditions and new globalism, questioning geopolitical and social development in Africa. The artistic practice for Nasr is a tool and a language that embraces art, sociology, Sufism and history, in order to encourage dialogue across geographical boundaries.

YOAN CAPOTE: SUJETO OMITIDO

Yoan Capote has received distinctions such as the international Fellowship Grant by the Guggenheim Foundation (2006), the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant (2006) and the Vermont Studio Center Fellowship (2002). During the Seventh Biennial of Havana (2000) he received the UNESCO prize, together with the artists' collective DUPP.

All three exhibitions run until January 6. For more information, [see the website](#).

LEONARDO DA VINCI: VISIONS, AT THE MUSEO CIVICO PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA, Until February 2020

The exhibition presents ambitious projects by Leonardo that illustrate his aptitude for experimenting with themes of unprecedented complexity. Flight takes shape in his studies and in the machines he designed. Leonardo gave movement to inanimate objects: the self-propelled chariot and the mechanical lion are eloquent testimony to the highly innovative potential that he achieved. Finally, the gigantic bronze equestrian statue is further proof of the intelligence and tenacity with which Leonardo faced the most daring technological and artistic challenges. Visions is a reworking of the exhibitions The Engineers of the Renaissance (1995), The Automobile of Leonardo (2004) and The Mind of Leonardo (2006). More info [at the website](#).

FUN, FESTIVALS AND FOOD OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

Here we put **just a taste** of the many, many events that are happening all throughout the beautiful

villages of Tuscany - brought to you from our wonderful friends at [Discover Tuscany](#). With so much to choose from, you should also **SEE THE FULL LIST** of [special events for January here](#).

DISFIDA DEI FALO' IN PONTREMOLI, January 17 & 31

And the challenge is on! Two patron saints and two churches. This historic tradition, that pits church against church and saint against saint is all about who makes the most beautiful, long-lasting and luminous bonfire. The rivalry started in the medieval times between the Guelfs and Ghibellines when Castruccio Castracani the city in two. For two different appointments, magic will illuminate the night in Pontremoli when the locals compete to see who can produce the best colorful flames and show.

[Official link](#)

FESTA DEL SANTO PATRONO IN SAN GIMIGNANO, January 31

Honoring their patron Saint... In the shade of the famous towers of San Gimignano, there is an appointment you just can't miss if you are in Tuscany this January. From morning to night you will find festive stands with crafts and food which will animate piazza della Cisterna, Piazza del Duomo, Piazza delle Erbe and via San Matteo. This is a great opportunity to be curious and lose yourself among the colors, the folklore and the traditions of San Gimignano.

RASSEGNA DI ARTI PER LA SALUTE IN PISA, 4-6 & 11-12 January, 2020

Caught between dreams, magic and wellbeing... Celebrating their yet another gathering, the theme is magically floating between reality and non. Here you will find information and groups ranging from holistic disciplines to ethical nutrition, vegans and vegetarians. Come and have a look, there is bound to be something that tickles your fancy. [Programma](#)

JANUARY WISHES

We wish you peace and tranquility for the start of a new year. May 2020 bring blessings and joy for you and all of your loved ones.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Porta Romana modern House – Historic Center

New modern apt, 500 sq. mt. (aprox. 5000 sq. ft.) with approx 350 Sq. Mt (3.500 Sq. Ft.) of garden. 5 bedroom 7 bathrooms, autonomous heating, air conditioning, car parking;

Asking price 2,500,000 Euro



SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Third floor, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 50 Sq. Mt. (500 Sq. Ft.) of private terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; nice small building, natural light out door space

Asking price 900,000 Euro



SALE – San Savino Farm House – 80 Km South of Florence

Refurbished free standing stone house, approx. 360 Sq. Mt. (3600 Sq. Ft.) surrounded by 1 hectare (3 acres) of fenced garden. 6 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating, garage, independent Apt, pool, privacy.

Asking Price 875,000 Euro



SALE – Pontassieve Farm House – 20 Km East of Florence

Portion of farm house, refurbished of aprox. 150 Sq. Mt (aprox. 1500 sq. ft.) and 6000 Sq.Mt. (60.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden and land. 3 Bed, 3 bath. Autonomous heating, south exposure, views, garage.

Asking Price 480,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Michelangelo Villa – Historic Center

Free standing villa to be refurbished, aprox. 350 sq. mt. (aprox. 3500 sq. ft.), and 2000 Sq.Mt. (20.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden and land. 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, views, autonomous heating, car parking.

Asking price 2,900,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

First and top floor, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 120 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1200 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 3 bath plus study on loft; quiet, high decorated ceilings and centrally located

Asking Price 980,000 Euro



SALE – Santa Croce Car Parking – Historic Center

Ground floor, good condition, approx. 30 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.).

Asking Price 105,000 Euro