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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

Spring is almost here, and Florence is bursting with freshness. The exhibitions change over, signature ingredients shift for the season, and colour comes back into the streets. This month Florence is showing her best, celebrating Women's Day, Father's Day, the Feast of the Annunciation, as well launch of fresh exhibitions and a slew of hit shows at Teatro Verdi including Legally Blonde! Enjoy the farewell to winter, with best wishes, from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR MARCH

## **BEST EVENT: FESTA DELLA DONNA, March 8**

Shower the streets in yellow! March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day, and in Italy it is known as the Festa della Donna. get ready for spring colour because the symbol is the bright yellow mimosa flower. Fifteen million bunches of mimosa are bought each year to honour the women of Italy. It was the idea of Teresa Mattei, a partisan in WWII, who held the rank of Company Commander in the Garibaldi Youth Front. It was proposed that violets be the flower, but she said it should be a flower readily available to all, even the poorest of the poor, growing wild in March all over the country. She was the youngest person elected to the Constitutional Assembly after the war and was also the national leader of the Union of Italian Women. Read all about the fascinating history of the day worldwide here.

## **BEST DEAL FOR MARCH: FREE MUSEUMS FOR WOMEN**

Free Entry for Women! On Friday, March 8 - Women's Day - Italy is offering all women free entry into all of the state-run museums. Florence will also open the city-run museums to women of all ages. So take the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful women in your life. Follow the tradition and give them a sprig of yellow mimosa, and be sure to also spring for champagne!

## **BEST P&F RENTAL: A COSY, ATTRACTIVE AND WELL EQUIPPED APARTMENT IN A GOOD LOCATION**

A one bedroom apartment with hardwood floors and a mix of modern and antique finishings. Via dei Conciatori, in the heart of the Santa Croce area, takes its name from the ancient Medici dye house which has recently been restructured into modern apartments. It is an easy walk to most of the city's most famous museums and monuments, as well as to the Sant'Ambrogio open-air fruit and vegetable market. It is a vibrant area with many small



businesses, shops, and artisan workshops. This area is becoming very well known for its' famous restaurants: Enoteca Pinchiorri, Cibreo, Fishing Lab Alle Murate and Baraonda, all within easy walking distance. [More information and photos here.](#)

## **BEST ANNIVERSARY: CAPODANNO! THE FLORENTINE NEW YEAR AND THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION, March 25**

It's time to celebrate! Still today, Florence celebrates a special New Year's Tradition on March 25th at Piazza della Santissima Annunziata. Until 1750, the beginning of the calendar year would fall on March 25, roughly coinciding with the arrival of spring. This date is also the day of Christ's conception with the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, exactly nine months before the birth of Jesus. Although the Gregorian calendar was introduced in 1502, the Florentines have held to their tradition and continue to celebrate Capodanno Fiorentino on March 25th. Between 1250 and 1750, Florentines would gather at the Church of the Santissima Annunziata, where there is a famous medieval mural of the Annunciation. According to legend, the artist fell asleep having completed everything on the mural except for the face of the Madonna. When he awoke, the face of the Virgin Mary had been completed for him by angelic masters. And so, even today, citizens and authorities come on this day to pay tribute to the Madonna. Enjoy a historical parade, a special market fair, and then concerts of music. Find all the information about [the day's program here](#) and its history [here](#).

## **BEST EXHIBITION: CARLO LEVI'S UNDERCOVER LIFE AT PALAZZO MEDICI RICCARDI**

Until the 19 March, Palazzo Medici Riccardi is hosting an exhibition dedicated to the anti-fascist intellectual Carlo Levi. The exhibition is dedicated to Carlo Levi's stay in Florence (1941 - 1945), during the war years and the Nazi occupation up to the Liberation struggle. In Florence, in the last year of the Second World War, Levi wrote his first and best-known book, *Christ Stopped at Eboli*, in which he evokes faces, stories and characters from his confinement in Grassano and Aliano in Lucania: a shattering experience that led him to discover the peasant and archaic Italy confined in a south living outside the times of history and struggling to relate to the imperial mythology imposed by fascism. [See the website](#).

## **BEST FESTIVAL: LA DEMOCRAZIA DEL CORPO DANCE FESTIVAL**

From February to May, enjoy the international Festival La Democrazia del Corpo ("Democracy of the Body") by Virgilio Sieni. The "Democracy of the Body" proposes a cycle of performance works intended as excursions exploring the body. This year the festival returns to the central theme of the artists themselves, those who research and build bridges with history: passages that are understood as meeting places that are always open and poetically in mutation, where the reference to the body, to musical form, to gravity, to the philosophy of space, to its care and way of hosting the other, creates the initiatory gesture of encounter and relationship. Please click here to get the whole [programme](#).

## **BEST DINING OUT: YOUR CHOICE FROM THE FLORENTINE'S LIST OF HOT NEW OPENINGS IN FLORENCE**

A new year always brings restaurant openings, but never have so many quality locales come all at once and with so many international flourishes. Enjoy this list by Helen Farrell of four spectacular new restaurants on the Florence food scene. Read all about **Il Gusto di Xinge, Menchetti dal 1948, Ramen & Poke, and Bistrot 84 Rosso**. [Read the article here](#).

## BEST OF THE REST

### **FIRENZE ARCHEOFILM FESTIVAL, March 1-5**

The International Film Festival organised by Archeologia Viva (Giunti Editore) gets under way. The great cinema that tells the story of Man. For five days, morning, afternoon and evening, the best of world production on the themes of Archaeology, Art and Environment. From 1 to 5 March 2023 at the Cinema La Compagnia in Florence. The programme includes films selected from all over the world, translated and dubbed in Italian and in original sound. Free entrance, no reservation required. [Website](#).

### **TI RACCONTO FIRENZE - GUIDED TOURS IN FLORENCE BY THE TOUR GUIDES OF CONFGUIDE**

From Friday, March 10 to Wednesday, June 21, a large calendar of guided tours to explore Florence and unexpected places of its suburbs accompanied by the tour guides of Confguide. Discover new places and interesting facts about Peretola village, old Florence evoked by the writer Vasco Pratolini, Florence of the XIX century, the Cemetery of Porte Sante - a true Florentine "Spoon River" -, the villages of Quaracchi and Brozzi and the murals of the Isolotto. Reservation is required. Visits can be booked only from the [Gimmeguide](#) Website. This event is promoted by the City of Florence, thanks to the funding of the Ministry of Tourism as part of the project "Great Italian Destinations for a Sustainable Tourism".

### **FESTA DEL PAPA (OR, FOR THE TUSCANS) FESTA DEL BABBO, March 19**

(Text from: [visitflorence.com](http://visitflorence.com))

All of Italy refers to the father figure as *papà*, in fact it is only in Tuscany that they use the word *Babbo* (even Pinocchio, born in Collodi Tuscany, used this endearment when talking to his father). Italy celebrates all fathers/papà/babbo on the holy day dedicated to San Giuseppe (St. Joseph) which is March 19th. So give your Dad a hug (or a call, if he isn't with you in Tuscany now) and head over to the pastry shops which will be filled with "*fritelle*", fried dough and rice balls covered in sugar.

### **APERICINEMA AT 25HOURS HOTEL**

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) The swanky Cinema Paradiso in the trendy walls of [25hours Hotel Piazza San Paolino](#) is collaborating with Ibero-American cinema association EntreDosMundos for an exciting new program of film screenings and book presentations. Join every Wednesday and some Thursdays starting at 7:30pm to enjoy the full range of events. There are special prices on drinks as well as free popcorn with the chance to order tapas from the bar and enjoy them at your seat. All films will be screened in Italian with English subtitles and the book presentations will also be in Italian. The films that follow each book presentation will be in Spanish with Italian subtitles.

[More information here](#).

## **8th EDITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FLORENCE, Until March**

Black History Month Florence is a cross institutional network for Black cultural production that celebrates the diversity of Afro-descendent Cultures in the context of Italy. The initiative is engaged in programming, advising and co-promoting over 50 events annually within the month of February, through a network formed and supported by the Comune, foundations, institutions, cultural associations, museums, schools and venues dedicated to art and to music. Black History Month Florence is broken down into BHMF Film, BHMF Art, BHMF Workshop, BHMF Talk, BHMF Food, BHMF Tours, BHMF Kids and BHMF Theatre/Dance forming a community dedicated to challenging flattened narratives about African and African Diasporic cultures and disseminating culturally diverse programming. Follow their [Facebook](#) and [Website](#) for the release of the program.

## **TRAM-E D'ARTE: GUIDED TOURS OF LESSER-KNOWN FLORENCE BY TRAM**

Until March, three guided journeys along Florence's tram-lines to discover a new, sustainable, and conscious way to see a lesser known, but fascinating side of the city, as well as its more contemporary aspects. The free guided tours will be offered in both Italian and English held by certified and knowledgeable local guides, and will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00/12:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The tours include: “Isolotto, the Soul of a Neighbourhood”, “Music, Fairs, and Painters along the Mugnone”, and “Novoli: Precious Treasures between Past and Present”. Participation is entirely free until available spots have been filled. Reservation required. [Website](#).

## **#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](http://www.musefirenze.it)

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **GIACOMETTI - FONTANA. SEARCHING FOR THE ABSOLUTE, Until June 4**

From 2 March to 4 June 2023, the exhibition Giacometti - Fontana. The Quest for the Absolute, curated by Chiara Gatti and Sergio Risaliti, will be on display in the monumental spaces of the Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, specifically in the Sala delle Udienze and the Sala dei Gigli. For the first time, these two pillars of the 20th century, so distant in their attitudes and in their lives, but equally linked by a reflection on the truth in art, conquered through the experience of matter and imagination at the same time, poised between the primordial dimension of time and the cosmological dimension of space, will be brought together. [Website](#).

## **LIGHT, GAZE, PRESENCE, Y.Z. KAMI ON DISPLAY ACROSS FLORENCE, Until September**

The exhibition of Y.Z. Kami (Tehran, 1956) presents a selection of works exhibited for the first time in Florence in some of the city's most beautiful sights: Museo Novecento, Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, Museo degli Innocenti and, exceptionally, in the millenary Abbazia di San Miniato al Monte (from 17 February to 24 September 2023). The exhibition is a journey into the pictorial universe of the Iranian-American artist, who has lived and worked in New York since the 1980s. With a selection of 24 works located in some of the most prestigious Florentine cultural institutions, Light, Gaze, Presence brings together some of the main strands of Y.Z.'s artistic research. Kami in a close dialogue with the extraordinary medieval and renaissance masterpieces housed there.

## **ESCHER ON SHOW AT MUSEO DEGLI INNOCENTI, Until March 2023**

The Museo degli Innocenti in Florence hosts an anthological exhibition dedicated to the brilliant Dutch artist Maurits Cornelis Escher. The spaces of the historic Museo degli Innocenti will host more than 200 works by the Dutch artist, who was discovered by the general public in recent years and has become one of the most beloved artists worldwide. In his famous engravings and lithographs Escher creates a unique, imaginative, impossible world where art, mathematics, science, physics and design converge, as well as representing Italy in many of his works. [Website](#).

## **INSIDE BANKSY: AN IMMERSIVE MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE**

The Cathedral of the Image will become the home of the world's street art by hosting, within the monumental complex of Santo Stefano al Ponte, the world premiere of the unauthorized immersive digital exhibition dedicated to the subversive and satirical British writer Banksy. Inside Banksy is a spectacular immersive event realised by Crossmedia with the curatorial contribution of Gianni Mercurio, in which the creative path Banksy is told: the most subversive and satirical artist on the world street art scene. A real story that unfolds through a wise mix of images, sounds, music that can immediately evoke underground culture of Bristol. [Website](#).

## **HONOURING WANDA FERRAGAMO: WOMEN IN BALANCE 1955-1965**

The new Museo Ferragamo exhibition showing until 18 April 2023 is dedicated to the figure of Wanda Miletti Ferragamo: Wanda Ferragamo took over the reins of the family business when her husband died, transforming an artisan women's shoe workshop into a fashion house, thus changing her own life and that of her family. Starting from her figure, the exhibition describes the female reality in Italy between the 1950s and the 1960s, in the light of the deep socio-economic changes that characterised the years of the economic boom, with women searching for new life models, searching for a balance between work and family life. Guided tours are available both in person (Italian, English, French and Spanish) and online (Italian and English only). Reservation (by phone or e-mail) is compulsory. [More information](#).

# DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

## **FIRENZE SUONA MUSIC CONTEST, Until May**

Firenze Suona Music Contest is an original music competition for young Italian groups and soloists. From November to January, across all of Italy, young musicians and bands have been fighting it out to be chosen for the finals. Now the final selection will give us their best during seven events of live music in Firenze from March 5 to May 14. The selection evenings and semifinals will take place in Florence at the LE MURATE literary café, on Sundays in March and 2 and 16 April 2023 respectively, while the final will be on 14 May at VIPER. Admission for the public is free for all the concerts! [Website](#).

## **PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI**

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. It was built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison. Our pick for this month:

**LEGALLY BLONDE - THE MUSICAL** - After the great success on Broadway and after the International Awards won in London's West End, Legally Blonde, La rivincita delle bionde, a tribute to the ability and willpower of women, finally arrives in Italy. Elle Woods is a vivacious, fashionable, sweet and above all blonde girl. President of the sorority at the University of California, she seems to have everything she wants until her life is turned upside down by her boyfriend who, not taking her seriously enough, leaves her to attend law school at Harvard. Determined to win him back, Elle uses her wits and charm to get into the prestigious university in turn.

[More information and tickets.](#)

## **THEATRE AND MUSIC AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA**

The Teatro della Pergola is a historic opera house in Florence, Italy, built in 1656 under the patronage of Cardinal Gian Carlo de' Medici. Just one of the offerings this month:

**Benvenuto in Casa Gori-** Benvenuti in Casa Gori is a piece of theatre history, which returns to the stage with undiminished beauty. Alessandro Benvenuti, making a virtue of necessity, plays all ten members of the Gori family, creating a dazzling monologue, destined for over thirty years of success.

[More information and tickets.](#)

## **MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO**

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. This month's pick:

**Zubin Mehta - Orvieto**

See the full program [here at the website](#).

## **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: the Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts in this exquisite old theatre of Florence. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed. [Tickets and more information](#).

## **FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS**

### **20th CENTURY - THE MOST BEAUTIFUL INVENTION - SECOND EDITION AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA**

From 10 February to 14 May La Compagnia presents the second edition of The Most Beautiful Invention: masterpieces of the 20th century in original language (part two) with Italian subtitles. A journey through the history of cinema whose aim is to remind us how unique the experience of seeing a film on the big screen is. Detailed program on the [website](#).

### **CINEMA AT THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE**

From January 16 to May 8, the French Institute in Florence offers every Monday a screening in original version (French) with Italian and/or English subtitles. An inspiring journey through the French film classics. For the complete programme, visit the official [website](#).

### **THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THEIR STUNNING HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY**

A beloved favourite in Florence, The British Institute continue their offerings of Wednesday lectures, concerts, and other cultural treats in the stunning location of the historic Harold Acton Library, and now also in their new contemporary space, SOTTO al British. Enjoy exquisite views of the Arno River together with the majesty of the library, and its cultural events. To see the full month's program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).

### **WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS AT SOTTO AL BRITISH**

Every Monday night from 19:00-21:00 (except public holidays), a life drawing session led by artist Tom J. Byrne. A social, life drawing event prepares the spirit for a creative week and is a great way to meet new and interesting people. There is no instruction given but through sharing insights and discussion over a glass of wine after drawing, people can exchange drawing methods. The session is from 19:00 - 21:00 and consists of short warm up poses followed by longer poses as the evening moves along. [More information here](#).



## MARCH WISHES

We hope the change of season brings you fresh energy, new ideas, and a fruitful blooming of the seeds planted in winter.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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## CLASSIFIEDS



### **SALE – Calenzano Villa – Outskirts**

Historic villa with dependance approx. 2500 Sq. Mt. (approx. 25.000 Sq. Ft.). 18 bed, 21 bath; autonomous heating, air con., land and garden

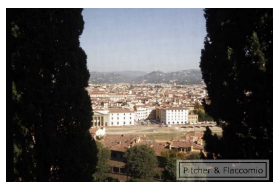
Asking Price 10,000,000 Euro



### **SALE – San Niccolo' - Historic Center**

First floor, (with elevator), good conditions, approx. 400 Sq. Mt. (approx. 4000 Sq. Ft.). Several living areas, 3 bed, 4 bath, plus study, gym and cellar. Quiet, natural light, autonomous heating system, Air Con.

Asking Price 1,900,000 Euro



### **SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center**

Top floor apt, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (1500 Sq. Ft.) on two levels, 4 bed, 3 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, views over Florence.

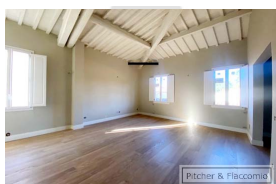
Asking price 890,000 Euro



### **SALE – San Lorenzo Apt – Historic Center**

Top floor, with elevator, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (approx. 1400 Sq. Ft.) and 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq.Ft) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath, quiet, and centrally located

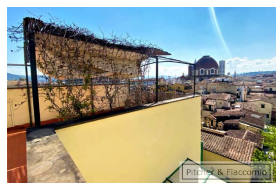
Asking Price 740,000 Euro



### **SALE – Piazza Azeglio – Historic Center**

Second and top floor (possible elevator), refurbished, approx. 140 sq. mt.(1400 Sq. Ft), 2 Bed, study, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 950,000 Euro



### **SALE – Via Nazionale, San Lorenzo area – Historic Center**

Top floor with elevator, good conditions, approx. 140 sq. mt.(1400 Sq. Ft), plus 30 sq. mt. (300 sq. ft.) of terraces. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 1,100,000 Euro

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