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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

May is one of the best times to be in Florence. The rain finally leaves, but the weather is not too hot and the gardens are spectacular. Music fills the air throughout the city. There are more events happening than we could possibly fit into one newsletter, but we have done our best to cover the highlights! Take in the spring blooms, honour the women who take care of you for Mother's Day, and enjoy the sunshine together while there is still a cool breeze. With our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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## PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR MAY

### **BEST SPRING GARDENS FOR MAY: INTERNATIONAL IRIS GARDEN AND THE ROSE GARDEN, Until May 20**

The Iris is the symbol of Florence, the deep red of the Giglio di Firenze! Until May 20, you should spend part of every day in **the Iris Garden above Florence**, breathing in fresh air, avoiding the crowds and restoring your spirits. Expect beautiful flowers, meticulously refined over generations by the careful hands of their keepers. Even if you're not passionate about flowers, it is a refreshing splash of early summer colour in a beautiful city.

While you are so close, it is the perfect time to visit **the stunning Florence Rose Garden**. Open all year around, the roses are in full bloom throughout May, and with over 350 different types of roses to enjoy, this is a heavenly treat for your senses. The scent of roses and their velvety bursts of colour are a great backdrop to enjoying the view of the city, or taking a book to enjoy on the grass. Also in the rose garden are sculptures by Belgian artist, Jean Michael Folon, which sit against the Florence city backdrop beautifully. There is also a Japanese Garden with a waterfall and tea pagoda that was a gift to Florence from the city of Kyoto.

Iris Garden: Piazzale Michelangelo, Cnr of Viale dei Colli and Piazzale Michelangelo

Opening Hours: Daily 10am-12.30pm & 3pm-7pm, Web: [www.irisfirenze.it](http://www.irisfirenze.it)

Rose Garden: Piazzale Michelangelo, Viale Giuseppe Poggi, Opening Hours: Daily 9.00 - Sunset

### **BEST EVENT: NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND THE HISTORIC FLAG THROWING CONTEST, May 1**

It's the Labor Day holiday in Italy and across Europe, in honour of the workers of the world. Italians will be enjoying the day off, and there will be less buses and trains than usual. But there's no reason to stay home, because there is the incredibly exciting flag throwing competition, where expert flag throwers compete for the Marzocco Trophy! The Marzocco is the heraldic lion that represents the free Republic of Florence, with the most famous Marzocco located in Piazza della Signoria where the contest is being held. The original statue was created by Donatello in the 15th Century, and is now housed in the Bargello, while a copy rests in its place in the piazza. The lion is carved with his paw placed protectively over the symbol of Florence, the red lily. The flag throwing demonstrates extremely talented choreography, creating a stunning visual effect as the flags twirls and fly through the air. The performances are accompanied by live music, and the whole event is a colourful spectacular. An exciting display that can be enjoyed by children and families. Piazza della Signoria at 3.30pm

### **BEST TRADITION FOR MAY: GIORNO DELLA MAMMA, 2nd Sunday in May**

It is Mother's Day in Italy, the day to celebrate mothers everywhere or any special woman who raised you. For those travelling with their mother in Florence on May 13th, remember to give her an extra hug and wish her the happiest of days, Italian style of course... with an Aperol Spritz toast, springtime flowers, or an extra-large, double scoop of gelato!

## **BEST P&F RENTAL: A LARGE SPACIOUS APARTMENT IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT TOURISTS**

Piazza Isidoro del Lungo is in a quiet residential area on the northern periphery of the historic centre of Florence. It is close to public transport and is approx 15 minutes from the Duomo (Florence cathedral) by foot and all the major museums and historical sights. San Marco square with the museum of the Fra Angelico frescos is close by. This square is also a hub for a lot of the municipal buses and being near the Accademia gallery, it is an area filled with coffee bars, restaurants and boutiques of all sorts. Food shopping is further afield in the San Lorenzo area. A large spacious apartment with 1 bedroom and the possibility of a 2nd one. A residential neighbourhood of Florence, with no tourist. Excellent for easy access to the boulevard surrounding the city and to public transport. [More information and photos.](#)



## **BEST ANNIVERSARY: LA FIORITA PARADE IN PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA: REMEMBERING THE DEATH OF SAVONAROLA, May 23**

The Dominican friar Girolamo Savonarola, prior of San Marco and a stern moralizer, was burnt at the stake in Piazza della Signoria on 23 May 1498. Every year, on the anniversary of that date, a Mass is celebrated in Palazzo Vecchio in his memory, and flowers – the Fiorita – are laid on the spot where he was burnt. The ceremony is accompanied by music and a performance by flag-wavers

The traditional “Fiorita”: the homage starts at 9:30 am from piazza della Signoria with the “Infiorata” and the historical procession arriving at Ponte Vecchio at 10:00am where petals of roses are symbolically thrown on the Arno river.

## **BEST DINING OUT: SPRING GELATO FLAVOURS AT ALL THE GELATERIE!**

Now is the time to indulge in gelato, as the spring flavours erupt with flavour. Be sure to choose your gelateria well, as not every store is alike. The number one tip is to avoid any giant piled-up heaps of gelato. No! Gelato or a great sorbet should be so heavy with cream, fruit, and deliciousness, that it could never sustain such a tower. For the best tips on how to spot a great gelato, as well as where to find the best gelateria around town, read this article in Conde Naste, [11 Best Gelato Shops in Florence.](#)

# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO FAQ ON TRAVEL, BUYING, RENTING AND COVID-19

We would like to offer you a brief FAQ file regarding travel and renting in Tuscany, and what we can do to help you have a better and safer stay in your rental property. We think one of the biggest expectations of our clients will be safety. You will expect to enter a property, whether it be for a night or a month or a year, that is not only clean but possibly also sanitized prior to being occupied. This major concern is something we are planning for so that we may offer with confidence any apartment, house or villa that Pitcher & Flaccomio represents. You can find out more in our FAQ page.

[https://www.pitcherflaccomio.com/pdf/FAQCOVID-19\\_en.pdf](https://www.pitcherflaccomio.com/pdf/FAQCOVID-19_en.pdf)

Please consider the items under what we can do to help you as "suggestions", since we are a Real Estate company and not an official health institution nor doctors.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### THE GREEN PASS AND THE SUPER GREEN PASS (GREEN PASS RAFFORZATO)

The current rules for accessibility to public spaces with the Green Pass for with the Super Green Pass or Tuscany can be found at the Regione Toscana website [here](#).

Visit [www.dgc.gov.it/web](http://www.dgc.gov.it/web) to obtain the EU Digital COVID Certificate

### WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

Italian Government Website: [www.governo.it](http://www.governo.it) Italian Ministry of Health: [www.salute.gov.it](http://www.salute.gov.it)

Regione Toscana: <https://www.regione.toscana.it/>

Coronavirus Page at the Ministry of Health: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/>

Ministry of Health Information In English: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english>

### Tuscany Specific:

- Official [coronavirus updates](#) for Tuscany
- Latest [regional ordinances](#)
- Regional coronavirus helpline: 055 438 5850

## BEST OF THE REST

### MUSEI IN MUSICA, MUSIC IN THE MUSEUMS OF FLORENCE EACH MONTH

**May 22: Peter and the wolf - Fondazione Romano, by Sergej Prokof'ev.**

A series of concerts, based on the history and iconography of the Florentine civic museums. All the

events, lasting around 1h15', include a historical-artistic introduction by MUS.E followed by a musical performance by the Florentine Philharmonic Orchestra "La Filharmonie". They can be enjoyed with a regular museum ticket.

Tickets must be purchased at the Bardini Museum Ticket Office in Via dei Renai 37 before going to the Fondazione Romano, and allow you to visit both museums in the same day.

Compulsory reservation by [e-mail](#) or telephone. [More information](#).

## **OLTARNO GAZE FESTIVAL 2022, AN AWA LEGACY PROJECT**

The Oltrarno Gaze is a calendar of events this spring that forges a bridge between modern-day art and artisanship and the works of historic female artists, with a particular focus on the Oltrarno district. The British Institute of Florence, in collaboration with Il Palmerino Cultural Association, launches The Oltrarno Gaze (Sguardi d'Oltrarno) 2022, a calendar of events designed as a dialog through the centuries. Made possible by the Advancing Women Artists Legacy Fund, this program forges a bridge between modern-day art and artisanship and the works of historic female artists, with a particular focus on the Oltrarno district. Here's a glimpse of where you'll be this spring. [See the full program](#).

## **NEW CONTEMPORARY HUB, SOTTO AL BRITISH, CONTINUES ITS SEASON**

**SOTTO al British** is a dedicated space for contemporary creativity in Florence at Lungarno Guicciardini 15, in the heart of the Oltrarno. SOTTO is home to a vast range of new international and Florentine creative projects and events, a buzzing hub for contemporary cultural exploration in the city. A place to create, to refresh your creative energy and share conversations, exhibits, live events and presentations, alongside outstanding special events and festivals. Some events in May:

**ON.irica PRESENTS:** May 21st: See some of Florence's hottest emerging contemporary musicians and artists in collaboration, creating experiential blends of live art and sound.

**Feature Art Exhibition:** Joshua Cosimo presents Fukushima Flowers, May 4-13

**Feature Book Launch: The Ceiling Outside: The Science and Experience of the Disrupted Mind**, by philosopher Noga Arikha, featuring an interview between the author and neuroscientist Vittorio Gallese, May 25.

**Every Monday: Social Life Drawing** session with model and wine, led by Tom Byrne.

**Monday 2nd: Songwriters in the Round**, check out three hot new songwriters in Florence.

**Second Monday of the Month: Brainstorming for Writers**, to share ideas over a cup of wine and get un-stuck together. Led by Lori Hetherington

**Every Tuesday: Tuesday Talks**, including this month's guests, Helen Farrell, Creative People in Florence, Speakeasy Multilingual, and Jamie Mackay.

**Second and Forth Wednesday of the Month: Placeholder Open Mic Night**, share your words, songs, stories, poetries, and rock your 5 minutes on the mic! Led by Marisa Garreffa with Lauren Mouat.

[See all the events here](#) or follow their [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



## **INSTABILE CHAPITEAU, CULTURE ALONG THE RIVER**

InStabile Chapiteau is an independent cultural space for contemporary circus, music, performing arts. Performances, concerts and cultural, environmental, social events will continue until April 20, 2022. Shows and concerts every day from 9.00 p.m. Sunday Brunch from 11.30 a.m. and shows from 4.30 p.m. Bistrot & Cocktail Bar from 5.30 p.m. - Restaurant from 7.30 p.m. Complete program on the [website](#).

## **VISITS TO THE GARDENS OF THE FIESOLE VILLAS, 2022**

Every Thursday afternoon in May, June, September and October a series of guided visits to the most beautiful gardens of the Fiesole villas usually closed to the public. It's necessary to book in advance calling the number 055.055 on the Monday preceding the visit (9am-8pm). Each visit is available for a limited number of people. [Website](#).

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **TORNABUONI ARTE PRESENTS THEIR NEW CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION**

Anthology Choice 2022, Modern and Contemporary Art. Tornabuoni Arte, the internationally recognized artistic and cultural reality founded by Roberto Casamonti, shows its latest news and its proposals of classic and contemporary works of art for the coming year. The exhibition is divided into sections: one dedicated to the works of the greats of the last century: Alberto Burri, Jannis Kounellis, Alighiero Boetti, Emilio Vedova, Lucio Fontana, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Piero Dorazio, Alberto Biasi, Emilio Isgrò, Maurizio Cattelan, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Mirò e Victor Vasarely. On the second floor the exhibition continues with a selection of works dedicated to the great masters of Italian figurative art of the early twentieth century: Giovanni Fattori, Plinio Nomellini, Massimo Campigli and Giorgio de Chirico. [Website](#).

### **DONATELLO: THE RENAISSANCE, AT PALAZZO STROZZO, Until July 31**

This historic, once-in-a-lifetime exhibition sets out to reconstruct the outstanding career of one of the most important and influential masters of Italian art of any age, juxtaposing his work with masterpieces by other Italian Renaissance masters such as Brunelleschi, Masaccio, Andrea Mantegna, Giovanni Bellini, Raphael and Michelangelo. Curated by Francesco Caglioti and devised as a single exhibition in two venues, Palazzo Strozzi and the Museo Nazionale del Bargello, the exhibition is designed to celebrate Donatello in dialogue with institutions of Florence and indeed the whole of Italy, in addition to crucial international cooperation, in an effort to expand the debate on this master both in time and in space, in terms of materials, techniques and genres, in order finally to do justice to the artist's universal dimension. [More information](#).

### **MICHELANGELO: THE BRONZE EFFIGY BY DANIELE DA VOLTERRA, Until June**

This exhibition will be the first to display all of the early exemplars of bronze portraits of Michelangelo attributed to Daniele da Volterra, exploring the complex relationship between originals, replicas and derivations; the busts come from various international museums such as the Louvre Museum, the Musée Jacquemart-André in Paris and the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology in Oxford. This highly scientific initiative aims to involve leading experts in the field of 16th-century bronze sculpture and art, gathering them together for a study day organised in connection with the exhibition. [More Information](#).

### **VINICIO BERTI CENTENARY EXHIBITION, A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE**

The exhibition, part of the celebrations of Vinicio Berti's centenary (1921-2021) and thirty years after his death, reconstructs the pictorial evolution of the founder of the Classic Abstractionism group through a selection of 25 works on canvas and wood panel ranging from the 1950s to the 1990s. The exhibition will run from Tuesday 15 February to 3 March in the C.A. Ciampi exhibition space. [More information here](#).

### **CONTEMPORARY ARTIST ANJ SMITH AT THE MUSEO STEFANO BARDINI**

“A Willow Grows Aslant the Brook”. Museo Stefano Bardini is once again hosting an exhibition dedicated to a contemporary artist: Anj Smith. Her meticulously painted works depict still lifes and landscapes full of hybrid, dreamlike creatures, where art and fashion, scientific illustration and Gothic imagery, the iconic with the rhetoric of medieval and Renaissance symbolism and allegory recombine as if in a visual and mental journey through iconographic repertoires and minor arts.

### **ANTHOLOGY ART 2022 - MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART AT TORNABUONI ARTE, Until November 2022**

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## **DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC**

### **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. 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 FOR THIS MONTH:

## **DRUSILLA FOER, May 14th**

After a triumphant sold out tour throughout Italy and after the success of Sanremo 2022, it is time for Drusilla Foer to return to the theatre. It will be a unique and special event: a show of great live music, in which Drusilla repropose some extracts from her cult recital, together with new songs, accompanied on stage by a Big Band Orchestra and with surprise incursions of artist friends and characters similar to her world. For those who love Madame Foer's extraordinary life and her stage presence, this is an unmissable event that will allow them to get to know new nuances of Drusilla.

DRUSILLA FOER, alter ego of Florentine actor Gianluca Gori (born 1967), singer, actress and author, has long been a style icon. An irreverent and anti-bourgeois character, she often lends herself to supporting important social causes. She poses for photographers, stylists and internationally renowned artists. She has successfully frequented television and cinema, quickly becoming a cult star on the web too. [Tickets and more information here](#). [See the full theatre program here](#).

## **ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA FIORENTINA AND THEIR STUNNING 2022 PROGRAM**

The 2022 season of the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina presents more than 30 concerts from March to October with international conductors and performers such as Bruno Canino, Giuseppe Andaloro, Ahmed El Saedi, Nikolay Lalov. The Orchestra Da Camera Fiorentina was founded in 1981 by Giuseppe Lanzetta, the current conductor, to spread the knowledge of symphonic and chamber music repertoires. [Book your tickets here](#).

## **AMICI DELLA MUSICA FILL THE WINTER NIGHTS WITH WORLD-CLASS CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Founded in 1920, the Amici della Musica di Firenze is one of the oldest and most prestigious concert organisations in Italy. The numerous events take place in the historic and centrally located Teatro della Pergola, on a weekly basis (Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings), from October to April. The programmes offer everything from chamber music classics to contemporary music (often with world premieres), from pieces for orchestral ensembles to solo pieces, from jazz to traditional music. Don't miss the best of the best as they take to the stage this winter! [See the whole program here](#).

## **MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO CONTINUE WITH THEIR UNMISSABLE SEASON**

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. The Opera and Symphonic seasons, as well as special Touring artists, will fill the nights. See what's coming up [here at the website](#).

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

## **THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THE 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. Enjoy exquisite views of the Arno River together with the majesty of the library, and its cultural events.

May 4: Lecture - Royals in Florence, by Diedre Pirro

May 8: Guided Walk - From the Heart to the Hills, for the Oltrarno Gaze Festival

May 11: Lecture - Leonardo da Vinci's Workshops in Florence and Milan, by Luke Syson

May 18: Lecture - Multi-Media Spectacle in Renaissance Florence, by Kate Bolton-Porciatti

May 19: Music - From Far, From Eve and Morning, Live

May 25: Lecture, Dirty Work: Painting Large Frescoes in the Renaissance, by Alan Pascuzzi

[More information and the links to join here at the website.](#)

## THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

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, **FANTASTIC BEASTS 3, DOCTOR STRANGE, and AMMA'S WAY** come to the big screen. For the full programme, see [www.odeonfirenze.com](http://www.odeonfirenze.com).

## MAY WISHES

We hope you enjoy the gardens, flowers, and all the delights of Florence this month. The city is in full bloom, ready for enjoyment at every turn.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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## CLASSIFIEDS



### **SALE – Ognissanti Apt – Historic Center**

Refurbished Apt, ground floor aprox. 120 sq. mt. (aprox. 1200 sq. ft.), plus approx 50 sq. mt. (500 sq. ft.) of patio and garden. two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Autonomous heating, air conditioning. Asking Price 750,000 Euro



### **SALE – Goldoni Apt – Historic Center**

Second floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 3 bath, plus study; autonomous heating, air con., and centrally located

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro



### **SALE – Calenzano Historic Villa - 10 Km from Florence**

Dating back to 1400, refurbished 2500 Sq. Mt. (25.000 Sq. Ft.) with 3 hectares (9 acres) of garden and land. 18 bedrooms, 21 bathrooms.

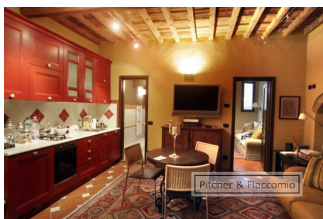
Asking price 9,500,000 Euro



### **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.

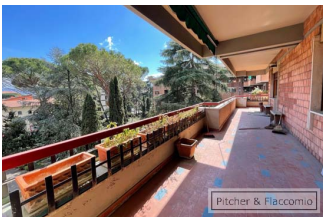
Asking price 1,100,000 Euro



### **SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center**

First floor, refurbished, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) 2 Bed, 2 Bath. Modern with all amenities, autonomous heating, air conditioning, quiet street.

Asking Price 375,000 Euro



### **SALE – Lungarno Modern Apt – City Center**

4th floor apt. with elevator, approx. 200 Sq. Mt. (2000 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 50 Sq. Mt. (500 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 4 bed, 2 bath; Garage, doorman and natural light.

Asking Price 1,050,000 Euro

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