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WELCOME

June brings the celebrations of Florence's patron saint, San Giovanni. It is an abundant celebration, with parades, arts and music festival, the historical soccer game, and fireworks. Stay in town for the festivities, but make sure to visit Chianti for some wine and music. After a rainy May, it's time to enjoy the sunshine of June. With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JUNE

BEST EVENT: LA FESTA DI SAN GIOVANNI, PATRON SAINT OF FLORENCE , June 24

SPECIAL PARADE WITH MASS

The patron saint of Florence, John the Baptist, is celebrated on June 24. The morning begins with a small civic parade, which carries the offering of candles from Palazzo Vecchio to the Baptistery, located beside the Cathedral of Santa Maria de Fiore. Then the Archbishop of Florence celebrates holy mass in the cathedral at around 10.30am.

SAN NICCOLO TOWER OPENS

On this day, the San Niccolò Tower is also opened for the season until the end of September. The tower is a part of the original ancient walls that surround the city, and has been restored. The public are able to visit during the summer, every day between 17.00-20.00.

BOAT RIDES ON THE RIVER

You can also arrange a boat ride along the Arno river, with special trips being organised all throughout the day, including into the night when the fireworks will begin. Organised by the Renaioli, you can contact them directly to organise your seat: <http://www.renaioli.it/>

PARADE OF THE FLORENTINE REPUBLIC

The grandest of the parades starts at 4.00 pm – The Parade of the Florentine Republic starts from Piazza Santa Maria Novella passing through Via dei Banchi, Via Rondinelli, Via Tornabuoni, Via Strozzi, Piazza della Repubblica, Via degli Speziali, Via Calzaiuoli, Piazza della Signoria, Via della Ninna, Via de' Neri, and Borgo Santa Croce, to end in Piazza Santa Croce

CALCIO STORICO FINAL

At 5.00 pm - The Calcio Storico, the Florentine Traditional Football, have their final match in Piazza Santa Croce with the parade continuing in the arena. Even if you don't have tickets, go and see if there is extra space, usually there are last-minute deals for the empty seats.

FIREWORKS

At 10:00 pm the fireworks spectacle begins from Piazzale Michelangelo. Stand along the Arno for the best view, where there are bars offering drinks, refreshments, and even some seating. Try the beach on Lungarno Serristori. For Calcio Storico tickets: boxol.it

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SUNLIGHT FILLED HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY, WALKING DISTANCE TO THE CITY

This property is situated in the immediate outskirts of Florence, on a hillside just beyond Piazzale Michelangelo. 5 minutes walk to the hilltop church of San Miniato al Monte and the Piazzale with its magnificent view overlooking the river Arno and the full panorama of Florence. This neighbourhood is like a little village. It is within 10 minutes walk to the river and the centre of town. This semi detached house is part of an old farm house which was divided many years ago.



More [photos and information here](#).

BEST TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO

June 15, 16, 24

Testosterone abounds when four teams of 27 players face each other during the Calcio Storico. This 15th-century-style tournament of fighting and football is held in Florence's Piazza Santa Croce. The game is said to originate from an ancient Roman ball sport, which became the sport of princes and noblemen in the golden age of the Tuscan capital. Today, it is fiercely fought between the four Florentine quarters: San Giovanni (Green), Santa Maria Novella (Red), Santo Spirito (White) and Santa Croce (Blue). Clad in medieval garters and pantaloons, players seem more preoccupied with attacking each other than putting the ball anywhere, though the rules of the game are fairly complex. Winners are rewarded with a mass of steaks equivalent in weight to the more traditional prize of a white "chianina" calf, or bistecca alla fiorentina, which was historically butchered for the occasion.

Tickets are available at Box Office Via delle Vecchie Carceri, 1, (inside the Murate)

Official Website: <http://www.calcistoricoflorentino.it/>

BEST FESTIVAL: THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY N.Y.U. FLORENCE

Until June 27

New York University Florence announces the 15th edition of The Season at Villa La Pietra, a summer celebration of creative collaborations conducted throughout the grounds of the 15th century villa and its extraordinary and scenographic gardens from June 6 through June 27, 2019. World-renowned actors, musicians and artists will gather to work collaboratively across disciplines and to present a range of professional performances including classical compositions and concerts, and theater performances.

Click [here](#) for the PDF version The Season 2019.

BEST EXHIBITION: CONTEMPORARY ART FOR 3 ANNI DI NUMEROVENTI, June 8-15

(From: theflorentine.net)

Contemporary art hub, co-working space and remade Renaissance palazzo **Numeroventi** is celebrating its third birthday during peak Pitti season. The multilevel space, which has heretofore hosted a variety of artistic residencies and one-off events, is getting an overhaul: you could call this an inaugural party for a new era and the final installment of the “Open Studios” format they’ve used in the past to highlight the fruits of the artistic residencies. An “Open Studios” exhibition of work by the most recent round of artists-in-residence will open at 11am on June 8 and will feature a range of media (interior design, sculpture, painting, ceramics and more). But the big development will be the opening of the new Numeroventi shop and gallery, which will run uninterrupted from June 8 to 15. Also in the pipeline for Pitti week is an event with Danish design brand FRAMA; stay tuned to www.theflr.net/3anniNumeroventi for details.

BEST CONCERT: IMAGINE DRAGONS AT THE VISARNO ARENA, June 2

(From: theflorentine.net)

Following the November release of their fourth studio album *Origins*, American band **Imagine Dragons** are coming to Florence for the only European date on their tour, taking the stage at the colossal Visarno Arena, the Renaissance city’s rock hub par excellence. Opening acts are British singer (with Nashville-tinged tunes) Jake Bugg and young Italian-German artist Fil Bo Riva, who just released his debut album *Beautiful Sadness* in March and has already amassed a cult following. Tickets, which start at around 70 euro, are still available at press time and can be purchased via www.livenation.it, www.lndf.it or in authorized TicketOne sales points around Florence.

BEST DINING OUT: DA RUGGERO

(From: [Conde Naste’s Best List](#))

“It may look modest, but Da Ruggero serves some of the best traditional food in town. The menu is stocked with perfectly prepared Florentine classics with the odd seasonal variation. The hand-written menu offers the likes of liver-topped crostini and platters of Tuscan salami, hearty soups like the bread-and cabbage-based ribollita, pasta with truffles or porcini mushrooms (depending on the season), and grilled salsicce (spicy sausages) with white beans. It’s hearty and delicious. Just be prepared for a bit of a trek, as it’s outside the city center. Ruggero is always packed with locals—the off-radar location guarantees that not many tourists make it this far—here for the good, honest home cooking, so booking is essential. Low-level chat accompanies serious chowing down; this is not a party-like place.”

Trattoria Da Ruggero, Via Senese 89

BEST OF THE REST

FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA: ITALIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, June 2

The day commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to the polls to decide on the form of government, following the Second World

War and the fall of Fascism. With 12,717,923 votes for a republic and 10,719,284 for the monarchy, the male descendants of the House of Savoy were sent into exile.

Public transport works on a festive schedule. Many stores will be closed. Check hours in advance for museums, monuments, and churches.

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until August 19

(From: theflorentine.net)

Fiesole's Roman amphitheater is a step or two above your average spot for catching a Saturday night music gig or theatre show. Once again, the venue bridges the ancient past with artists of the present, hosting a series of summer shows in a range of genres. Events kick off on June 20 with a concert by Simone Cristicchi; other highlights this month will be Sophocles' *Ajax* (performed in its Italian version, *Aiace*), on June 26; and a concert by the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole on June 21, featuring Cesare Picco on the piano. Looking ahead, July will bring names of international import like Xavier Rudd (July 26) and Italian pop sensation Levante (July 10). For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

THE BEACH IS BACK! EASY LIVING AND POP UP BARS ALL ALONG THE LUNGARNO

Florence has its own beaches along the Arno River. Naturally, bathing is strictly forbidden, but for those of you who don't like to go to the swimming pool or can't get to the seashore, this is a fun alternative.

Head to the beach in San Niccolò where you can find umbrellas, sun loungers and other wooden gazebos. And if the heat is unbearable you can have a refreshing shower at the WC facilities. On the upper part of the beach there is the "Easy Living" kiosk, part restaurant and part bar, for great food and drinks. With DJs and live music events, it becomes the coolest place to be in summer.

Don't miss all the new pop up restaurants and bars with stages for music, all stretched along the opposite side of the river along Lungarno della Zecca Vecchia (just along from our offices!). See you there for those great balmy evenings with a refreshing drink in hand.

FLORENCE DESIGN WEEK AT LE MURATE AND OTHER VENUES , June 8-15

Diver-cities! is the theme of the 2019 edition of FLORENCE DESIGN WEEK the festival dedicated to creativity, which aims this year to promote the collective dimension of design and creativity, encouraging exchanges between various cultures.

Florence Design Week this year is dedicated to the most creative cities that integrate people of different cultures through design, to designers who welcome inputs from different disciplines, and to design solutions that include a strong ethical and sustainable orientation.

Full program: <http://florencedesignweek.com/>

FABBRICA EUROPA ARTS AND PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL: 26TH EDITION, Until July 12

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is the biggest international arts festival in town, and the programming is exceptional. The Festival continues until July involving other locations in Florence and Tuscany. A significant part of the programming will take place at the Teatro della Pergola and in the new spaces of the PARC Performing Arts Research Centre (in the complex of the former Scuderie Granducali).

Have fun diving into the full [programme of events here](#).

PITTI IMMAGINE PRESENTS A SEASON OF FASHION FESTIVALS

UOMO 96th EDITION: June 11-14

This is the world's most important platform for men's clothing and accessory collections and for launching new projects in men's fashion. Created in 1972 Pitti Uomo is held in Florence twice a year.

Keep your eyes peeled for prominent figures on the fashion scene and public events at stores around town, and if you've got a daring outfit you've been too timid to don, these are the days to give it an airing.

PITTI IMMAGINE BIMBO 89th EDITION: June 20-22

This is the only international fair in the world that offers a complete picture of every possible aspect of children's fashions. Created in 1975, Pitti Bimbo launched the first runway shows and events dedicated to this market; it is held in Florence twice a year.

PITTI FILATI 85th EDITION: June 26-28

This is the leading trade fair showcasing yarns for the knitting industry, with a careful eye on technological innovations and services for the textile industry. The Spazio Ricerca is the "laboratory" where future trends are tested and previewed. Pitti Filati is held in Florence twice a year.

See more at the Website: <http://www.pittimmagine.com/en/corporate/fairs.html>

VINTAGE SELECTION - FASHION AND ACCESSORIES AT LA FORTEZZA DI BASSO

June 26-28

Come and view vintage clothing, accessories and design objects in an event created by Stazione Leopolda srl Florence. Followed by a large audience of collectors and enthusiasts, Vintage Selection has become an absolute must for cool-hunters and the offices of leading international fashion and style, who come to Florence to search for inspiration for their creative research.

Stazione Leopolda, Viale F.lli Rosselli, 5, Website: http://www.vintageselection.it/index_en

THE RETURN OF AMICO MUSEO: SPECIAL OPENINGS AND EVENTS IN THE TUSCAN MUSEUMS FREE FOR VISITORS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, Until June 2

Through guided tours, special exhibitions, interactive workshops and narrations, museums tell us about ourselves and our territory, our present and our future. The main theme of the XVIII edition of Amico Museo is "Museums as cultural hubs - the future of tradition". [More information here](#).

THE FESTIVAL DEL VIAGGIO, Until June 2

Festival del Viaggio is a series of meetings, performances, exhibitions, documentaries dedicated to travel. The festival will take place in various venues: Spazio Alfieri, Gabinetto Vieusseux-Palazzo Strozzi, Fondazione Studio Marangoni-via San Zanobi. While the program hasn't been released yet on the website, we recommend you check in closer to the date to see what's happening and enjoy videos, articles, and blogs from past events. [See the website here.](#)

#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

BEYOND PERFORMANCE - REDE SOCIAL AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July 14

The **Opavivará!** (Brasil 2005) artists' collective encourages a heavily social use of urban space through the creation of relational works that propose collective performances such as *Rede Social*: a large and extremely colourful hammock measuring over 10 metres and specially designed for the Palazzo Strozzi courtyard.

Visitors are urged to play an active part in the installation by climbing into the hammock, where they will naturally tend to interact with the other participants as they move around in it or converse with them in one spot or another. Inspired by Brazilian culture – open, free and strongly collective – the hammock allows visitors to experience the Palazzo from an extremely novel and unusual viewpoint while also offering them a chance to relax, to have fun and to forget their formal role and place in society for a few moments. [Information and tickets.](#)

DANCE STEPS. ISADORA DUNCAN AT VILLA BARDINI, Until September 22

Isadora Duncan and the figurative arts in Italy between the nineteenth century and the avant-garde. The first Italian exhibition dedicated to the American dancer Isadora Duncan and her relationship with the Italian figurative arts will host about 170 pieces set on two floors of Villa Bardini and a special section dedicated to large sculptures on display at the Stefano Bardini Museum. By turning her back on romantic ballet, which for centuries had been considered to be the only acceptable dance form, Isadora paved the way for dancers to freely develop their own techniques and unique style. Strong-willed and rebellious

against every social norm, she was known for moving about in flowy garments and with bare feet in order to make energetic contact with the earth. A central theme in the exhibition is the liberation of the female body, as inspired by models from the archaeological and classical world. Almost 170 paintings, sculptures and other original documents, including never-before-seen photographs, retrace her links to Italy and its artists. [More information here.](#)

TONY CRAGG AT BOBOLI GARDENS, Until October 27

Bright steel geysers stand out against the sky of Florence, bronze stalagmites of prehistoric appearance and gigantic resin flowers sprout out of the gravel and between the hedges, colossal and candid stems, hilly eruptions and elliptical shapes, colossal interweaving of imaginary fossil forests, metal flows that shake, twist and fold, caught in the last soft phase before solidify: Tony Cragg's monumental sculptures offer an unexpected dialogue, between associations and dissonances, with the orderly nature of the Boboli Gardens and the panorama of the city, between their layered, fragile and organized historical fabric and the primordial force of the sculptural material. [More information here.](#)

KIKI SMITH: WHAT I SAW ON THE ROAD, AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until June 2

Kiki Smith, born in 1954 in Nuremberg, is one of the leading lights in contemporary art and a militant feminist whose works form part of the collections of some of the leading international museums (the MoMA in New York, the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco, the Haus Esters Museum in Krefeld and the Fundació Joan Miró in Barcelona, to name but a few) and who won the 51st Venice Biennale by acclamation with her installation entitled *Homespun Tales* in 2005.

[Tickets and more information.](#)

HEROES - BOWIE, BY SUKITA, Until June 28

(from: [the florentine.net](#))

80-something Japanese photographer Masayoshi Sukita is best known for his long collaboration with the one and only “White Duke,” David Bowie. Out of it came the distinctive cover portrait for *Heroes*, Bowie’s twelfth studio album, carrier of his chart-topping song of the same name. OEO Firenze Art and Le Nozze di Figaro have teamed up with the Città Metropolitana di Firenze and the Comune to spotlight Sukita’s most iconic photographs of his creative hero and friend Bowie. Around 90 photographs—some of them on display in Italy for the first time—will be exhibited in Palazzo Medici Riccardi, while a range of related events and concerts will run concurrently. For more information, see [www.oeoart.com](#).

BEYOND PERFORMANCE: CALLY SPOONER AND MARIO GARCIA TORRES AT THE STROZZINA, Until July 14

Three ways of revisiting the notion of the performance in art today. **Cally Spooner** (United Kingdom, 1983) will be presenting *And You Were Wonderful, On Stage*, a large video installation showing the construction of a film based on a musical, in an ongoing alternation between stage and backstage. **Mario García Torres** (Mexico, 1975) will be presenting *Falling Together in Time*, an installation in which

video, painting, music, sculpture and performance art interact in a space that will be brought to life by a series of actions taking place without warning. Bringing the project to a close, the **Opavivarà!** collective (Brasil 2005) will transform the courtyard of Palazzo Strozzi with its installation entitled *Rede Social*, a large and extremely colourful hammock measuring over 10 metres, which the public will be urged to climb into in order to experience the space and architecture of the Palazzo from a new and unconventional viewpoint devoid of all hierarchy.

VERROCCHIO, THE MASTER OF LEONARDO DA VINCI, AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July

The exhibition, with a special section at the Museo Nazionale del Bargello, brings together for the first time Verrocchio's celebrated masterpieces and capital works by the best-known artists associated with his workshop in the second half of the 15th century, such as Domenico Ghirlandaio, Sandro Botticelli, Pietro Perugino and Leonardo da Vinci, his most famous pupil, also reconstructing Leonardo's early artistic career and interaction with his master thanks to outstanding loans and unprecedented juxtapositions.

Read [all the details here](#) and a wonderful article about the [500th Anniversary of Leonardo here](#).

DANCE AND THEATRE

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA, June 11-13

(From: theflorentine.net)

The longest-running (or longest-leaping) dance troupe in the United States will *tour jete* its way in to the Tuscan capital for three days this month. Members of the **Martha Graham Dance Company**, founded in 1926 in New York City, will perform a wide-ranging show, with most pieces featuring the original choreography of their namesake, a modern dance pioneer. The program for each performance includes *Errand into the Maze* (music by Gian Carlo Menotti); *Deo* (Lesley Flanigan); *Lamentation* variations (Mahler, Dowland and Chopin); *Ekstasis* (Lehman Engel) and *Diversion of Angels* (Nsorman Dello Joio). Tickets start at 20 euro (for nosebleed seats, it's worth noting) and are available on www.teatrodellapergola.com/martha-graham.

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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 FOR THIS MONTH:

Enjoy an evening of captivating cello with a concert by [Mario Brunello](#), playing music by Arenskij, Rubinstein, and Čaikovskij.

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 in Florence, Italy, built in 1656 under the patronage of Cardinal Gian Carlo de' Medici.

OUR PICK FOR THIS MONTH:

[La Natura delle Cose](#), as part of the **Fabbrica Europa Festival**

The Nature of Things by Virgilio Sieni is based on the philosophical-encyclopedic poem of Lucretius, *De rerum natura*. The five dancers go through the three scenes creating a compact quartet of men and a metamorphic and ever-present female figure, like the Venus-goddess of the generative act evoked by Lucretius at the beginning of his poem. The choice of *De rerum natura* coincides with the urgency of turning to the nature of things, to their soul and origin, placing dance as a tool for investigation and as a manifesto for a reflection on today.

To see the whole program for both theatres: <http://www.teatrodellapergola.com/>

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

BRITISH INSTITUTE LECTURE & CONCERT SERIES

Every Wednesday at 18.00, the British Institute presents a lecture, concert or other event in the Sala Ferragamo in the Harold Acton Library, which is followed by an informal drinks reception.

5 June 2019 - 18:00

[Death in Venice: corpses, cemeteries and Catholicism](#)

Lecture in English by Alex Bamji

12 June 2019 - 18:00

[La passione: how Italy seduced the world](#)

Lecture in English by Dianne Hales

19 June 2019 - 18:00

[Insieme 200: celebrating 200 years of US diplomatic presence in Florence](#)

Lecture in English by Benjamin Wohlauer

26 June 2019 - 18:00

[Andrea del Verrocchio, master of Leonardo da Vinci](#)

Lecture in English by Arturo Galansino

For more information about events or membership, [see 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 English language films include: **Rocketman, The Dead Don't Die, X-Men: Dark Phoenix, Beautiful Boy**

This month's Special Events/Screenings include: **Il Vegetariano, Being Leonardo Da Vinci**

[Find the whole schedule here](#)

MUSIC

FIRENZE ROCKS: 2019 EDITION WITH HEADLINER ED SHEERAN, June 14

It is a huge line up for Firenze Rocks this year. Spread over four days, each day has an EPIC line up of artists playing back to back. Expect Tool, Smashing Pumpkins, Ed Sheeran, Snow Patrol, Eddie Vedder, Glen Hansard, The Cure, and Sum 41, all with additional supporting artists. It's going to be mental.

[Get all the information here](#).

POWER AND VIRTUE: FESTIVAL DEL MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO LXXXII, Throughout June

Power and Virtue is the title chosen for the LXXXII edition, and fil rouge the theme of the entire festival.

“This edition, entitled 'Power and virtue', seems to warn us all in our daily life: the exercise of power, small or large, must have ethics as a beacon and not fall into abuse. The Maggio wants to tell us about it in music, with an ambitious program - from Lear to Straniera to Nozze of Figaro, who starts the Mozart trilogy - and a symphonic season that will see the masters Fabio Luisi, Zubin Mehta, Daniele Gatti and Riccardo Muti take their place on the podium. - says **Dario Nardella**, mayor of Florence.”

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

FLOS FLORUM: SACRED AND SPIRITUAL MUSIC FROM THE FLORENTINE RENAISSANCE, June 11

(From: theflorentine.net)

Flos Florum: "Musiche sacre e spirituali all'alba del Rinascimento fiorentino." Performance by the Ensemble L'Homme Armé featuring music of Landini, DuFay, Gratosus de Padua, and Gherardello da Firenze. This program presents various examples of the musical flowering in Florence during the first half of the Quattrocento. This concert is part of "Doni e Scambi" the fifth edition of Salon/Sanctuary Concerts' Florence festival, this year dedicated to musical diplomacy between France and Italy.

[More information here.](#)

ALLA FRANCESE: CORINA MARTI ON HARPSICHORD, June 10

(From: theflorentine.net)

A dazzling and charming journey through the world of Renaissance harpsichord music, which begins with the French invasion of Italy in 1494 and ends shortly before 1610, the year of Henri IV's death. This program brings together the styles of French and Italian music of the 16th century. The peak of this style will be reflected in particular during the Medici wedding in 1598. This concert opens "Doni e Scambi" the fifth edition of Salon/Sanctuary Concerts' Florence festival, this year dedicated to musical diplomacy between France and Italy.

[More information here.](#)

THE ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA PRESENTS VILLE E GIARDINI INCANTATI, Until June 22

"Music and art will once again come together in an original journey of 12 concerts for 5 different productions with soloists, ensembles and masters of the Orchestra della Toscana in the Medici Villas of Petraia, by Cerreto Guidi, of Poggio a Caiano and in the Garden of the Villa di Castello. Five main moments, each with a theme, for a total of twelve concerts. A journey of emotions and discoveries for the eye and ear, which will lead to the discovery of four emblematic places of extraordinary cultural and scenic value belonging today to the "Villas and Medici Gardens in Tuscany", declared part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Humanity in 2013. See all the [concerts and information here.](#)

JAZZ PROGRAM AT THE ROOFTOP CAFFÉ DEL VERONE WITH ITS STUNNING VIEWS OF FLORENCE

The Caffè del Verone is located in the historic Istituto degli Innocenti, in the ancient drying room where linens were stretched to dry in the late fifteenth century. Now it is a stunning caffè with the best views of the city, and hosts a regular jazz program and events. 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. Every concert will have a pre-show aperitivo starting at 7pm.

See who's playing each week here at their [Facebook page](#)

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. *Before selected concerts*, indulge in Tuscan cuisine between the 18th-century walls of Guelfi and Ghibellini Restaurant at Relais Santa Croce in the heart of Florence. You'll find performances of Vivaldi, The Three Tenors, and La Traviata regularly on the schedule each month.

OUR PICK FOR THE MONTH:

[Concerts by the Florence Chamber Orchestra](#)

Hear the famous works by the greatest masters of classical music performed by talented soloists, accomplished singers and the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina in one of the most important venues located in the magnificent city of Florence.

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

CLASSICAL CONCERTS AND OPERA AT ST MARK'S 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, Carmen, Tosca, La Traviata, La Boheme, and Madame Butterfly.**

[The complete schedule here](#)

OPERA AND CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH DINNERS AT THE ICONIC CHIESA DI SANTA MONICA, FIRENZE, Various dates

Situated in the heart of Florence, between the San Frediano and San Spirito districts, the 15th-century Church of Santa Monaca offers an intimate and attractive location for classical music and opera performances. Enjoy a wonderful program of Opera, Classical Music, and Concert events, often pairing the evenings with Tuscan styled dinner at a nearby restaurant. The program for this month includes: **Italian, Romantic, and Classic Italian Opera Selections**

[More information, including dinner menus and ticket bookings](#)

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

PLACEHOLD OPEN MIC (FORMERLY AT TASSO HOSTEL) NOW AT THE STUDENT HOTEL FOR SUMMER UNDER THE STARS, June 26

First born at Ostello Tasso, after four years placeHOLD Open Mic is now on the move around Florence. We find gorgeous venues both indoors and outdoors where you can share your words, stories, music, performance, and anything that you create. Bring your words, your songs, your performance, your

experimental mime act - whatever it is, our microphone is open for your ORIGINAL CONTENT.

Rules: 8 minute time limit, original content only. [Website here](#).

STORYTELLERS FLORENCE AT TODO MODO BOOKSHOP, June 8

Storytellers Florence is the Florence extension of Storytellers Rome which is a monthly English language oral storytelling event. Each month a theme is voted on by members of the group and people are invited to share a personal story based on that theme. The event is free and participation is not required to attend. Come and join us! Todo Modo Bookshop and Cafe. For more information, and to vote on the monthly theme, see the [facebook group](#).

EXHIBITIONS OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

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:

BERLINDE DE BRUYCKERE Until September 1

“A single bed, a single room”. The exhibition presents a series of works created specifically for the gallery’s ‘apartment’ space: objects that speak of the bare necessities of human life are entwined with wax casts of broken down trees.

MICHELANGELO PISTOLETTO AND PASCALE MARTHINE TAYOU Until September 1

Both Pistoletto and Tayou are open to dialogue and exchange. Their works are testament to a process of continual expansion and evolution, aimed at refreshing the point of contact between the artistic experience and the external world.

SUN YUAN AND PENG YU Until September 1

[More information here](#)

LUIGI PECCI CONTEMPORARY ART CENTRE, PRATO

Since opening in 1988, the Luigi Pecci Contemporary Art Centre has built a collection of over 1000 works which map artistic trends from the ‘sixties up to the present day: painting, sculpture, cinema and video, installations, works on paper, artist books, photographs, graphic art, applied arts and commissioned projects. Current Exhibitions:

THE MUSEUM IMAGINED, STORIES FROM 30 YEARS OF CENTRO PECCI, Until June 25

Curated by Cristiana Perrella .

In collaboration with Irene Innocente, Elena Magini, Marta Papini, Maria Teresa Soldani.

The 30th birthday has been taken as a chance to reinterpret and reactivate the spaces and functions of Centro Pecci after the expansion completed in 2016. The exhibition will be accompanied by a insightful program of activities connected with literature, music, performance and theatre.

[More information here.](#)

VOLAREARTE AT PISA AIRPORT: NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR

Until 2019

(From discovertuscan.com)

“Well into the third edition of this initiative by the Henraux Foundation together with the Tuscany Airports, you will find a collection of 9 sculptures from Park Eun Sun gracing the Pisa airport.

This renowned Korean artist, a long time resident of Versilia, arrived in Italy to satisfy his desire to work with Apuane marbles. His artwork, known on an international level, is remarkable for the pure geometric forms composed of bi-color slabs of marble.”

Galileo Galilei Airport, Pisa

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, they have divided this month into a few separate calendars so they can list more activities and so you can focus on what interest you the most: [Medieval Fairs](#), [Sagras and Food Festivals](#), [Florence City](#), [Music Festivals](#), [Exhibits](#). See the full list of [special events for June here](#).

FESTA DI BARBAROSSA AT CASTIGLION FIORENTINO, first weekend in June

Castiglion Fiorentino battles for its ancient Torre del Cassero, in the BiancoAzzurra Medieval Festival. A historical reminiscence of the Medieval Festival, which grew over time to become one of the most important and renowned events in the province that has given and continues to give emotions and shows unique to an ever-growing audience, coming from both Italy and Outside, in a context in which the millennial Tower of Cassero, the ancient medieval walls and every single stone return to emanate strongly the history, traditions and culture of a place and its past. [Web Page](#)

PALIO DEL CERO AT VOLTERRA, June 2

This medieval festivity celebrates 14th-century local customs in the form of a joust, food tastings and finally a tug of war with a wooden tower in the center. At the end of the day the town gives homage, with

votive candles, to local saints carried on finely decorated, large wooden structures.

EATPRATO June 1-2

The emotion of eating good food and this festival is dedicated to local products, from the wine from Carmignano to biscotti to mortadella. Tasting, cooking shows, and guided visits. [Web Page](#)

SAN RANIERI AT PISA, June 16 & 17

A brief presentation of the events here: the Luminara takes place on June 16 when the city from sunset onwards is lit up with over 70,000 candles along the Arno river. It's a very suggestive and enchanting spectacle to see, especially as the city reflects on the water of its river. At the end of the manifestation, fireworks show lights up the dark sky, always leaving every visitor happy. Pisa celebrates its Patron Saint, San Ranieri, on June 17 with a series of events and manifestations that attract every year lots of tourists and people coming from the nearby locations as well, filling the air with a festive and joyful atmosphere. The three most important events of the festivities for San Ranieri are the Luminara, the Regatta and the Battle of the Bridge. [More Info Luminara](#) [More Info Regatta](#)

BLUES FESTIVAL AT TORRITA, June 20 - 21 - 22

Make blues not war

How about changing the world with a bit of the blues? This year is the 30th Edition of the Torrita Blues Festival with music and dinner in piazza featuring concerts by Popa Chubby and The Animals. [Web Page](#)

JUNE WISHES

Wishing you a June filled with pageantry, fireworks, and red poppies through the grass,

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, refurbished, 180 Sq. Mt. (aprox 1800 Sq. Ft.), plus 25 Sq. Mt. (250 Sq.Ft.) of terrace. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air conditioning, views and sunny.

Asking price 2,000,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito Attic – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, refurbished, approx. 65 Sq. Mt. (650 Sq. Ft.). 1 bed (possible second small bedroom), 1 bath; quiet, natural light, views

Asking Price 430,000 Euro



SALE – Santa Croce – Historic Center

Refurbished first and top floor with elevator, approx. 130 Sq. Mt. (1300 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 3 bath; autonomous heating, air conditioning, high ceilings

Asking Price 980,000 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.

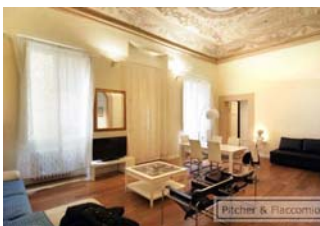
Asking Price 480,000 Euro



SALE – Duomo Apartment – Historic Center

Third floor, approx. 160 sq. mt. (aprox. 1600 sq. ft.), with independent small studio and bathroom. 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom, views, autonomous heating, south exposure good natural light.

Asking Price 695,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 980,000 Euro



SALE – Via Ginori – Historic Center

Top floor (possible elevator), approx. 120 Sq. Mt. (1200 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 15 Sq. Mt. (150 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 2 bed (plus studio), 3 bath; quiet, natural light, views.

Asking Price 640,000 Euro