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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

What a true pleasure it is to bring you once again a newsletter filled with events and wonderful things to do out in Florence and Tuscany. Italy is reopening for the summer, and finally the vaccination program is starting to move faster and is well under way. This week in Florence, there were Open Day Vaccinations for anyone over 40 to get a vaccine shot without a reservation, and next week the reservations open to people in their 30s. While there is a little way to go yet, now we can truly see the light illuminating the road out of the crisis, and so we move forward cautiously but with great relief. Events in the open air are the pleasure of June, as the Spring covers the ground in blooms and the warm sun is still fresh enough to enjoy all the day. We hope you savour the sweetness of our well-earned Spring-in-the-streets this year and we can't wait to see you soon, with our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JUNE

BEST ANNIVERSARY: THE FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA, CELEBRATING 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.

BEST EVENT: OUR FAVOURITE FLOWER EXHIBITION AT THE GIARDINO DELL'ORTICOLTURA, Until June 2

It's our favourite Springtime flower exhibit and market, a little late this year but no less wonderful! Of course, entry will be strictly according to the regulations, but we won't miss out on a chance to see prize winning flowers and plants, and to celebrate the blooms of Florence's rebirth. There are 60 sensational exhibitors sharing everything from antique roses and fruits all the way to special fabrics and terracotta treasures for the garden. The exhibit is free entry, and will be open from 8am until 8pm each day from May 30 to June 2. See more at their [facebook page](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: A VERY ATTRACTIVE APARTMENT IN A SUPER CENTRAL LOCATION

With a master and twin bedroom, plus separate kitchen, dining, and balcony, this beautiful apartment is located between the Duomo and Santa Maria Novella in the very heart of the historical city center, it is a few steps from the major monuments and museums. Nearby is the well-known San Lorenzo open market with its upstairs food court offering all types of cuisine and, in another direction, the Via Tornabuoni, where the high fashion boutiques are found. The entire area is full of restaurants, shops, super markets, ticket offices, and all manner of services. [More photos and information here](#).



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

The patron saint of Florence, John the Baptist, is celebrated on June 24. Traditionally there is a parade to the Baptistry in the morning and another before the Historic Soccer (Calcio Storico) game

in the afternoon, although this year the celebrations are likely to be more limited. The Calcio Storico will happen instead in September, due to the pandemic.

From [Visit Florence](#): The celebration feast of St. John has **ancient origins**: nobles and lords would celebrate the patron saint of the city by donating large "candles" or votive offerings called *ceri* in Italian to the churches, consider back when there was no electricity and this was the only way to light an interior. Churches needed lots of candles, it was a large expense. With the growth of the city's importance, the candles became larger, more beautifully decorated and valuable. Some were made especially for the Baptistery (which is dedicated to the saint) and others were made especially to be sold. All funds were donated to the Church. You can read more about this history of past traditions on the Duomo's page dedicated to [San Giovanni](#).

BEST EXHIBITION: AMERICAN ART 1961-2001 OPENS AT THE PALAZZO STROZZI

A major exhibition taking a new perspective on the history of contemporary art in the United States. The exhibition brings together an outstanding selection of more than 80 works by 55 artists including Andy Warhol, Mark Rothko, Louise Nevelson, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Bruce Nauman, Barbara Kruger, Robert Rauschenberg, Cindy Sherman, Matthew Barney, Kara Walker and many more, exhibited in Florence through a collaboration with the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. Exhibiting many formative works for the first time in Italy, the exhibition examines the most important figures and movements that marked the development of American art from the beginning of the Vietnam War until the 9/11 attack. [More information and ticket reservations here](#).

BEST DINING OUT: FORMAGGIOTECA TERROIR IN SAN NICCOLO

Ahhh with so many re-openings for the summer season, it's honestly hard to choose a single place to recommend with so many feasts to be enjoyed. But we can't go past this fantastic new offering, that create sensational take away French and Italian cheese baskets filled with delights, all paired with the best of both French and Italian wines. HEAVEN! The best summer picnic basket in town.

"Why "Formaggioteca" (cheese library)? Because we want to bring you closer to extraordinary cheeses with excellent wines to match. At Formaggioteca Terroir you can find a carefully selected range of French and Italian cheeses together with an equally careful choice of esteemed wines to match. You will find up to 50 cheeses of the highest quality to enjoy with an excellent glass of wine. We only work with the best affineurs to guarantee our customers the best cheese. All the wines you find at the Formaggioteca come from small producers who respect nature and safeguard the native grape varieties that make our area so special." [Website](#) or [Facebook](#).

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

In these uncertain times during the Covid-19 pandemic, 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.

Tuscany in general, and Florence in particular, have been relatively spared by the Covid-19 outbreak. But the lower numbers of contagions in this region have not prevented the lock downs and the travel restrictions that have been imposed. As we adjust to the new rules such as social distancing, face masks, hand sanitizers, and contact tracing, etc., that are necessary to keep us safe, we are thinking of ways to improve the interest in our Region and make the rentability of properties easier for the future.

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

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

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANTI-COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM IN ITALY

The vaccination program is now charging ahead, with everyone over 40 now registered for their vaccine dates and a number of open days where people over 40 and over 60 can go and have their vaccine without a reservation. On the first week of June, reservations will open for people in their 30s. You can find the online portal for making a vaccination appointment [here](#), where they also show which categories of people are able to reserve.

WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

It's especially important to be relying on the correct information and news sources during this time. Here are some official and accurate sources:

Italian Government Website: www.governo.it

Italian Ministry of Health: www.salute.gov.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>

Coronavirus Counts Worldwide: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

News Site with daily official conference at 6pm: <http://ansa.it/>

Tuscany Specific:

- Official [coronavirus updates](#) for Tuscany

- Daily [case numbers](#)
- Latest [regional ordinances](#)
- Tuscany region on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Regional coronavirus helpline: 055 438 5850

WHERE CAN I READ ABOUT THE DIFFERENT YELLOW, ORANGE, AND RED ZONES ACROSS ITALY?

[Here at the Governo website](#), you can click on the interactive map that shows the different colour coding of each Municipality, and drop down information menus that explain the specific restrictions and permissions for each colour code.

BEST OF THE REST

THE BEACH IS BACK! MULTIPLE LOCATIONS BRINGING MUSIC AND MORE TO THE BANKS OF THE ARNO FOR A SIZZLING SUMMER WATER-SIDE

RIVER URBAN BEACH

One of the best known spots in San Niccolo, right on the sandy banks of the Arno. It's official: River Urban beach is coming back! The little beach on the Arno is back with a special view to enjoy the sun and the sunset. The food offer is back, satisfying every taste and palate. The special evenings and meetings are back. But above all, you are back and we are waiting for you. [Facebook page](#).

IL MOLO

Il Molo opens, the absolute must-do of Summer 2021. A floating stage for music, performance and art. Four months of live events, workshops for children and shows: until 30 September every evening a different proposal, to be enjoyed with quality food & drink. Opening music on 3 June with the first live show of Manitoba, post X Factor 2020. The other music events will be Jazz Club Goes to River; Rex'n'Chill; Don Pasta Ricorda Andrea Mi. For further information and programmes, check out their [FB page](#) - [Instagram page](#).

HABANA 500 FIRENZE

The best of Cuban vibes right on the river, Habana 500 is a hot favourite for summer. Cocktails, food, ALWAYS dancing, and seats along the riverside to enjoy the vibes. Probably one of the best places there is for dancing under the stars in summer. [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO

Surrounded by greenery, good music, bar and pizzeria, creative space for shows and live concerts. Big screen for all World Cup matches. From Tuesday 1st June, our new oasis on the Arno will be ready to welcome you with a rich programme of shows, themed evenings and music events! We have transformed our look, created new relax zones on the riverbank, designed new Food & Drink offers. Let's make your long-awaited summer one of the most enjoyable ever! [Facebook page](#).

GUIDED TOURS OF THE BOBOLI GARDENS IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN, Every Tuesday and Thursday until the end of June

The Uffizi Galleries offer visitors of the Boboli Gardens guided tours (included in the admission ticket), in Italian and English. Gabriele Morandi will guide the participants on the most impressive paths of the garden, seen through the eyes of the great protagonists of literature. Tours are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am and last approximately 2 hours. Reservation is necessary, to be done within Friday prior to the scheduled date, by writing an email to: gauff.eventiboboli@beniculturali.it (maximum 10 people per group). Meeting point at the main door of the Pitti Palace.

PROGETTO RIVA CELEBRATES THE ARNO RIVER IN FLORENCE, Until June 19

The RIVA project was created with the aim of enhancing the banks of the River Arno, in the heart of Florence and the metropolitan area. In 1966 the city lived through the terrible experience of the flood, with more than a hundred victims and the damage or destruction of thousands of art masterpieces and rare books. With the joint effort of Italian and foreign volunteers, many of these works have been restored, but decades later there is still much work to be done. After this tragedy, the city has in fact forgotten the banks of the Arno, observing it 'from afar', losing all intimacy with the river. For years the RIVA Project has stimulated a critical and interdisciplinary investigation that lays the foundations for the design of a river park in the heart of the city, through the participation of Italian and foreign artists, curators, scientists, biologists and architects. See the [whole programme](#).

APERITIVO AT VILLA BARDINI PRESENTED BY CHIOSCO AI RENAI, throughout June

A yellow caravan that has been transformed into a small bar, an Ape Piaggio that has become a cocktail counter for aperitifs, a caravan that used to transport horses and now holds bottles - this is Chiosco ai Renai! From 3 June every weekend, from Thursday to Sunday, 19:00 - 23:00, you can access the garden of Villa Bardini with the APERitif in the beautiful location overlooking Florence, without paying the entrance fee, to drink signature cocktails and eat tapas in perfect Kiosk style. The entrance will be free but booking is recommended via Whatsapp at +39 351 5987014 or through social networks (@renai_in_movimento and @chioscoairenai); there are about 80 places available.

FIRENZE FLOWER SHOW IN THE GIARDINO CORSINI AL PRATO, June 26 and 27

After the success of past editions, the event that hosts an increasingly large number of exhibitors returns in June in the wonderful setting of the Corsini al Prato garden. The best producers and collectors of botanical rarities are ready to show the general public of lovers of floriculture and quality gardening their most particular varieties and to present their absolute previews at national level. All this will be complemented by sections dedicated to garden and home furnishings, quality craftsmanship, excellent food and wine and wellness products, always inextricably linked to the world of nature. [See the website](#).

ESTATE FIESOLANA, OUR FAVOURITE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF JAZZ AND MORE IN FIESOLE, from June 21

The **Fiesole Summer Festival** (Estate Fiesolana), one of the most important summer festivals on the Tuscan and national scene, now in its 74th edition, is scheduled this year starting from June 21st, going on through July and August. The programme of the festival, which takes place in the amazing setting of the Roman Theatre of Fiesole, includes a section dedicated to **jazz music concerts** by some of the greatest talents at national and international level. See the program on the [website](#). Tickets will be available online at www.estatefiesolana.it and on the Box Office Toscana circuits.

PITTI UOMO, PITTI IMMAGINE FILATI, PITTI IMMAGINE BIMBO, June and July

Finally on after some rescheduling, at the end of June and the start of July, the Pitti Immagine cluster of events from Uomo all the way to Bimbo are finally happening at the Fortezza da Basso. While many events are exclusively for buyers and trade professionals, this is the time of year that some of the best people watching happens in Florence. Take to the streets and enjoy the incredible men's fashion and style that the city is known for during any Pitti Uomo event! If you're in the business, take a look at the website for all the events and information [here](#).

TASTE GASTRONOMY FAIR AT THE FORTEZZA DA BASSO, June 27, 28, and 29

Taste, a three-day event dedicated to the excellence of taste. The exhibition is increasingly appreciated by international haute cuisine operators and also by the increasingly vast and enthusiastic public of foodies, who participate in large numbers in the events scheduled at the exhibition, discovering the novelties and gastronomic richness of the almost 400 companies present, and in the city at the collateral events of Fuori di Taste. Originally scheduled at the Stazione Leopolda from 13th to 15th March 2021, the show will move to the Fortezza da Basso on 27th-29th June 2021. [More information here](#).

LA FIERUCOLA MARKETS IN PIAZZA SANTO SPIRITO

Wonderful monthly fairs that promote organic farming on small family farms and traditional natural handicrafts. During the fairs, which often have specific themes, there are photo exhibitions, conferences on food, workshops for children, craft courses and publications on rural life. The Fierucoline are held in Piazza Santo Spirito on the third Sunday of the month, except in August. The fierucole in Piazza Santissima Annunziata are generally held on the first Sunday or first weekend of the spring and autumn months.

EXHIBITIONS

BEAUTIFUL LIES - ALI BANISADIR, ON DISPLAY AT PALAZZO VECCHIO'S SALA DEI GIGLI, AND THE MUSEO STEFANO BARDINI, Until August

Beautiful Lies is one of the works inspired by Dante that will be exhibited in the Sala dei Gigli of Palazzo Vecchio, chosen to give the title to the entire exhibition. The 'beautiful lie' under which the truth is hidden is an expression used by Dante to talk about his works and allegorical poems that fits perfectly with Banisadr's work. The artist has created three site-specific paintings inspired by the

Divine Comedy. [More information here.](#)

VAN GOGH AND I MALEDETTI, Until July

Multi-media exhibition on the life and works of Van Gogh and some great painters who were his contemporaries and united by troubled life and anti-conformism like Paul Cézanne, Paul Gauguin, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Chaïm Soutine, Amedeo Modigliani and others. [More information and tickets here.](#)

TITIANA MASELLI, SALVATORE FERRAGAMO AND THE MYTH OF GRETA GARBO, Until August

The chapel and the room on the second floor of the museum host **Étoile**. The starting point of the project is the large canvas made by **Titina Maselli** and dedicated to **Greta Garbo**. Like a black and white photo, the painting introduces us to the mysterious and magnetic world of one of the most famous stars of international cinema. Style icon and model of original and unconventional femininity, Greta Garbo linked her career to Salvatore Ferragamo, a stylist who knew how to interpret with extreme accuracy the style and personality of the great Hollywood actress. For the occasion, in a box like a small casket, the Museum shows some shoes designed by Salvatore Ferragamo for Greta Garbo. [Website.](#)

SILK, ON DISPLAY AT THE SALVATORE FERRAGAMO MUSEUM, Until April 2022

Seta' celebrates the silk prints of the Salvatore Ferragamo maison of which Fulvia Visconti Ferragamo was the creator and creative soul. Through the history of its founder and the historical archive, the Ferragamo Museum intends to express the continuous relationship between art and fashion, proposing a dialogue between tradition and modernity. The exhibition tour tells the perfect union of fanciful intuitions, and high industrial craftsmanship that is behind the production of a scarf - and any silk print - beyond the infinite inspirations that are at the origin of each design. In the first section the exhibition hosts the 'site specific' installation by Chinese artists Sun yuan & Peng Yu entitled 'Were creatures born celestial?' which exemplify conceptually what fertile ground of encounter and exchange between East and West was the Silk Route. [Website.](#)

THE BARGELLO FOR DANTE, May 11 - August 8

(from: [theflorentine.net](#)) Forming part of the line-up to honour Dante Alighieri on the 700th anniversary of his death, this exhibition at the [Bargello Museum](#) looks at the relationship between Dante and his Florence, as well as the years following the death of the Supreme Poet pieced together through manuscripts and works of art. Part of the display will be set up inside the Podestà Chapel in a suitable setting for one of the world's greatest literary figures. Free workshops for children and families are dedicated to the discovery of Dante and 14th-century Florence.

TURANDOT AND THE FANTASTIC EAST OF PUCCINI, CHINI, AND CARAMBA, May 22 - November 21 (from: [theflorentine.net](#))

Dazzling costumes and glittering jewels prevail in this multidisciplinary and wide-ranging [exhibition](#) that details the Tuscan composer Giacomo Puccini's path to choosing the painter Galileo Chini as set designer and Luigi Sapelli (known as Caramba) as costume designer for the world premiere of Puccini's much-loved masterpiece, *Turandot*. The fascinating exhibition traces a path through the history of opera and art in the early 20th century, which was influenced by artistic production in the East. Museo del Tessuto, Prato

SEE CONTEMPORARY ARTIST JR'S NEW INSTALLATION ON THE FACADE OF PALAZZO STROZZI, AND GIUSEPPE PENONE'S TRIBUTE TO DANTE IN PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA

Zona rossa art is street art, as we again remain at home and galleries and museums are closed. However we are allowed to walk and ride our bikes for exercise, within our own comune, so for some that means they can walk past two large scale but very different art installation pieces, that are generating vastly diverse responses! JR's work, "[La Ferita](#)", uses photography to open a "tear" in the wall of Palazzo Strozzi through which hidden corners and an imagined exhibition of major works are able to be seen. Penone, on the other hand, has installed a [tall sculpture of a tree](#), stark and bare, inspired by the lines "l'albero che vive de la cima / e frutta sempre e mai non perde foglia" from Paradiso in Dante's The Divine Comedy. JR's piece is receiving overwhelmingly positive responses, as it offers a glimpse of beauty in troubled times. The tree, however, is creating a very different stir! Have a chuckle at some of the ironic responses including "It's missing the vultures and condors on the branches," or "At first glance it seemed like an abandoned antenna." in this article by [Wanted In Rome](#).

MICHELANGELO LIVES AGAIN THANKS TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

(from [feelflorence.it](#)) More than 500 years after his birth (6 march 1475) Michelangelo 'lives again', and is ready to answer your questions! This is not fake news, but a joint project of the Opera di Santa Maria del Fiore (florence Cathedral Foundation) and Querlo, Customized Artificial Intelligence Solutions based in New York, who for the first time ever have realized a virtual Michelangelo, using Artificial Intelligence technology. The idea of Michelangelo AI was born in the Covid-19 period. The global travel restrictions have had a devastating impact making it impossible for people to visit special cities like Michelangelo's Florence. Michelangelo AI is an educational tool available to all who want to know something about the art, life and thought of the greatest Renaissance artist. In turn, Michelangelo AI will learn from these conversations, continually increasing his range of knowledge. Anyone can ask him questions (the language used is English) going to the Opera Duomo Firenze [website](#) and clicking on the Michelangelo AI button on the Querlo [website](#).

A RIVEDER LE STELLE, ONLINE EXHIBITION HOSTED BY THE UFFIZI

On the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the death of the Great Poet, the Uffizi is offering a virtual exhibition dedicated to the 88 drawings cycle known as Dante Istoriato by Federico Zuccari. Completed between 1586 and 1588 in Spain by the author of the frescoes in the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore, the cycle fully illustrates Dante's Comedy, equal only to Sandro Botticelli's and Gustave Doré's 19th-century cycle. In addition to the drawings, texts and comments wrote by the painter on

the verso of the sheets are also available. See the exhibition [here at the website](#).

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO RETURNS WITH A SERIES OF LIVE OPERAS AND CONCERTS FOR THEIR 83RD EDITION

June 4, 7, 10, 16, 20: La Forza del Destino

The melodrama in four acts by Giuseppe Verdi on a libretto by Francesco Maria Piave based on the romantic drama by Angel de Saavedra. The Choir and Orchestra of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino will be conducted by maestro Zubin Mehta.

June 12: Zubin Mehta, Brahms Cycle

Johannes Brahms: Concert in D major for violin and orchestra Op. 77 and Symphony No. 1 in C minor for orchestra Op. 68. Violin: Pinchas Zukerman, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino Orchestra, Conductor: Zubin Mehta

June 20: Frank Peter Zimmermann/Martin Helmchen

As part of the 83rd Maggio Musicale Fiorentino Festival, the violinist Frank Peter Zimmermann and the pianist Martin Helmchen will be on the stage at the Teatro della Pergola for a symphonic concert with music by Johannes Brahms and Béla Bartók.

June 27: Anna Netrebko

On June 27 the spotlight of the 83rd Festival of Maggio Musicale Fiorentino will be on the famous soprano Anna Netrebko who will be the protagonist of a Verdi concert with the Maggio Orchestra, conducted by Marco Armiliato.

June 28, 30, July 3, 8: Il Ritorno di Ulisse in Patria

Teatro della Pergola will pay tribute to Baroque music by hosting *Il ritorno di Ulisse in patria*, an Opera by Claudio Monteverdi on a libretto by Giacomo Badoaro based on Homer's *Odyssey*. The Maggio Orchestra will be joined by the Accademia Bizantina, both conducted by maestro Ottavio Dantone. [More information here](#).

ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA FIORENTINA AT THE PALAZZO MEDICI RICCARDI, Until October

The 41st season of the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina kicks off, in compliance with the security measures for the Coronavirus emergency. A series of concerts from May to October, live in cloisters and museums directed and coordinated by Maestro Lanzetta. [See the full program here](#).

THE ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA RETURN TO THE STAGE

A pleasure for music lovers in Florence and everywhere, ORT, the Orchestra of Toscana, return.

June 2: [Le Grandi Colonne Sonore](#)

June 4, 5: [Cohen_Obiso](#)

June 13, 14: [Orizio_Colli](#)

June 18, 20: [Morricone & Piazzolla](#)

June 18: [Ti Racconto Don Giovanni](#)

June 19, 21, 22: [Milletari_Bevilacqua](#)

June 27: [Sestetto d'archi](#)

June 29, 29, 30: [Leroy-Calatayud_Prandi](#)

You can find the concerts and more information on the ORT [website](#) and ORT [Facebook](#)

DANCE PERFORMANCE VENTIVENTI BY THE COMPAGNIA OPUS BALLETT, June 2-4

At Cango from 2 to 4 June 2021 the show Ventiventi, choreographed by Sara Sguotti and performed by COB Compagnia Opus Ballet, will be on stage. The show is an alchemic and imaginary ritual in which bodies in continuous change give life to a hypnotic and evocative dance. Ventiventi is a call to one's instinct. Skins, disguises, soundscapes and environments create the mutant space of rituals. Limited places - [book tickets here](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

AFRICAN DIASPORA CINEMA FESTIVAL AT THE VILLA ROMANA, June 23-26

The fifth edition of the African Diaspora Cinema Festival is coming up on the 23rd to 26th of June 2021 in the beautiful Villa Romana. #African Cinema, is the theme of African Diaspora Cinema Festival, is a theme that draws on the principle that being African is a bond that goes beyond geography, birth or lineage; as people of African origin are spread across the globe and Africa is also proud home to many non-Africans. Africa has been able to capture the world's attention through its ancient cultural heritage and beginnings of civilization. With films it will have the power to connect people from around the world. [Website](#).

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE WEDNESDAY LECTURES

A favourite of ours in the cultural life of Florence, fascinating Wednesday evening lectures by The British Institute's invited guests, streamed online for everyone to enjoy. There is no charge, but they ask you to consider making a donation to support the Institute and its beautiful library if you wish to attend an event on Zoom.

June 2: Ghiberti's homage to Brunelleschi - artistic rivalry in early 15th century Florence

June 9: George Eliot and the writing of Romola

June 16: The monumental complex of Santa Croce, instructions for use - Narrating seven hundred years of history and building for the future

June 23: Urban Safari: Lions, Giraffes, Monkeys and a Hippo in Renaissance Florence

June 30: Artists' Payment in the Renaissance

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

ST MARK'S ENGLISH CHURCH CULTURAL PROGRAM

St Mark's English Church continues their full program of cultural events. The month kicks off with the Armchair Drama Club, and continues with Florence Writers workshops, Yoga, Book Club, and a Summer recital as well as a Coral Concert in Bologna. Held on Zoom, events are free with a suggested donation to raise funds for St Mark's. Email events@stmarksitaly.com or see www.stmarksitaly.com for the full events line-up as well as info on religious ceremonies.

THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA STREAMS INTO YOUR LIVING ROOM

The Odeon Cinema continues its online presentation of specially curated film selections through their MioCinema platform. Check out their [website](#) for more.

ODEON: AZZURRO SILVANO - SPECIALE SILVANO AGOSTI

A special exhibition dedicated to SILVANO AGOSTI, director, writer, but also philosopher, poet and essayist, founder and manager since 1982 of the historic art-house cinema "Azzurro Scipioni", which has become a cultural reference point for the Prati district and the whole city of Rome.

ODEON: ANTEPRIMA FILM ORSO D'ORO A BERLINO

The winner of the Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival **BAD LUCK BANGING OR LOONY PORN** by Radu Jude will be available. Provocative, ironic, pungent, vibrant. A powerful and very topical film that certainly does not leave you indifferent. Link to view and more information [here](#).

ODEON: APPLES

APPLES, the directorial debut of director Christos Nikou, former assistant of Yorgos Lanthimos, premiered at the 77th Venice International Film Festival. Through unsettling, unusual and surreal images, the Greek writer-director Christos Nikou stages a fascinating reflection on memory, identity and the complex mechanism of storing memories. Link to view and more information [here](#).

JUNE WISHES

As the red poppies bloom, may their red petals fill the season with energy and passion to raise our spirits after the long winter.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – San Lorenzo – Historic Center

First floor apt, refurbished, approx. 45 Sq. Mt. (450 Sq. Ft.). 1 bed, 1 bath; High wooden ceilings, balcony, autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 320,000 Euro



SALE - Oltrarno Loft – Historic Center

Ground floor loft space in good condition, approx. 260 Sq. Mt. (2600 Sq. Ft.) plus 20 Sq. Mt. (200 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 3 bath; quiet, private and spacious living areas.

Asking Price 1,300,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio View – Historic Center

Refurbished Apt, third floor with elevator aprox. 150 sq. mt. (aprox. 1500 sq. ft.) two bedrooms and three bathrooms. Under floor heating, air conditioning, sunny and views.

Asking price 1,500,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center

Second floor apt, refurbished, approx. 170 Sq. Mt. (1700 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 2 bath; High ceilings and spacious rooms, quiet, natural light, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 930,000 Euro



SALE – Faenza Apt – Historic Center

Top floor apt. with elevator, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, quiet.

Asking Price 740,000 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

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