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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. It's time to enjoy the sunshine of June! The Calcio Storico finally returns in its full form, along with the annual celebrations of Florence's Patron Saint, San Giovanni. The Arno river is also coming to life with the return of the pop-up riverside venues, there is just so much to enjoy this June! 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 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 Speciali, 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 TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO, June 10, 11, 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)

BEST P&F RENTAL: AN ATTRACTIVE APARTMENT WITH AN OUTDOOR SPACE IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA

A lovely two bedroom, two bathroom apartment with an internal courtyard, and a charming garden with a table for 4-6 people to enjoy. Via San Giovanni is on the south side of the river, Florence's Left Bank, near the Porta San Frediano, one of the original gates to the city. It is located in a residential area near many shops, restaurants and artisan workshops, and is within walking distance of the city's monuments and museums. It is also well serviced by the city bus lines. [More photos and information.](#)



BEST FESTIVAL: THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY N.Y.U. FLORENCE, Until June 29

NYU Florence is delighted to announce that the 16th edition of The Season at Villa La Pietra, our wonderful summer program of music and art, will take place this Summer from May 24 through June 29, 2022. The 16th 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 May 24 through June 29, 2022. World-renowned actors, musicians and artists will be gathered to work collaboratively across disciplines and to present a range of professional performances including classical compositions and concerts, and theatrical productions.

Click [here](#) for the PDF version The Season 2022.

BEST EXHIBITION: OLTRARNO GAZE 2022 WITH THEIR FINAL EXHIBITION AT FLORENCE'S HOTTEST NEW CULTURAL VENUE, SOTTO AL BRITISH, June 9

A dialogue through the centuries that forges a bridge between modern-day art and artisanship, and art by historic women, with emphasis on Florence's Oltrarno district. This exhibition is the culmination of the second edition of Oltrarno Gaze, a partnership between the British Institute, Villa Il Palmerino and many other cultural players in Florence, with funding from the AWA Legacy Fund.

The exhibition will feature: Photographs authored by 13 women from the 'Camera Captures' project, Craftsmanship created for the 'International Artists Answer' challenge, inspired by historical art by women, A fabrics-and-textiles installation by Spazio NOTA's grant programme participants and Ceramics by Poiret Masse, inspired by twentieth-century artist Vittoria Morelli. Come and enjoy this inspiring Vernissage on June 9th at 19:30, at SOTTO al British. Lungarno Guicciardini 15. [Website.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: CHIC NONNA OPENS INSIDE THE HISTORIC PALAZZO PORTINARI SALVIATI

This is already the divine new favourite for Florentines. The Bar and Bistrot have been open since April, located in the luxurious and stunning courtyard, where you can enjoy cocktails and a simple menu that is available all day and night. I savoured the Chic Martini, enjoying the swirl of gold dust adding some visual magic to the infused gin, and later dined on a fresh and creamy risotto flavoured with fresh green beans and prawn crudo, and a terrine of guinea fowl perfectly balanced with fruit mustard. The food is the exceptional offer of chef Vito Mollica, and we cannot wait to discover the full menu for the restaurant itself, which will launch this month. The perfect excuse to dress up for an indulgent evening out, in the restored glory of this old palazzo. [Website](#).

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. 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. 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, this oasis on the Arno is ready to welcome you with a rich programme of shows, themed evenings and music events! Let's make your long-awaited summer one of the most enjoyable ever! [Facebook page](#).

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, 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 75th 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.

FABBRICA EUROPA ARTS AND PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL: Until July 27

For lovers of theatre, dance, contemporary performance, installation, art, and everything in between. This is the biggest international arts festival in town, and the programming is exceptional. The Festival continues until June involving other locations in Florence and Tuscany, before returning in September with the new edition. 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: June 14-17

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 BIMB0: June 22-24

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: June 29-July 1

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 information at the website.](#)

VINTAGE SELECTION - FASHION AND ACCESSORIES AT LA FORTEZZA DI BASSO, June 29-July 1

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. [See more at the Website.](#)

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

June 19: Deux arabesques (Museo Stefano Bardini), by Claude Debussy.

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.](#)

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 June:

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

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

First Tuesday of the month: Songwriters in the Round, check out three hot new songwriters in Florence.

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

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 STROZZI, 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](#).

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

VILLE E GIARDINI INCANTATI 2022

The sixth edition of this very special festival of music and nature. Enjoy incredible concerts by the beloved Orchestra della Toscana, located in the immaculate gardens of Florence and Tuscany's most evocative historical villas. A true treat for the senses, with live music beneath the stars. See all of the events and book your tickets [here](#).

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. [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.](#)

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THE HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY

An absolute favourite in Florence, The British Institute continue their offerings of 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. They have recently added a new room and program to their cultural offerings: The SOTTO al British contemporary program of events in the newly refurbished Sala Hoenig, which has its own entrance directly from the street at Lungarno Guicciardini 15. Our event of the month:

“The Barber and the Clown” + Celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee! 16 June - 18:30

Our collaboration with the Mascarade Opera Studio continues with a concert of scenes from “Pagliacci” and “Il barbiere di Siviglia” performed by their brilliant rising stars. The performance will be followed by a Royal Toast for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Rule Britannia will be sung.

Do check the entire event program, including the beloved Wednesday Lecture series in the grand library, as well as Music al British, and the exciting new contemporary program, SOTTO al British.

[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, **TOP GUN MAVERICK** and **IL SENTIERO DELLA GIOIA** come to the big screen. For the full programme, see www.odeonfirenze.com.

JUNE WISHES

As the red poppies bloom, may their red petals fill the season with energy and passion to raise our spirits as we embrace the joys of the radiant summer.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Via Maggio - Historic Center

Top floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 65 sq. mt.(650 Sq. Ft), 1 Bed, 1 Bath. Air Conditioning, light and views.

Asking Price 430,000 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 – Pitti Palace apt – Historic Center

First floor, elegant building, in good conditions, approx. 330 sq. mt.(3300 Sq. Ft), 4 Bed, 4 Bath. Small out door space, autonomous heating, in front of Pitti Palace.

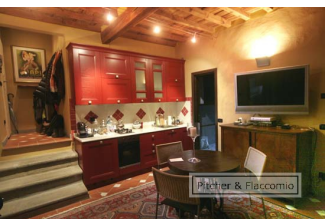
Asking price 1,950,000 Euro



SALE – Via Nazionale, San Lorenzo area – Historic Center

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

Asking price 1,100,000 Euro



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 – Calenzano Villa – Outskirts

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

Asking Price 9,500,000 Euro

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