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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 "Calcio Storico" historical soccer game, and fireworks. The whole town comes to life! Stay for the festivities, but make sure to also visit the beautiful countryside in 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, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JUNE

BEST ANNIVERSARY: 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.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A COMPACT APARTMENT IN A WONDERFUL ITALIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH EVERY CONVENIENCE NEARBY

This apartment is situated in Via San Niccolò, near the river on the south side of the city, in an off-the-beaten-track, a genuine Florentine neighborhood. It is approximately 15 minutes walk to the famous Old Bridge (Ponte Vecchio) and the heart of Florence. Two minutes in the opposite direction is Piazza Poggi which is the starting point for a wonderful stroll up the hill to Piazzale Michelangelo (from which one has a commanding view of the whole city). A nearby gate in the old city wall gives one immediate access to the surrounding countryside with olive trees and some vineyards.



[More information and photos here.](#)

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 Baptistry, 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, and 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](#)

BEST FESTIVAL: THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY NYU, Until June 30

NYU Florence is delighted to announce the 17th 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 11 through June 30, 2023. World-renowned actors, musicians, scholars, writers 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 2023.

BEST DINING OUT: PANORAMA ROOFTOP RESTAURANT IN SANTO SPIRITO

A lesser known rooftop gem hidden in the Oltrarno, with some of the most exceptional views in town featuring the Boboli Gardens. The menu features a lot of fresh seafood such as oysters with kiwi sorbet, divine pasta dishes, and a range of desserts that cater to multiple food intolerances and requests. Their top rooftop tier (La Terrazza Firenze) with the widest views, seats just 4 tables for an intimate and stunning dining experience, so be sure to request it if you're booking for a special occasion. Perfect for an early summer's evening! [See the website.](#)

BEST OF THE REST

THE BEACH IS BACK! IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO AND POP UP BARS 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. On the upper part of the beach there is the kiosk, part restaurant and part bar, for great food and drinks. With DJs and live music events, it's a known summer hotspot. OR go straight to the opposite side of the river banks, which erupts with the newest and freshest riverside offerings, including the much beloved Habana500 bar where salsa dancing erupts all 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. See you there for those great balmy evenings with a refreshing drink in hand. Find a full list of riverside venues (in italian) [here](#).

BEST SUMMER PARTY: OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI WITH A FULL SEASON OF COCKTAILS, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, CINEMA AND MORE

Just a step away from the boundaries of the historic center, just outside the ZTL, Off Bar opens its doors to its tenth season, presenting a program full of news: concerts and live performances, DJ sets, auteur cinema and the large green lawn where you can relax or dine. This year the food area will be in collaboration with Ichethai: space for the exotic flavors of street food fusion, ravioli, rolls, Pad Thai and much more on the menu. For lovers of classic cuisine, pizza from Pizzagnolo.

Here's what awaits us in this new season.

Mondays: OFF Cinema, the cinema under the stars.

Wednesdays: Live Music and DJs

Thursdays: Music for Summer Party

Fridays: "Aperitivo Sonoro", a must for the Florentine Friday night for years.

For Saturday nights: Live Music, DJs, trash Italia, the party night

[More information here.](#)

TOSCANA PRIDE 2023, June 8

On Saturday 8 July, Florence will host the TOSCANA PRIDE 2023. There is great expectation for the LGBTQIA+* (lesbian, gay, bisexual and bi+, trans*, queer, intersex and asexual) pride event, which in its return to the capital city could reach a record attendance of over 30,000 people. 'There is a great desire to return to the square, at a time when our community is under attack from outside but also from within. - said Toscana Pride spokesperson Vincent Vallon - Italy is the European country with the highest number of victims of transphobia. All this is unacceptable and we will take to the streets to not remain indifferent and respond to the culture of hate with love and struggle'. Toscana Pride was born from the Tuscan associations: AGEDO Toscana, Arcigay Arezzo 'Chimera Arcobaleno', Arcigay Livorno L.E. D Libertà e Diritti, Arcigay Siena "Movimento Pansessuale", Arcigay Firenze "Altre Sponde", Arcigay Prato-Pistoia "L'Asterisco", Azione Gay e Lesbica (Florence), Collettivo Asexuale Carrodibuoi, Coming Out LGBT Valdinevole and Zona del Cuoio, Associazione Consultorio Transgenere (Torre del Lago), Famiglie Arcobaleno (Tuscany), IREOS Comunità Queer Autogestita (Florence), LuccAut, Pinkriot Arcigay Pisa, Polis Aperta, Rainbow Parents Network. You can join Toscana Pride by writing to: adesioni@toscanapride.eu

TUSCAN CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL, June 9-11

From Friday 9 to Sunday 11 June, Ultravox opens its doors to the Tuscan Craft Beer Festival: tastings, music, meetings and many other initiatives for beer lovers. The first edition of the **Tuscan Craft Beer Festival** will be attended by **14 award-winning breweries**, who will be bringing brands and specialities here: Birrificio Valdarno Superiore, Cane Nero, Demonia, La Foresta, Birrificio Corzano, Birra dell'Elba, La Diana, Liliun, Luppolo di Mare, Mudita, Piccolo Birrificio Clandestino, Radical Brewery, La Stecciaia and Toptà. In the evening, on stage, concerts by Matti delle Giuncaie, Giacomo Laricca and Borrkia. Opens from 16:00, Free entry! [Website](#).

FABBRICA EUROPA ARTS AND PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL 2023

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 throughout the summer involving other locations in Florence and Tuscany. A significant part of the programming will take place at the Teatro della Pergola and in the 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](#).

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

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. Already announced are music such as Stefano Bollani and Makaya McKraven, true alchemists of jazz, Alice with her tribute to Franco Battiato, the refined sound of BowLand, and Irene Grandi in a blues version. For the international music scene, Suzanne Vega, recognised as one of the leading singer-songwriters of her generation, will take the stage in Fiesole, accompanied on guitar by Jerry Leonard, a long-time collaborator also of David

Bowie. In September comes Roberto Cacciapaglia and the Pink Floyd Legend with Atom Heart Mother. On Wednesday 21 June, the Roman Theatre, as is tradition, will host the day dedicated to Music Day, one of the most important events of cultural value celebrating the summer solstice in more than 120 countries around the world. The evening, organised by the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole, is free admission with prior booking. For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

SECRET FLORENCE, June 5-16

Secret Florence returns from June 5th to June 16th, a strategic project of the Estate Fiorentina (the Florentine Summer), now in its 8th edition. The event, carried out by five internationally active institutions based in the City of Florence's urban area, Fabbrica Europa, Lo schermo dell'arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale, and Centro di Produzione della Danza Virgilio Sieni, is conceived for a series of scenic spaces that are mostly not previously used or not habitually used by the public, or for well-known spaces that are reinterpreted in surprising ways, where dance, music, art, and cinema performances adapt to the architectural and acoustic characteristics of different places each time. Free initiatives or events at a highly discounted price. [Website](#).

PITTI IMMAGINE PRESENTS A SEASON OF FASHION FESTIVALS

PITTI UOMO: June 13-16

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: June 21-23

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 28-30

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](#)

VINTAGE SELECTION - FASHION AND ACCESSORIES AT LA FORTEZZA DI BASSO

June 28-30

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. [Website](#).

#DOMENICOALMUSEO : STATE MUSEUMS FREE FOR EVERYONE, AND CIVIC MUSEUMS FREE FOR RESIDENTS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

On the first Sunday of every month, Florence opens up all of its state and civic museums free for residents of the city, or people born here. Here's a list of the state museums free to all: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello, Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And civic museums free to residents: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. You'll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

EXHIBITIONS

REACHING FOR THE STARS AT PALAZZO STROZZI

Palazzo Strozzi partners with the Sandretto Rebaudengo Foundation to deliver an exquisite exhibition featuring over 50 contemporary artists from around the globe. There are some of the biggest names in contemporary art, including works from notable artists Damien Hirst, Maurizio Cattelan, Shirin Neshat, Cindy Sherman, and more, this exhibit focuses on themes such as bodies, mythology, identity, and community, among others. For more details, see the [website](#).

LUCA GIORDANO, MAESTRO BAROCCO A FIRENZE, ON SHOW AT PALAZZO MEDICI RICCARDI, Until September 5

Many works by the Italian Baroque master Luca Giordano will be on display for a limited exhibition in Palazzo Medici Riccardi. The exhibition will include paintings commissioned by wealthy and prominent Florentine families of the time as well as some of his sketches that are on loan from the National Gallery in London. [Website](#).

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

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

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

FIRENZE ROCKS 2023, June 17 and 18

Firenze Rocks is one of Europe's leading festivals, bringing the most eagerly awaited world music stars to the stage of the Visarno Arena and now in its fifth edition. The first headliners announced for 2023 are The Who, the legendary British rock band, who will perform on 17 June, accompanied by the Orchestra del Maggio Musicale, and Maroon 5, on 18 June. [See the website.](#)

FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL: DANCING IN THE GREAT CLOISTER, June 18 - July 20

The 34th edition of the Florence Dance Festival will take place from June 18 to July 20, in the “Chiostrò Grande” (Great Cloister) of Santa Maria Novella Complex. The Florence Dance Festival was created with the dual purpose of promoting the art of dance and at the same time contributing to the revival, rediscovery and sometimes rebirth of various public venues (Amphitheatre delle Cascine, Teatro Romano di Fiesole, Piazzale Michelangelo, Piazza Santissima Annunziata, Cortile del Museo Nazionale del Bargello, Chiostrò Grande di Santa Maria Novella), sharing the pleasure of dance with an increasingly vast and varied public. In thirty years of activity, the Festival has proposed performances of the highest artistic and cultural value with the involvement of world-famous artists and companies. The whole programme is available on [Florence Dance Festival](#) web site. Tickets can be bought [here](#).

BAROQUE FESTIVAL FLORENCE, various dates through June

A month long program of baroque music performed by students and established musicians, celebrating a range of extraordinary Baroque compositions. See the full program [here](#) and [here](#), at the site for the Cherubini Conservatory of Music, Florence.

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

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

THE ORCHESTRA OF TOSCANA (ORT) PRESENTS VILLE E GIARDINI INVANTATI 2023

A much beloved Summertime tradition, presented in collaboration with Teatro Verdi. Tuscany’s beloved orchestra brings to life exceptional compositions in the gardens of some of Tuscany’s most beautiful villas. A chance to enjoy music in the atmospheric surrounds of Florentine gardens and history. [See the program here.](#)

85TH FESTIVAL OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and

Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. This month's pick:

Giuseppe Verdi's FALSTAFF

Falstaff, the last operatic effort by the great Giuseppe Verdi, returns to the stage of the Maggio Theatre in November 2021. Throughout his life, the swan of Busseto had pursued the dream of writing a comic opera without ever finding the appropriate subject. But on the threshold of eighty years, that dream came true with Falstaff, born from the renewed collaboration with the now irreplaceable Arrigo Boito. For tickets, and to see the full festival program, see the [website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

The new hub for cinema and culture is simply exploding with events. This week enjoy screenings of Italian award winning film *Amusia*, amongst programming from France, Sweden, Spain, and across Europe. With up to six screenings a day, there is always a chance to experience the best of contemporary European cinema. [See the website for more information](#).

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THEIR STUNNING HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY

A beloved favourite in Florence, The British Institute continue their offerings of Wednesday lectures, concerts, and other cultural treats in the stunning location of the historic Harold Acton Library, and now also in their new contemporary space, SOTTO al British. Enjoy exquisite views of the Arno River together with the majesty of the library, and its cultural events.

THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS A MEET THE AUTHOR EVENING WITH LOUISA YOUNG

Louisa Young will discuss her acclaimed novel *My Dear, I Wanted to Tell You*.

'Every once in a while comes a novel that generates its own success, simply by being loved.' *The Times*

Louisa Young was born in London and read history at Cambridge. She co-wrote the Lionboy series with her daughter, and is the author of eight further books including the bestselling *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You*, which was shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award, and was a Richard and Judy Book Club choice, and its acclaimed sequels *The Heroes' Welcome* and *Devotion*. Her work is published in 36 languages. She lives in London. Copies of *My Dear, I Wanted to Tell You* are available at Paperback Exchange in Florence, with a special 10% discount for British Institute patrons. To register for the event, and to discover the full month's program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).

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

In June, La Compagnia presents the third edition of *The Most Beautiful Invention*: masterpieces of the 20th century in original language with Italian subtitles. A journey through the history of cinema whose aim is to remind us how unique the experience of seeing a film on the big screen is. Detailed program on the [website](#).

WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS AT SOTTO AL BRITISH

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

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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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment approx. 50 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 5.00 Sq. Ft.), 1 bed, 1 bath, separate kitchen; autonomous heating, air con., high wooden ceilings.

Asking Price 380,000 Euro



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 395,000 Euro



SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center

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

Asking price 890,000 Euro



SALE – Duomo Attic Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished top floor apt with elevator, approx. 55 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 550 Sq. Ft.), plus small loft area. 1 bed, 1 bath; autonomous heating, air con., furnished.

Asking Price 650,000 Euro



SALE – San Marco Garden Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment on two levels approx. 500 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 5.000 Sq. Ft.) plus 300 Sq. Mt. (3000 Sq. Ft.) of private garden. 4 bed, 5 bath; autonomous heating, air con., garden.

Asking Price 2,400,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Azeglio – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 870,000 Euro

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