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WELCOME

This is the month that launches the full events calendar for the summer in Florence, with more to do than we could possibly list! June brings the celebrations of Florence's patron saint, San Giovanni, honored with a city-wide celebration of parades, arts and music festivals, the "Calcio Storico" historical soccer game, and fireworks. The whole town is in the streets! But there's more. After a rainy May, it's time to enjoy the sunshine of June. The Estate Fiorentina festival launches with 139 entities organising almost 1000 events, including the outdoor cinema in its new location at Palazzo Pitti. With a growing selection of pop-up bars and music venues opening in open air locations around Florence, there is no lack of choice for ways to enjoy the balmy evenings. Soak it all up with an aperol spritz and long sunset walks along the iconic Arno river. With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, 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 [here](#).

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 TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO, June 14, 15, 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](#) and more information [here](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: AN AMAZING PROPERTY WITH A POOL, BOTH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CITY

The property is situated on a hillside in the immediate outskirts of Florence with a magnificent view overlooking the full panorama of the town. 5 minutes` walk to the hilltop church of San Miniato al Monte and the Piazzale Michelangelo. The neighbourhood is like a little village popped out unchanged directly from the past. It is within 10 minutes` walk to the river and to the San Niccolò area which is the closest shopping spot. The municipal



buses give a handy and reliable service between the hills and the citycenter if you are not willing to walk or to take the car. The bus stop is approx 50 mts from the house. [More information and photos](#).

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 SUMMER FESTIVAL: ESTATE FIORENTINA IS BIGGER THAN EVER! Until September

The Estate Fiorentina involves 139 entities, has 121 widespread projects, four special thematic events, nine large festivals, and 14 summer spaces. The comune has confirmed the return of historic

events such as the Festival au Désert by Fabbrica Europa, which will transform the Cascine into an African musical spectacular, and the Firenze Jazz Festival which will bring 20 concerts to 10 locations between the Oltrarno and historic villas. Artists include Eleonora Strino, Isaiah Collier, Alfa Mist, David Krakauer and Elio con gli Ossi Duri. There is also excitement for new features such as the Apriti Cinema which moves from the Piazzale degli Uffizi to Piazza Pitti, and the new spaces announced in Piazza Edison and Piazza Indipendenza, the San Lorenzo garden in Greve, and in the former campsite in Piazzale Michelangelo. [Website](#).

BEST DINING OUT: RIVERSIDE AND OUTDOOR STREET FOOD POP-UPS ARE HERE FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Every summer, the open air spaces of Florence come to life with pop up venues that combine live music and entertainment with the best of street food. Whichever area of Florence you love to frequent, you will not lack options, with this summer's offerings including: [Il Molo](#), [Fico' Bistro](#), [Anconella Garden](#), [Festa del Mugello](#), [Habana500](#), [La Limonaia](#), [Villa Vittoria](#), [Fiorina sull'Arno](#), [The Lodge](#), [Atollo](#), [Manduca](#). Each one of these summer venues is offering a full program of concerts, events, and magic to accompany the delicious foods that are being served up all summer. Click their links to see the upcoming events!

BEST OF THE REST

THE BEACH IS BACK! IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO, HABANA500, AND MORE OFFER DANCING AND DRINKS ALL ALONG THE LUNGARNO

Florence has its own beaches along the Arno River. Swimming is strictly forbidden, but for those of you who can't get to the seaside, this is a fun summer 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, don't miss all the new pop ups on the opposite riverbank stretched along Lungarno della Zecca Vecchia. See you there for those great balmy evenings with a refreshing drink in hand!

PITTI IMMAGINE PRESENTS A SEASON OF FASHION FESTIVALS: PITTI BIKES

Two wheels, one great passion. PITTI BIKES is the theme of Pitti Immagine's summer fairs. The bicycle – individual yet collective, high-performance yet leisurely, technological yet artisanal, progressive yet traditional, competitive yet friendly, futuristic yet vintage – captures the dualism of our times: a dynamism in search of balance between metropolis and countryside, nature and urban landscapes, preservation and invention, and, on a personal level, between solitude and sociability, between value and belonging.

PITTI UOMO: June 17-20

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.

BECYCLE: June 17-20

In the days leading up to the 111th Tour de France starting from Florence, the Stazione Leopolda will host BECYCLE, a new project organized and curated by Pitti Immagine and Stazione Leopolda srl, in collaboration with the Municipality of Florence and with the scientific contribution of Toscana Promozione Turistica.

PITTI IMMAGINE BIMBO: June 25-26

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: July 1-3

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](#)

ULTRAVOX RETURNS IN LE CASCINE PARK FOR SUMMER 2025

Ultravox is enormously popular in the Florentine summer events scene, with free concerts, outdoor food stalls, and balmy nights in the green. Now in its new location, just a stone's throw from the Cascine square and in front of the Visarno. Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park, promoted by the Municipality of Florence. The perfect summer place to meet up, enjoy a signature aperitivo or an excellent dinner, while shows and concerts take place on the stage. Enjoy the summer immersed in the biggest green space in the city of Florence! All the info [here](#).

TOSCANA PRIDE 2025, June 21

This year Prato will host the TOSCANA PRIDE 2025. After the massive turnout in Florence of 50,000 people, and a huge year following in Lucca, this year is set to be another special year for the annual Pride Parade. 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 Carrodibuoì, Coming Out LGBT Valdinievole 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. Keep your eye on the [website](#) for all the details for June 21st!

GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA, May until September

The Giardino dell'ArteCultura is one of the most popular summer spaces in Florence and offers every day a rich program of events for all tastes and all ages. This well-equipped space, inside the Garden of Horticulture in Florence, offers every evening various art and entertainment initiatives for adults and, for children, in the park not far from Piazza della Libertà. Events schedule available on the [official 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

THOMAS J PRICE IN THE PALAZZO VECCHIO, PRESENTED BY THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until June 11

Celebrated for his large-scale figurative sculptures, Thomas J Price draws our attention to the psychological embodiment of his fictional characters, foregrounding the intrinsic value of the individual and subverting structures of hierarchy. Amalgamated from diverse sources, the works are developed through a hybrid approach of traditional sculpture and intuitive digital technology. The exhibition designed for the halls of Palazzo Vecchio will feature sculptural works of varying scale set up within the permanent collection of the civic museum. Central to the exhibition are the two outdoor bronzes, one standing in the courtyard of Museo Novecento and a 3.6-metres-tall golden sculpture in dialogue with the historic works in Piazza della Signoria. [Website](#).

CARAVAGGIO AND THE 20TH CENTURY AT THE VILLA BARDINI, Until July 20

A new exhibition in Villa Bardini allows visitors to admire major masterpieces and previously unpublished material associated with the figures of art historian Roberto Longhi and writer and translator Anna Banti, who "revolutionised" art history with the rediscovery of Caravaggio and Italian art of the 17th century. The exhibition showcases such masterpieces as Caravaggio's Boy Bitten by a Lizard, Jusepe de Ribera's Apostles and a moving sequence of ten small Morandis

created by the Bologna-born artist and gifted to Roberto Longhi and Anna Banti on various different occasions in the course of their friendship. [Website](#).

TRACEY EMIN, SEX AND SOLITUDE AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July 20

Palazzo Strozzi in Florence dedicates the largest exhibition ever held in Italy to a provocative and controversial living artist: Tracey Emin. Sex and Solitude. Her first successes date back to the 1990s with works such as The bed or the Tent, which caused a sensation but propelled her into the Olympus of art. Hard hit by the events of life - the latest a devastating tumour - she infuses her works with very physical and bodily aspects such as sex, abortion, illness, thereby linking art to life. All this is expressed in different artistic disciplines, from drawing to painting, from photography to video, made explicit in the exhibition with 60 works. [Website](#).

TIME FOR WOMEN! EMPOWERING VISIONS IN 20 YEARS OF THE MAX MARA ART PRIZE, AT THE STROZZINA, Until August

Palazzo Strozzi and [Collezione Maramotti](#) present Time for Women!, an exhibition celebrating the 20th anniversary of the [Max Mara Art Prize for Women](#), one of the most significant awards dedicated to supporting female-identifying artists, created as a collaboration between Max Mara, Whitechapel Gallery, and Collezione Maramotti. The show will present the works of the nine artists who have won the prize since its inception in 2005: Margaret Salmon (1975, New York), Hannah Rickards (1979, UK), Andrea Büttner (1972, Germany), Laure Prouvost (1978, France), Corin Sworn (1975, UK), Emma Hart (1974, UK), Helen Cammock (1970, UK), Emma Talbot (1969, UK), and Dominique White (1993, UK). [Website](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Estate Fiesolana 2025, one of the most anticipated cultural events of the Florentine summer, is preparing to celebrate its 78th edition. This event is once again an unmissable opportunity for lovers of theater, music, art and dance. This year's program is very rich with a selection of shows, concerts and performances to satisfy the most diverse tastes. The dates of two international singer-songwriters and guitarists are already on pre-sale: the concert of the multifaceted musician Pippo Pollina (June 14) and the only date in Italy of the Swedish singer-songwriter with Argentine origins, José González (July 12). Have a look at the complete program of Estate Fiesolana 2025 [here](#) and [here](#).

THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY NYU, Until July 1

Cultural delights abound this summer, as NYU Florence hosts the 19th edition of its annual artistic/creative festival known as The Season. Staged at the gorgeous 37-acre Villa La Pietra campus home of NYU, nestled in the hills above Florence, this year's Season includes original theater

productions from Hong Kong and New York, musical delights both classical and jazzy, engaging book talks on topics ranging from St. Augustine's politics of hope to the beneficial aspects of anxiety, and an award-winning filmmaker screening excerpts from his work-in-progress project. Click [here](#) for the PDF version The Season 2025.

THE 87TH EDITION OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO, Until June 13

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of European musical culture. This year's festival showcases two months of programming. On May 25, 2025, with repeats on May 28 and 31, Der Junge Lord's brilliant and satirical opera by Hans Werner Henze (1964) with Markus Stenz conducting and Daniele Menghini directing. This opera perfectly embodies Maggio's mission, which is to program and offer titles that are not, or only rarely, found on the billboards of other theaters. See the full program [here at the website](#).

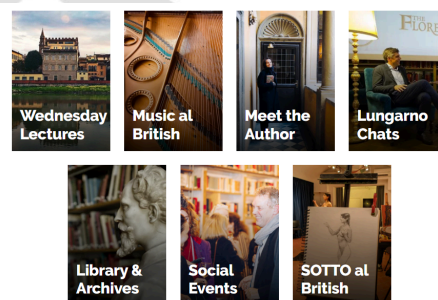
AMICI DELLA MUSICA

If you ever wanted to listen to classical music in a theatre where you could imagine Verdi or Mozart to walk in any second go to the jewel box Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts at the Teatro della Pergola. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed. [Tickets and more information](#).

FILMS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

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. See the full month's program of lectures and events [here](#).



ORIGINAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING AT LOCAL FLORENCE CINEMAS:

Especially for those living here long term, a night at the cinema enjoying a film in our first language is a beloved tradition that we miss! More and more of Florence's cinemas are introducing film screenings in Original Language. Be sure to look for the words "Original Language" or "O.V." or

“V.O.” (Original Version/Versione Originale) when you’re looking up film times, to be sure you’re getting the right session! Otherwise you will see the film with Italian language audio dubbed over.

GIUNTI ODEON CINEMA: THIS MONTH “THE POENICIAN SCHEME” BY WES ANDERSON

A beloved Florence favourite. Once an old cinema, and now a stunning bookshop and cinema with events and restaurant. In the evening at 9:00 PM, the cinema space lights up with screenings in the original language with subtitles and restored versions." [Buy Tickets here](#).

CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA: THIS MONTH “DOGVILLE”

Cinema La Compagnia is in easy reach on the beautiful Via Cavour, and is home to the best cinema festivals from around the world. A second home for the film crowd in Florence, and they show original language films regularly. [See their program here](#).

SPACE CINEMA: THIS MONTH “THE POENICIAN SCHEME” BY WES ANDERSON

This one is an easy tram ride from the center to the San Donato tram stop, where you’ll find Space Cinemas on the top floor of the large San Donato shopping complex. This is the biggest cinema complex in Florence, with multiple screening rooms and films every day. [See their schedule here](#).

LIFEDRAWING 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 the pageantry of beloved traditions, fireworks to light up the nights with wishes for the future, and red poppies that colour the Tuscan grass in shades of love.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Chianti Farm House - 35 Km South of Florence

Farm Complex to be refurbished, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 6000 Sq. Ft.) with 2 acres of land and garden. Electricity and water already in place. Hill top position, easy access.

Asking Price 900,000 Euro



SALE – San Lorenzo Apt – Historic Center

Top floor, with elevator, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1400 Sq. Ft.) and 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq.Ft) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath, quiet, and centrally located

Asking Price 730,000 Euro



SALE – Florence Country House– 5 km South of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1½ hectare (1.5 acres) of land plus dependance. 6 bed, 5 bath, autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE - Mugello Modern Villa - 35 Km North-East of Florence

Free standing on two levels, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.), plus garden. Refurbished, 4 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating.

Asking Price 435,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished first floor apt with elevator, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1500 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 2 bath; autonomous heating, doorman, condo terrace on roof.

Asking Price 1,200,000 Euro



SALE – Quarrata Farm House– 25 km West of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, to be totally refurbished, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1 hectare (3 acres) of land. Electricity already in place, water well.

Asking Price 460,000 Euro

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