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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

The heat wave has arrived... It's time to do as the Italians do, and take to the seaside, the streets, and every open terrace or garden with music and aperitivo. Make the best of the airconditioned exhibitions, and spend the cooler evenings outside socialising and soaking up the specialty bars and concerts that pop up all along the Arno at this time of year. And in case you can't get to the sea, we've added a list of all the swimming pools in town so you can always find a good swimming spot. Stay cool and enjoy the entertainment! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JULY

BEST EVENT: ESTATE FIORENTINA 2019, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE

May until September

There are 143 projects admitted to Estate Fiorentina, which will unfold over six months. Big names will make this 2019 edition even more unique: from Bolle to Piovani and then The Cure, Francesco De Gregori, Franz Ferdinand, Woody Allen, Eddie Vedder, Ed Sheeran and many others.

The program of events touches every area of art, from literature to music, with particular attention to involving the suburbs and the poorly integrated areas of city life, including the "river areas". The macro-categories are: places, strategic projects, suburbs, music, theater, cinema, performing arts, dance and literature. Look out for Apriti Cinema in the Uffizi Square, the Arena di Marte at the Mandela Forum, the Women's Legacy, the Pocket Cinema, the Genius Loci, the Florence Jazz Festival, the Musart, Secret Florence, the Nextech Festival, the Italian Brass Week and many others.

At the web site of the Estate Fiorentina, you can find all the event listings day by day.

For the whole program: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

BEST P&F RENTAL: A COMFORTABLE, LIGHT AND EASY APARTMENT IN A WONDERFUL LOCATION

Situated in a post-WW2 building located on Via Guicciardini between the Ponte Vecchio (Florence's famous Old Bridge) and Palazzo Pitti on the south side of the Arno river within short walking distance from all of Florence's most important sights. 5 minutes to the Pitti Palace in one direction and another 5 minutes to Piazza della Signoria in other direction). The neighbourhood is famous for its many artisan workshops, antique stores and good restaurants. The building was rebuilt after extensive damage caused by the war and it was designed at the time by a well-known architect. More [information and photos 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 Icchethai: space for the exotic flavors of street food fusion, ravioli, rolls, Pad Thai and much more on the menu. For lovers of traditional cuisine, here is the new collaboration with

Malborghetto, with its famous pizza and many Neapolitan specialties. Mondays the OFF Cinema is confirmed. Tuesdays will be "TueSTAGE": dedicated to live music. Wednesdays: "Dub OFF" by ImmiRoots & Disco Rebel, Reggae music. Thursday evenings, Tropical Animals for fans of clubbing. Friday nights "Aperitivo Sonoro". For Saturday night, "Blu" is born: a real party with dance, disco, trash, rock and Italian music. [More information here.](#)

BEST EXHIBITION: LAST CHANCE TO SEE BEYOND PERFORMANCE - REDE SOCIAL AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July 14

The **Opavivará!** (Brasil 2005) artists' collective encourages a heavily social use of urban space through the creation of relational works that propose collective performances such as *Rede Social*: a large and extremely colourful hammock measuring over 10 metres and specially designed for the Palazzo Strozzi courtyard. Visitors are urged to play an active part in the installation by climbing into the hammock, where they will naturally tend to interact with the other participants as they move around in it or converse with them in one spot or another. Inspired by Brazilian culture – open, free and strongly collective – the hammock allows visitors to experience the Palazzo from an extremely novel and unusual viewpoint while also offering them a chance to relax, to have fun and to forget their formal role and place in society for a few moments. [Information and tickets.](#)

BEST CONCERT: FESTIVAL AU DÉSERT 2018, 9TH EDITION, July 10-12

The Festival au Désert brings to Florence the magic of music between distant cultures, for three days of rhythms, reflections and socializing. The Festival au Désert in Florence is a multicultural music project that has created a network for contemporary creation between Africa, the Mediterranean and Europe, starting with the collaboration between the Festival au Désert in Essakane (Mali) and the Fabbrica Europa Foundation. Together with this festival, an agreement was established in order to develop a production network and promote new creations that combine the delicate work of transmitting traditions and instrumental techniques nomads, with the most innovative sounds and procedures modulated and experimented in the West. For more information, go to the [facebook page.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: OSTERIA DE' CICALINI

Here we have a hot tip from our favourite blogger [Girl In Florence.](#)

“Creativity Steps from the Duomo | Osteria de' Cicalini is the new kid on the block in the center, a stone's throw from Brunelleschi's masterpiece. This intimate, atmosphere space is home to a seasonable and great price-for-quality menu that livens up classic Florentine cuisine. Carpaccio with lemongrass, spaghetti alla chitarra with rabbit and zucchini flowers, slow-cooked anchovies and the best egg truffle dish this girl has ever tried in the city. Equally as impressive is the wine list and desserts. The chef is young and while things aren't always refined, I have loved everything I have eaten here. Average plate 15-18€, address: Via Delle Oche 15 rosso, 50122 Firenze FI. \$\$”

BEST OF THE REST

PRIDE PARK AT VILLA LIMONAIA STROZZI

Until July 8

Florence Pride Park is a project that develops on the gay village model already present in Italy. The Pride Park will be a place of gathering and meeting, in which all together can share a rich range of events.

The program offers events and quality initiatives that are not only fun but also raise awareness of LGBT issues. At Pride Park there will be room for everyone and each week has a different theme, divided between entertainment and socio-cultural insights. Pride Park is in the beautiful setting of Limonaia Villa Strozzi, used exclusively for the permanent display of this village.

A fresh and evocative location, surrounded by nature but a stone's throw from the center and from the Florence train station, able to accommodate everyone who wants to play with us, or just visit for an evening during the full program of the festival.

See the website and full program of DJs and features [here](#).

TORRE DI SAN NICCOLO: CLIMB THE TOWER

Summer is the time that the San Niccolo Tower opens up for visitors. The medieval tower dates back to 1324 and once formed a part of the old walls around the city ? it is the only one of the city towers to retain its original height of 60m (the others were lowered during the siege of 1529 to make them less vulnerable to cannonball fire). This year you can make the climb (around 200 steps) between 5pm and 8pm each day, with visits beginning every 30 minutes.

For Bookings: 055/2768224 or info@muse.comune.fi.it

500 YEARS OF THE MEDICI, ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, Until September

The Medici: an ambitious family, grown up between alliances and internal and external struggles for the control of a city state. This year we celebrate two Medici who became princes: Cosimo and Caterina, who were born in the same year: 1519. They were both architects of their own lives thanks to an indomitable spirit forged by raw and violent experiences. Two parallel lives that intersect several times thanks to the strange paths of history and politics, but they have not always been concord meetings. In 2019 more than twenty Florentine institutions - gathered in an Organizing Committee coordinated by the Municipality of Florence with the support of MUS.E - decided to tell these two stories through lectures, exhibitions and events open to the general public in a dense and great program interest.

See the [full event calendar here](#).

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until August 19

(From: theflorentine.net)

Fiesole's Roman amphitheater is a step or two above your average spot for catching a Saturday night music gig or theatre show. Once again, the venue bridges the ancient past with artists of the present,

hosting a series of summer shows in a range of genres. Events kick off on JULY 20 with a concert by Simone Cristicchi; other highlights this month will be Sophocles' *Ajax* (performed in its Italian version, *Aiace*), on JULY 26; and a concert by the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole on JULY 21, featuring Cesare Picco on the piano. Looking ahead, July will bring names of international import like Xavier Rudd (July 26) and Italian pop sensation Levante (July 10). For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

You'll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE

SWIMMING IN FLORENCE: POOLS, POOLS, WHERE ARE THE POOLS?

It's too hot to function some days in the city, and the need to find a pool is relentless, unless you're lucky enough to have a friend with one at home or a hotel with great amenities! If you're on the search for a quick dip, here are your best options. One small note: most pools now require a swimming cap for use.

Le Pavoniere

The famous swimming pool of La Cascine park, with a restaurant, bar, open air swimming pools, and an outdoor stage for a nightclub set up during the summer nights.

Open Every Day from 10.00 until 18.30

Via della Catena 2, La Cascine park, [Website](#)

La Piscina Goffredo Nannini, Comunale di Bellariva

Three pools to enjoy including a 50m olympic pool, a learning pool, and a play pool, with 3.5 hectares of park, bar, and restaurant for relaxing.

Open Monday to Friday 10.00-18.00, Saturdays, Sundays, Festivi: 09.30-19.00

Lungarno Aldo Moro 6, San Niccolo, [Website](#)

Rari Nantes Florentia

The reopening of the bar and restaurant area means that after the pool you can enjoy parties every night on the Arno! They also program Yoga Dolce: Tuesdays and Fridays 09.00-10.00, Aperiyyoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 18.00-19.00

Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, [Website](#)

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Totally renovated and ready for the 2019 summer! Open every day from 10.00-19.00 up until September.

Via Michele Mercati 24b, Open every day from 10.00-19.00

[Website](#)

La Costoli

An olympic sized swimming pool, two outdoor pools, and a children's pool, all equipped with a bar, snacks for sale, and lots of grass for picnic lunch. The Costoli swimming pool in Campo di Marte will be open to the public until the 31st of August.

Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00

Viale Pasquale Paoli, Campo di Marte

Firenze Camping in Town

A campsite where you can pay for day access to use their two swimming pools, one for children and one for adults. There is also a restaurant/pizzeria, and all the amenities of the camp site including pool tables and lounging areas.

Via Generale C.A. della Chiesa, 1/3, [Website](#)

B-Side, Virgin Active, and Klab

This is the only reason I might pay for a gym membership - to use the swimming pools. Spread across several locations, both companies have a few swimming pools on site, plus you get to use all the other

benefits as well like sauna, steam room, turkish baths, oh, and equipment for exercising if that's your thing! Check out their websites for all the details: [B-Side](#), [Klab](#), and [Virgin Active](#)

Asmana Wellness World

Known by Florentines as the place to go for spa indulgence, Asmana has indoor and outdoor pools, beauty and massage treatments, whirlpools, salt pools, saunas and steam rooms. It may be too hot for the steam (the summer humidity is free!) but it's a great time to take advantage of their cool swimming pools.

Find the [prices and information here](#).

EXHIBITIONS

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

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

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

MONIKA BULANDA AT ARIA ART GALLERY, Until July 12

Aria Art Gallery is glad to present Monika Bulanda's solo exhibition "No war within, no war without". The Polish artist, who has been living in Istanbul for the past several years, displays, in the spaces of Aria Art Gallery Florence, a solo exhibition that includes her latest artworks which she created through a new experimentation of the same technique that has characterized her artistic career. For Monika, the outside world is an empty screen where to display the shadows of a dejected psyche: collages, that once assembled on a new surface, will generate new images.

[More information.](#)

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

Three ways of revisiting the notion of the performance in art today. **Cally Spooner** (United Kingdom, 1983) will be presenting *And You Were Wonderful, On Stage*, a large video installation showing the construction of a film based on a musical, in an ongoing alternation between stage and backstage. **Mario García Torres** (Mexico, 1975) will be presenting *Falling Together in Time*, an installation in which video, painting, music, sculpture and performance art interact in a space that will be brought to life by a series of actions taking place without warning. Bringing the project to a close, the **Opavivarà!** collective (Brasil 2005) will transform the courtyard of Palazzo Strozzi with its installation entitled *Rede Social*, a large and extremely colourful hammock measuring over 10 metres, which the public will be urged to climb into in order to experience the space and architecture of the Palazzo from a new and

unconventional viewpoint devoid of all hierarchy.

IL PRINCIPE DEI SOGNI: JOSEPH IN THE MEDICI TAPESTRIES BY PONTORMO AND BRONZINO, Until August 29

The twenty Medici tapestries showing the stories of Joseph and realized by some of the most important Renaissance artists, are home once again after over 100 years. They were commissioned and devised by Cosimo I de' Medici for the Sala dei Duecento in Palazzo Vecchio: the last time they were all exposed together was on the occasion of the Unification of Italy and then split up in the following years. The series of twenty tapestries telling the "Stories of Joseph", made in Florence in the sixteenth century, 1545-1553, for Cosimo I de' Medici, represents one of the highest examples of Renaissance art and craftsmanship.

[More information](#)

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

Isadora Duncan and the figurative arts in Italy between the nineteenth century and the avant-garde. The first Italian exhibition dedicated to the American dancer Isadora Duncan and her relationship with the Italian figurative arts will host about 170 pieces set on two floors of Villa Bardini and a special section dedicated to large sculptures on display at the Stefano Bardini Museum. By turning her back on romantic ballet, which for centuries had been considered to be the only acceptable dance form, Isadora paved the way for dancers to freely develop their own techniques and unique style. Strong-willed and rebellious against every social norm, she was known for moving about in flowy garments and with bare feet in order to make energetic contact with the earth. A central theme in the exhibition is the liberation of the female body, as inspired by models from the archaeological and classical world. Almost 170 paintings, sculptures and other original documents, including never-before-seen photographs, retrace her links to Italy and its artists. [More information here.](#)

TRAJAN'S COLUMN AT BOBOLI GARDENS, Until October 6

(from: visitflorence.com)

The exhibition allows visitors to track the journey of the huge marble blocks that make up the column from the quarries in Luni at an altitude of 800 metres to the Portus Romae – a voyage of some 200 nautical miles – and from there up the Tiber to the heart of the imperial capital. Designed to celebrate Emperor Trajan's military victories in Dacia, the column is also a monument to the technological and building skills of the Roman world.

TONY CRAGG AT BOBOLI GARDENS, Until October 27

Bright steel geysers stand out against the sky of Florence, bronze stalagmites of prehistoric appearance and gigantic resin flowers sprout out of the gravel and between the hedges, colossal and candid stems, hilly eruptions and elliptical shapes, colossal interweaving of imaginary fossil forests, metal flows that shake, twist and fold, caught in the last soft phase before solidify: Tony Cragg's monumental sculptures offer an unexpected dialogue, between associations and dissonances, with the orderly nature of the Boboli

Gardens and the panorama of the city, between their layered, fragile and organized historical fabric and the primordial force of the sculptural material. [More information here.](#)

DANCE AND THEATRE

FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL, 30 YEARS FLORENTINE, Until August 3

We welcome the Florence Dance & Performing Arts Festival, a sensory journey through music, dance, theater and multimedia that manifests in defining the year zero "Classical Novella ... between tradition and modernity". An event in the heart of Florence Summer, where citizenship, but also the citizens of the world, can experience the Cloister of Santa Maria Novella and its adjoining spaces, at different times of the day, enjoying a full immersion experience in the art of Performance. The Florence Dance Festival, celebrating its 30th season, this year continues in an exemplary way to keep the art of dance in the foreground, making it more accessible and close to the public.

[Information and tickets here.](#)

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OUR PICK:

[Invisible Habitudes by T.H.E. Dance Company](#)

In a world of rapid political and social change, we experience loud volumes of opinions and beliefs, many extreme and absolute. Finding one's personal belief and identity becomes increasingly complicated.

In Invisible Habitudes, choreographer Swee Boon Kuik explores these issues through the language of dance—where solidity and fluidity intersect—in a dialogue between the body and its environment.

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

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. Built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison. This is truly one of the most stunning theatres in Europe, and their program is full of music, dance, musicals, and variety shows.

OUR PICK:

[III Leonardo Da Vinci International Choral Festival](#), July 12

The final concert!

To see the full list of events in this stunning venue, go to: <http://www.teatroverdifirenze.it/en/>

THEATRE AND MUSIC AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA

The Teatro della Pergola is a historic opera house in Florence, Italy, built in 1656 under the patronage of Cardinal Gian Carlo de' Medici.

OUR PICK FOR THIS MONTH:

[Looking For The Blue Bird](#), by the Royal Conservatory of Brussels.

A world in which we all look for something that we cannot identify, where happiness has become a constraint and a "product". A world that excludes us, where time loses its value, where we are incapable of trusting one another. "In search of the blue bird" as an escape from everyday life and a hope for a better world also "illusory".

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

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

APRITI CINEMA RETURNS TO THE UFFIZI COURTYARD FOR A SUMMER SEASON, Until August 8

Enjoy cinema under the stars in the breathtaking courtyard of the Uffizi! A total of 46 films, in the original language, subtitled in Italian and English, which enrich the cultural proposal of the Florentine summer nights, in particular the historic center, where Italian and international tourist flows are concentrated. Apriti Cinema, the summer cinema arena organized by the Quelli dell'Alfieri association, presents a program curated by Quelli della Compagnia of Fondazione Sistema Toscana, in collaboration and with the support of the Uffizi Galleries, and included in the program of the Florentine Summer of the Municipality of Florence. [See the program here.](#)

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS: ODEON CINEMA

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi.

This month's English language films include: **Spiderman: Far From Home**

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

[Find the whole schedule here](#)

MUSIC

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

The Caffé del Verone is located in the historic Istituto degli Innocenti, in the ancient drying room where linens were stretched to dry in the late fifteenth century. Now it is a stunning caffè with the best views of

the city, and hosts a regular jazz program and events. The Verone Jazz program includes a short interview with each performing artist to introduce the public to their music. Concerts are free and open to the public while seats last. Every concert will have a pre-show aperitivo starting at 7pm.

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

NIGHTS OF MUSIC AT THE AUDITORIUM DI SANTO STEFANO AL PONTE VECCHIO

Enjoy a wonderful concert at Auditorium Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio, located in the Piazza Santo Stefano just a few steps from Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria. *Before selected concerts*, indulge in Tuscan cuisine between the 18th-century walls of Guelfi and Ghibellini Restaurant at Relais Santa Croce in the heart of Florence. You'll find performances of Vivaldi, The Three Tenors, and La Traviata regularly on the schedule each month.

OUR PICK FOR THE MONTH:

[The Three Tenors with Ballet](#)

Add a taste of Italian lyricism to your stay in Florence: The Three Tenors offer a performance featuring opera arias and famous traditional Neapolitan songs in the heart of Tuscany's beautiful capital. The event will be embellished by four fantastic dancers. In the Auditorium Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio, the soloists are accompanied by a chamber ensemble of mandolin, double bass, and piano. Famous arias from 'La Traviata', 'Rigoletto', and 'Tosca' share the program with Neapolitan favorites like 'O sole mio', 'Funiculi Funiculà', and 'Torna a Surriento'.

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

CLASSICAL CONCERTS AND OPERA AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, INCLUDING SPECIAL ITALIAN DINNER ON SELECTED DATES

In the beautiful and intimate setting of St Mark's Church, the performances are complete operas, apart from one or two slight adaptations to suit the intimate setting. They also have a full Cultural Program that runs throughout the year - a very special place to visit while in Florence.

This month's program includes: **Love Duets, Carmen, La Traviata, La Boheme, and Madame Butterfly.**

[The complete schedule here](#)

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

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

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

EXHIBITIONS OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

EXHIBITIONS AT SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA IN SIENA

HOSPITALITA, Until July 7

HOSPITALIA or “on the meaning of care” is a photographic project that starts from the architecture of ancient European hospitals - true cities within a city - and opens onto the land through the bestowals by benefactors who over the centuries contributed to the care of these reception centres.

EFFETTO ARAKI, Until September 30

A major new exhibition devoted to Japanese photographer Nobuyoshi Araki. Siena celebrates the great Japanese photographer with a selection of 2200 pictures spanning a career of more than 50 years. The exhibition, organized by the Santa Maria della Scala with the support of Opera-Civita, is curated by Filippo Maggia, showcases photographs from over twenty series taken by Araki from the early 1960s to the present day.

MUSICA SCOLPITA, Until August 29

The MUSICA SCOLPITA. INTERPRETAZIONE TRIDIMENSIONALE DI "MOVIMENTI" BAROCCHI project was born from the desire to make the photographic heritage, preserved in the Fototeca Giuliano Briganti, interact with the production of some local artists : the students of the Section of Three-dimensional Figurative Arts of the State Art School "Duccio di Buoninsegna“. The title of the exhibition embodies the main theme of the exhibition, which is the sculptural interpretation of two-dimensional musical “movements”.

More information [here at the website](#).

THE BEST OF CONTEMPORARY ART AT GALLERIA CONTINUA IN SAN GIMIGNANO

A contemporary and international art gallery in the heart of Tuscany. Galleria Continua opened in San Gimignano (Italy) in 1990. Occupying a former cinema, Galleria Continua established itself and thrived in an entirely unexpected location, away from the big cities and the ultramodern urban centres, in a town - San Gimignano - steeped in history, timeless, magnificent. Current Exhibitions:

BERLINDE DE BRUYCKERE Until September 1

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

MICHELANGELO PISTOLETTO AND PASCALE MARTHINE TAYOU Until September 1

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

SUN YUAN AND PENG YU Until September 1

[More information here](#)

LUIGI PECCI CONTEMPORARY ART CENTRE, PRATO

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

VOLAREARTE AT PISA AIRPORT: NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR

Until 2019

(From [discovertuscan.com](#))

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

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

Galileo Galilei Airport, Pisa

FUN, FESTIVALS AND FOOD OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

Here we put **just a taste** of the many, many events that are happening all throughout the beautiful villages of Tuscany - brought to you from our wonderful friends at [Discover Tuscany](#). With so much to choose from, they have divided this month into a few separate calendars so they can list more activities and so you can focus on what interest you the most: [Medieval Fairs](#), [Sagras and Food Festivals](#), [Florence City](#), [Music Festivals](#), [Exhibits](#). See the full list of [special events for July here](#).

IL PALIO AT SIENA, July 2 (& August 16)

the most famous Tuscan event ever

It's a horse race in the very heart of the city center, during which the various contrade (or better, quarters or areas in which Siena is divided) challenge in other in what is commonly referred to as a more than a simple challenging game for a local from Siena. Each person who lives in Siena is part of a contrada and, consequently, participates in its life, constantly in competition with the others!! For the occasion, Piazza del Campo (or better, the ring around the square) is covered with tuff clay. The horse race usually takes place in the late afternoon, after the historical parade - composed by more than 600 people in costumes representing the several contrade, that will wind their way through the tiny streets of the center for getting to Piazza del Campo. During the morning, the assigning of the jockey takes place in the presence of the mayor.

[More Info](#)

65th FESTIVAL PUCCINI AT TORRE DEL LAGO, July-August

Bringing music, food, and culture together

A deep love lasting over thirty years linked Giacomo Puccini to the charming hamlet of Torre del Lago, which, after his death, was renamed Torre del Lago Puccini to the pride of all its inhabitants. The Puccini Festival in Torre del Lago is the only Festival in the world fully dedicated to the composer Giacomo Puccini with “La Faniculla del West”. It takes place every summer during the months of July and August, in the very places that inspired Maestro Puccini’s immortal melodies.

[2019 Program](#)

MERCANTIA AT CERTALDO ALTO, July 10 - 14

Thousands of people crowd the tiny streets of the village, like a massive flood of entranced persons staring at all these marvelous and colored street artists that, while standing out from the visitors for their amazingly creative costumes, usually perform in magnificent shows, either among the public or within hidden courtyards or secret gardens. Hundreds of stands offering every kind of items are on hand, as well as music, dance, and theatre performances: you will find it hard to decide which show to assist and which street to go through, completely immersed in a fantasy world that, like a fairy tale, will make you daydream inside the walls of this special location.

[Web Page](#)

BLUES FESTIVAL AT SERAVEZZA, July 11, 12, 13 & 14

8th festival of music, literature, wine, and food in southern Tuscany

Surrounded by the amazing scenery of the Palazzo Mediceo in Seravezza, many artists will perform on the stage, creating a memorable blues music experience and drawing lots of "passionati" and people who desire to spend a night under the stars as well.

[Official Website](#)

JULY WISHES

Catch a cooling breeze on the banks of the Arno or on a roof with a view, and drink in the summer months of festivals and music outdoors.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Third floor, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 50 Sq. Mt. (500 Sq. Ft.) of private terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; nice small building, natural light out door space

Asking Price 990,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito Attic – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 410,000 Euro



SALE – Santa Croce – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 980,000 Euro



SALE – Pontassieve Farm House – 20 Km East of Florence

Portion of farm house, refurbished of aprox. 150 Sq. Mt (approx. 1500 sq. ft.) and 6000 Sq.Mt. (60.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden and land. 3 Bed, 3 bath. Autonomous heating, south exposure, views, garage.

Asking Price 480,000 Euro



SALE – Fiesole Apt with Florence views – 3 km from Florence

Ground floor apt. to be refurbished, approx. 110 Sq. Mt. (1100 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 2 bath; quiet, natural light, superb views over all Florence.

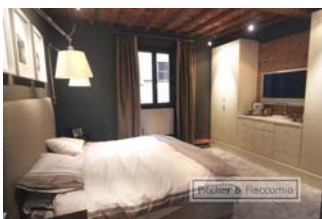
Asking Price 620,000 Euro



SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

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

Asking price 2,000,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito – 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