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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

Florence has awakened, slowly and carefully, and now we are savouring the delights of summer in a way that is restrained, simple, and full of more flavour than we could have imagined. Many places have reopened, many remain closed, and many are reimagining what can be and reinventing themselves, stretching possibility while respecting boundaries. Outdoor spaces are the star of July, with pools, exhibitions, museums, and hospitality open across Florence and Tuscany. While in some ways there is less than we are used to at this time of year, in other ways there is so much more, as we are infinitely sensitive to the pleasures of each experience that we are able to share together. Let this heightened appreciation of simplicity remain in our hearts always. We hope to see you soon during this unique and precious moment in Florence, with warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JULY

BEST EVENT: MARY GRAY LAUNCHES HER NEW BOOK, RENTAL DIARIES, IN THE GORGEOUS GARDENS OF THE SERRE TORRIGIANI, July 8

Join us (in person!) on July 8 as we celebrate Mary Gray's Rental Diaries, a column about the joy and despair of renting in Florence which has now become the latest book to be published by The Florentine Press. All are welcome at 6pm at Serre Torrigiani, with a glass of wine provided by our friends at Ruffino (via Gusciana 21, Florence; entrance from the car park, access from piazza Tasso or Porta Romana). The event is free; the book costs 12 euro. [Event page here](#).

BEST TRADITION: LEARN TO DANCE THE PIZZICA AND TARANTELLA WITH OPEN AIR LESSONS IN FLORENCE

Have you ever wanted to learn the old folk dances of Italy? Here's your chance! Led by Chiara Garuglieri, you can learn the Pizzica and Tarantella, every Tuesday night, with lessons held outdoors ensuring abundant space to respect the distance of two metres between each participant.

Cortile dell'Oratorio Salesiano di Via Gioberti, FIRENZE - (zona piazza Beccaria / piazza Alberti)

[Find more information here](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: A MODERN, SPACIOUS, AND WELL EQUIPPED APARTMENT IN A CENTRAL LOCATION NEAR TO THE DUOMO

A luminous four bedroom apartment, recently refurbished with a mix of modern and antique furnishings. Well located, while still remaining quiet. Piazza Salvemini is a popular area in the heart of Florence on the north side of the river. It is very near the Duomo and the S. Ambrogio open air market, as well as some of the most important museums and monuments. Close by are a supermarket, a post office, and many shops, restaurants and services. [More information and photos](#).



BEST FUTURE VISION: FIRENZE NOW! BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE, A CONVERSATION LED BY THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE

What next for Florence? Dario Nardella, the Mayor of Florence set out a vision for the socio-

economic reconstruction of Florence following the devastation of the COVID-19 crisis: “The challenge is to embrace this moment as an opportunity...to devise and create a new model of social and economic development for the city. The Florence of the future must be more intelligent, inclusive and greener.” Four local internationalists discuss what this challenge means for the city and how it can be constructed: John Hooper - Italy correspondent for The Economist, Georgette Jupe - Editor and blogger Girl in Florence, Morgan Fiumi - Digital entrepreneur, Marco del Panta - Special Adviser to the Mayor for International Affairs and Higher Education. Chair: Simon Gammell, British Institute of Florence [REGISTER NOW to participate.](#)

BEST MARKET: “ONLY USATO” SECOND HAND OUTDOOR MARKET IN THE GIARDINO MERCATINO DELL’USATO, July 24

Tired of your usual clothes? Bored of your shoes? Do you want to overturn or totally dismantle your wardrobe? Then participate in ONLY USED! Bring what has been hanging around for years, taking dust, what does not convince you enough. Someone else will be happy to claim it! And if you don't want to sell ... well! come and buy! Time: 16:00-23:00 [Event page here.](#)

Mercatino dell’Usato, Chiostrino del Vecchio Conventino, via Giano della Bella, 20 - Firenze

BEST EXHIBITION: INDISPENSIBALI INFERMIERI AT PALAZZO VECCHIO, Until July 5 at Palazzo Vecchio, and December at Santa Maria Nuova Hospital.

A multimedia exhibition with extraordinary images taken by the photojournalist Massimo Sestini during the emergency at the Santa Maria Nuova hospital, inaugurated at Palazzo Vecchio. The great photojournalist Massimo Sestini, winner of the World Press Photo in 2015, shot for five days and five nights in the Covid departments of the Santa Maria Nuova Hospital in Florence. The result is "Indispensabili Infermieri", an exciting work that pays homage to this fundamental profession for both doctors and patients. The exhibition, inaugurated on Tuesday 23, remains set up until December inside the health facility and, until July 5, in a multimedia edition, in the Sala d'Arme of Palazzo Vecchio. [More information here.](#)

BEST PARTY: #SUPPORTYOURLOCAL SUMMER DJ SETS AT LA LIMONAIA, Every Saturday Night

After months of forced stop, we are happy to announce that #SupportYourLocal is back! We are returning in summer form, in line with the times that we are experiencing, but with the same desire as always to be together, to make Music, Art and Community!

#SupportYourLocalSummerSet is a series of summer events in which we will experience sound journeys guided by the musical worlds of top DJs. Every Saturday in Summer 2020 we will be there to keep you and keep you company in the beautiful and green setting of La Limonaia di Villa Strozzi, starting from 8 pm until 1 am. [Event page here.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: CENE IN VIGNA, SUMMER VINEYARD DINNER SERIES AT QUERCETO DI CASTELLINA

We look forward to these memorable evenings at Querceto every year and will be welcoming everyone back to wine and dine among the vines once again. This year we're thrilled to have the brilliant team from Ristorante Albergaccio di Castellina lend their culinary skills to these evenings in our Livia white wine vineyard. Albergaccio will be crafting a new menu for each dinner. Rest assured proper social distancing and COVID preventative measures will be maintained so everyone can enjoy this unique dining experience with peace of mind and tranquility.

[Event page and menu here.](#)

BEST OF THE REST

THE FLORENTINE'S SUMMER EDITION, SUMMERIZING, IS OUT NOW IN LOCATIONS ACROSS FLORENCE OR BY SUBSCRIPTION ONLINE!

The war is over. These four words sum up the mood in Florence as we go to press with this **Summer Issue of *The Florentine***. Locals and European returners chat in piazzas splashed with greenery and secret gardens unfurl their bowers for the long, balmy summer of 2020. Carefree but careful, this is an Italian pause in the pandemic. [Read all about it here](#) and if you're ready to dive in, [Subscribe now to have the edition sent to your home, in print or digitally, wherever you are in the world. Out on July 2, 2020.](#)

SATURDAY NIGHT JAZZ UNDER THE STARS AT THE CONVENTINO CAFFE LETTERARIO FIRENZE, Every Saturday

To celebrate the reopening of the spaces of the Conventino to the public, on Saturday 27th of June we have kicked off a series of events which see the fantastic live performance of the Harry's Jazz combo trio during aperitivo hour. Come and soak up the wine and sounds from 19.30-21.30 each week! [Event page here.](#)

TOMASO MONTANARI PRESENTS HIS NEW BOOK, PERDERSI IN TOSCANA, AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI, July 8

Tomaso Montanari presents his new book "Getting lost in Tuscany", published by Maschietto Editore Firenze. A journey through places, works and people far from Tuscany of mass tourism to find human measure. "We need a Renaissance made of love for the planet, of sustainability, of research, of non-precarious and safe work, of care for the oldest, frail, poor. If, as I believe, we find this human measure, getting lost in Tuscany can be a very happy beginning ". [Event Page here.](#)

CAMMINATA URBANA, GUIDED WALKS IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

July 1 and 29: [Vasco Pratolino e la Firenze del Dopoguerra](#)

Popular chronicles of a journalist of the time: "Life is a cell a little out of the ordinary, the poorer one is, the more square meters are available. The important thing is to know how to establish within us that balance that makes the world as vast as the sky. Luisa had succeeded. Via del Corno was for her

the infinite, animated by faces, things, facts that "the day would not be enough to keep up with him".
Vasco Pratolini, from Chronicles of poor lovers

In his novels Pratolini addresses social issues, in particular the conditions of misery and suffering of the popular classes. His protagonists are not intellectuals, but the farmer and the worker and their village life. The neighborhood with its interweaving of voices and the chorality of people of popular extraction animate the city, tell of "that civilized and history-rich people like the Florentine".

More information and more planned tours for July [are here at the website](#).

I GIARDINI DELLA BIZZARRI, GUIDED TOURS OF THE GARDENS OF THE MEDICI VILLAS, July 4 and 5

The gardens of the Medici Villa of Cerreto Guidi, the Medici Villa of Castello and Petraia are welcoming visitors to enjoy the extraordinary history and botanical variety present in the Medici collections, completely free of charge, including special tours for children. See the Medici Villa of Cerreto Guidi and at the Historical Museum of the Hunt and the Territory, while the Medici Villa of Castello will share their magnificent complex of Renaissance statues and fountains commissioned by Cosimo I, in the symbolic "Animal Cave" or "Deluge", and among the complex citrus flora, rare plants and ancient cypresses. Finally, the Medici Villa of Petraia will tell art lovers about the historical evolution of its splendid Renaissance garden, from the Medici project desired by Ferdinando I de' Medici to the Savoy transformations, with the unique possibility to access the delightful Belvedere and admire the infinite natural varieties of citrus, dwarf and medicinal plants present. [More information here](#).

ASSOCIAZIONE HEYART PRESENTS CREATIVE FACTORY IN VILLA, AT THE VILLA MEDICEA DI LILLIANO WINE ESTATE. July 18 and 19

For this special summer edition, the Creative Factory will be hosted by a unique and unforgettable location: the Medici Villa of Lilliano in Grassano, home of Cardinal Francesco Maria dei Medici since 1667. The Villa opens its doors to the public offering the opportunity to visit its artistic and architectural beauties, its wonderful gardens and to participate in wine tastings by reservation. The Creative Factory program will be enriched by numerous collateral events such as workshops for children, music, fashion shows, exhibitions and contemporary art performances. There will be a tasty corner food with the presence of colorful and tasty food trucks. [More information here](#).

RUN FOR MEYER VIRTUAL CHALLENGE, July 9-12

(from: theflorentine.net)

Get moving for Meyer! The challenge is to run 5km, whenever and wherever you want, with every step supporting the Play Therapy activities for children at the **Meyer Hospital in Florence**. A minimum donation of 10 euro is required to participate and an additional 5 euro will have a courier sprinting directly to your door with the official #runformeyer t-shirt, thanks to the Guess Foundation. Lockdown has seen a surge in those itching to put on running shoes and get moving, so now you have extra motivation! The three fastest runners will be revealed on the tds.sport website, where everyone can consult their times. Winners will also be revealed for the three most comic runners, the

three most generous and the three largest groups. Registration (open until midday, July 12) allows you to download the CVRace app for free on Google Play and Apple Stores, which will track your distance and time. The official results will be published on the [#runformeyer Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

DINE OUTDOORS WITH THESE PHASE TWO EATING OUT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GIRL IN FLORENCE

Enjoy a number of innovative options for savouring local food in open air comfort. Girl in Florence has put together a wonderful list of some very special spots around town who are relaunching with new concepts for dining safely. From balcony aperitivi to poolside and garden luxury, we are spoiled for choice. As Georgette explains, “I am well aware that many people are uncomfortable dining indoors right now, which is why I chose ideas that are all outside, and of course, whom are required to abide by Italy’s strict governmental guidelines. I also invite you to [have a look at this list of outdoor dining establishments in Florence](#) that could be additional options.” See her full list of recommendations [here at the Girl in Florence website](#).

SUMMERTIME BIKING IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

Enjoy the outdoors and go for a bike ride! If you haven't got a bike, rent one or use a [Mobike](#) around town. The [Arno bike path](#) offers kilometers of cycling, starting east of Florence in the town of Girone and continuing all the way to Signa downriver. If you're interested in a more challenging ride, the [Ciclovia del Arno](#) project aims to offer 400 km of paths along the river in Tuscany. Some parts are still under construction but there are various sections ready for two-wheeled tourism.

TFL BUILDS COMMUNITY ONLINE WITH TF TOGETHER, Wednesdays

(from: [theflorentine.net](#))

During the week at 5pm CET—unless another time is noted—we’re going to *try* to have something to do together. We have chosen to meet on **Go To Meeting** or **Go To Webinar** (depending on the event format). The kind folks at **LogMeIn are our technical sponsors**; their digital communications packages make it possible for us to meet and interact online. With a wine club on Wednesdays, music, psychologists and more, the line-up is being ever updated. We update our list every FRIDAY with the next week’s program, so you can follow the page [here](#).

MANIFATTURA TABACCHI HOME EDITION, Daily, (from: [theflorentine.net](#))

Manifattura Tabacchi have released a new digital programme centered on culture and contemporary art [online](#). Titled 'Living Room', the series focuses on research and experimentation with regular content released via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Film, books, podcasts, poems, interviews and various artistic contributions make up the packed programme and the multidisciplinary approach is sure to appeal.

QUAKERS IN FLORENCE MEETING ONLINE EVERY SUNDAY

According to The Guardian, silent zoom sessions are the latest craze during lockdown. Quakers have been doing so for sometime now. Join the weekly Florence Quaker Meeting for Worship online. Every Sunday at 11am. Follow their [Facebook page here](#).

SHOP FLORENCE ONLINE WITH THE BEST ARTISANS IN TOWN, PRESENTED BY CREATIVE PEOPLE IN FLORENCE

Here at CPiF we have an amazing community of artists, designers, and creative people of all kinds! We want to share them with you and let the world know who they are. From its inception, the main goal of Creative People in Florence has always been to promote collaboration and support independent contemporary artists, artisans, and designers in our historic city. In the midst of the current situation in Italy, now more than ever is the time to support small creative businesses. Below is a list of some of the best our city has to offer. Please be sure to follow their social media channels–it helps more than you know! Check back often as the list will continue to grow. [See the full list here!](#)

SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE

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

Yes, we can confirm that even with the coronavirus restrictions, there are still some pools open and accessible around town to help relieve the summer heat! All of them have special measures in place to ensure safety, such as obligatory advance booking in most places, identity document required for entry, no dressing room access (come in your swimming costume under your clothes!), social distancing, reduced entry numbers, and masks required in all indoor areas. 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, with hours that vary slightly between 9.30am and 19.30pm. 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! Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, [Website](#)

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Ready for the 2020 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. Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00, Giovedì-Sabato 10.00-20.00, 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

TOMÁS SARACENO IS NOW OPEN AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until November 1

A visionary artist whose multidisciplinary practice encompasses art, social and life sciences, Tomás Saraceno creates immersive works and participatory experiences that suggest a new way of living in our world by forging connections with such non-human phenomena as spiders, dust particles and plants, which become players in his works and metaphors of the universe. As his work unfolds along a path from the courtyard to the exhibition halls of Palazzo Strozzi, Saraceno interacts with the historical context by creating an original dialogue between the Renaissance and the contemporary world – a shift from the idea of 'man at the centre of the world' to the concept of 'man as part of a universe' in which a new harmony can be sought. [More information here](#).

STREET ART TOURS IN THE OLTRARNO! July 3

A guided tour of the Oltrarno to discover the colorful images of famous people wearing diving masks! Glimpse red shoes on the windows, 'little men' tied to a thread and female icons that wink at us. Lediesis, Clet, Ache, Blub are just some of the street artists who have flooded the alleys of Florence with color and irony! We will discover hidden corners, alleys and squares of the coolest neighborhood in Florence. Did you know that Mona Lisa was born right in this area? And that in Oltrarno there was a discreet red light district at the time of Cosimo I? A walk starting from Porta San Frediano up to San Niccolò where the studios of some of these street artists are located and where many works are concentrated.

Duration: approx. 2 h 15 ', Tour start: h 19.00, Cost: € 15 per person including earphones

Reservations required at 3478628987 (Alessia) or at info@guidedtourofflorence.com

[Event page here.](#)

THE UFFIZI, THE PITTI PALACE, AND THE BOBOLI GARDENS ARE ALL OPEN

It's the perfect time to book a ticket in advance and enjoy some of the greatest treasures of Florence, without the crowds. While some collections at the Pitti Palace are closed (where social distancing is not possible for architectural or logistical reasons), more than 80% of its spaces remain open. The "Andito degli Angiolini" with the special exhibition '*The Greatness of the Universe' in the art of Giovanna Garzoni* is open to the public. At the Uffizi, there are reduced opening hours and limits on capacity, so visitors must book their ticket in advance and respect all the Coronavirus measures (including wearing a mask and having your temperature taken). But there is an extra bonus: all visitors who purchase the Uffizi ticket can enter for free also the Opificio delle Pietre Dure Museum in Via degli Alfani, 78 within 5 days. [Book now.](#)

STORIES OF PAINTED PAGES, AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until October 4

(from: theflorentine.net)

Thieves and leaves (of paper!) come to **Palazzo Pitti** for this discovery-filled collection of precious volumes and miniatures stolen and then recovered by the Carabinieri art department. The stories behind the police force's investigation into the works accompany each treasured object as the 40 exhibits become characters in their own crime thriller, which also maps the history of book production in Italy. Art historians and graduates from the University of Florence are behind the show, with the expertise of Professor Sonia Chiodo. Accompanying the exhibition are interactive illustrations by Vanna Vinci created with touch technology, making real the places and main characters of these fascinating stories that cause us to reflect on people's respect (or lack of it) for culture. Open from 8.30am-1.30pm, entrance is included in Palazzo Pitti tickets. See [here](#) for more details. Sala delle Nicchie, Palazzo Pitti

GIOVANNA GARZONI, THE IMMENSITY OF THE UNIVERSE, ON SHOW AT PALAZZO PITTI, (from: theflorentine.net)

A nature-based exhibition to check out this June is *The Immensity of the Universe in the Art of Giovanna Garzoni*. Hosted in the Andito degli Angiolini space at **Palazzo Pitti**, which reopens on May 28, the show encompasses 100 floral compositions, still lives and miniatures by the Baroque, Marche-born painter friend of Artemisia Gentileschi. The show has been curated by Sheila Barker of The Medici Archive Project and the Advancing Women Artists foundation is running a [challenge](#) to inspire the creation of contemporary art based on Garzoni's oeuvre. [Read more here.](#)

ONLIFE ONLINE, HOSTED ON THE VILLA ROMANA WEBSITE, (from: theflorentine.net)

Created by Giacomo Zaganelli in collaboration with Angelika Stepken, OnLife is an exhibition that "reflects the Zeitgeist, the current spirit of the time, the fact that we are all obliged to stay at home"

only able to keep our social relationships alive using the web. Hosted on the [Villa Romana website](#), contributing artists include Silvia Piantini, Fabrizio Silvia Piantini, Fabrizio Bellomo, Yao Jui Chung, Leone Contini, Mischa Leinkauf, Armin Linke, Johannes Paul Raether, Christian Naujoks, Rosa Barba, Gabriele De Seta, Takayoshi Kitagawa, Antje Majewski, Giacomo Zaganelli and Nasan Tur.

TAKE AN ONLINE TRIP WITH MUSEUMS IN FLORENCE AND ITALY ONLINE

It may not be the perfect time for a visit, but Italy is making sure that many of its treasures are still accessible for travellers to take a virtual tour of this cultural paradise. Here are three fantastic museums that have online tours available of their collections, starting with the divine Uffizi.

1. Galleria degli Uffizi - Firenze <https://www.uffizi.it/mostre-virtuali>
2. Pinacoteca di Brera - Milano <https://pinacotecabrera.org/>
3. Musei Vaticani - Roma <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/it/collezioni/catalogo-online.html>

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

ONLINE: 21ST INTERNATIONAL ITALIAN BRASS WEEK FESTIVAL, July 19-26

(from: theflorentine.net)

Music lovers all over the world unite for the 21st edition of the festival dedicated to the best of brass, this year titled *A Cosmic Breath: a virtual festival with real musicians*. All events will be online only, with Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino acting as the stage for many of the performances. Eighty international soloists and renowned orchestras, such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Berliner Philharmoniker, surround you in music in the comfort of your own home. Masterclasses run by top educators will take place daily via Zoom, all for free and with no restriction on the number of participants. Created and directed by Luca Benucci, the festival will feature nuggets on food and wine from well-known names Leonardo Romanelli, Danilo Pirrone, Luisanna Messeri and Iginio Massari, as well as daily art-inserts to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Raphael. Brass not your thing? Electronic music and DJ sets make this a multi-genre music fest. Full programme available [here](#).

LIVE: FESTIVAL CANTIERI CULTURALI FIRENZE

The Florence Cultural Shipyards Festival offers a series of exciting itineraries in unique places through the presentation of performances and choreographic actions. In each of the three locations creative paths will be developed, along with cycles of workshops aimed at artists and citizens. Artistic residences will also take place by choosing spaces that are shared and activated by the dialogue between present realities and citizens. All events are free admission upon reservation.

ISOLOTTO, 30 giugno, 1 > 3 luglio, SAN BARTOLO A CINTOIA – LE TORRI, 6 > 7 luglio

LEGANIA – MONTICELLI – BOSCHETTO, 9 > 10 luglio

un progetto di [Compagnia Virgilio Sieni Cango](#), con il sostegno di [Fondazione CR Firenze](#)

ONLINE: HERSHEY FELDER PERFORMS BEETHOVEN, July 12

(from: theflorentine.net)

Actor, playwright and pianist [Hershey Felder](#) will be performing Beethoven in live streaming on July 12, following the success of *Irving Berlin: Live from Florence* during the lockdown from the performer's residence in Florence, which raised significant funds for 13 US theatres and arts organizations. The new arts broadcasting company, *Hershey Felder Presents – Live from Florence*, unites Felder with *The Florentine* as media partner, Tuscan cinema group Montagni Audiovisivi and American broadcaster Rich Flier to produce quality streaming arts programming for international audiences. Tickets (\$55 per household) are available for purchase here: theflr.net/hershey-felder-beethoven. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to US arts organizations and creative artists.

LIVE: TRK. SOUND CLUB AT TEMPO REALE, July 8

Tempo Reale returns to offer live music together with TRK. Sound Club, the festival dedicated to musical experimentation, was created to disseminate experimental music in Tuscany: Ambient Noise Session, Biodiversity Records, Mud Radio, NUB Project Space, Oltrarno Recordings and PHASE. The July appointment will be held for the first time in an open space to create an unprecedented listening experience linked to outdoor use. The concert venue is the panoramic terrace located at the back of Villa Strozzi, inside the park, overlooking Florence. The event hosts two sets: the live performance of Echo Terapia [FossaDelRumore and User from PT] (by Biodiversity Records) and the electronic improvisation by Matteo Castro (by Tempo Reale). Admission € 5. [More information here](#).

LIVE: INESTI JAZZ, TUESDAY NIGHTS AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI

innèsto s. m. [Der. to graft].

- 1. In agriculture:

to. Operation with which it grows on a plant, in order to form a new, more valuable or more productive or younger individual.

Every jazz musician has a long lineage descending from a mestizo story made of contaminations and influences that are the result of encounters and mergers, which sometimes happen deliberately and sometimes by mistake but that make him the individual he is today. This series of concerts offers us a broad view of how different grafts have been obtained and can still be obtained with the great plant of jazz and a great example of how crossings have always produced evolution and improvement of the species in history. Free entry, but seats are limited so reserve your place now at [EventBrite](#) or find [More Information here](#).

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ONLINE: CURATED PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS STREAMING THROUGH THE FIRENZE TV CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE

This is THE channel for theater, music, art, culture of Florence and for Florence! This project is the response to the call by Councilor for Culture and President of the Teatro della Toscana Tommaso Sacchi Foundation to bring the centers of art and culture to life despite the moment of silence and necessary closure to safeguard public health. An open and shared forum to which all Florentine theaters and local artists can contribute. Find an incredible selection of Florence's best live art, music, performance, dance, and more live on the web, bringing culture directly to the spectators' home. Supporting #iorestoa casa! Sign up for the channel here: <https://tinyurl.com/firenzetv>

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

EVENTS AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE

It's great that so many of you are able to tune into our virtual Wednesday Lectures each week, or catch them on our YouTube channel afterwards. Anyone who would like to get on the mailing list for our weekly What's On update is invited to register [here](#).

WEDNESDAY ZOOM LECTURES:

8 July - Lisa Kaborycha: New Jerusalem: Florence, the Medici and the Jews during the Renaissance. Throughout the Renaissance, the wealthy and powerful Medici family maintained a special relationship with the Jewish community. This lecture looks at the impact of Renaissance cultural developments on the lives of Florentine Jews. Lisa Kaborycha was a Eugene Grant Fellow in Jewish History and Culture at the Medici Archive Project from 2014-2016.

15 July - Il Sesto di San Pietro Scheraggio: History, Art and Life in the Heart of Florence's Historic Centre. Jeremy Boudreau returns with the fourth in his series of virtual visits to Florentine neighbourhoods.

22 July - American sculptors in Florence. Sculptor and art historian Jason Arkles discusses the long tradition of American sculptors coming to Florence to study and work, starting in the 19th century with Hiram Powers and Horatio Greenough.

LUNGARNO CHATS: Tuesday 30th June, 17:00

Lungarno Chats is back this week. Morgan Fiumi and Benjamin V. Wohlauer, Consul General of the United States in Florence, will talk about diplomatic life in the Renaissance city.

[Watch it live on Facebook](#)

WATCH “GARZONI THEN AND NOW” ONLINE, A WONDERFUL ART DOCUMENTARY BY ADVANCING WOMEN ARTISTS

Modern-day artists from around the world ‘form part’ of an exhibition from afar, by responding to works in a show at the Uffizi Galleries spotlighting Baroque artist Giovanna Garzoni. Through their own artistic endeavours, today’s creative personalities bring life to ‘still life’ and recapture the minute grandeur of ‘the foreign and familiar’, inspired by this emergent genre in the 1600s. Have a look a new group of works in this second Challenge video. Enjoy the [first](#) and [second](#) video clips with samplings of Garzoni Challenge entries, whose variety of styles and media will make you feel anything but still!

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS: ODEON CINEMA

In this period of forced closure and waiting for the reopening of the hall, you can support the Odeon Cinema in Florence by watching all our films streaming on the new and innovative [MioCinema](#) platform! Exclusively you will have first-run films, a thematic library for each film, and then presentations, interviews, insights, special events. This month’s films include: **Doppia Pelle, Stay Still, Matthias & Maxime, Criminali Come Noi, 18 Regali, Dopo il Matrimonio.** [See all the details on the website.](#)

OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

NEW OUTDOOR BURGER TRUCK OPENS IN PANZANO IN CHIANTI, LED BY TUSCANY’S MOST FAMOUS BELOVED BUTCHER, DARIO CECCHINI

Below the back terrace of Panzano’s beloved restaurants, Officina Della Bistecca, Solociccia and Dario Doc, a new little red truck has taken up position beneath the trees, with relaxed benches waiting in the shade. Dario Cecchini’s new food truck is the perfect place to grab his famous burger as a takeaway panino, with a cold beer or glass of Chianti. “The Red poppies and yellow scotch broom are in bloom and scent the hills, vineyards have started to show their first, beautiful leaves, and the sky is full of swallows. We’re reopening our restaurants, respecting government provisions to ensure everyone's safety: we will rekindle the coals under the grills, pour lots of red wine, and finally, we’ll see our friends again. We’ve missed you.

A big hug,

Dario”

www.dariocecchini.com

THE PERFECT TIME TO ENJOY HIKING IN THE TUSCAN HILLS AND MOUNTAINS

It’s the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors, so here are a couple of very special suggestions for walking trails that are perfect for people of all ages and fitness levels. The “hobbit houses” trail - [il](#)

[percorso delle burraie](#). These fascinating tiny homes were initially used for the production of butter then abandoned during the Great War, and later restored by the city of Pontassieve for people to admire. Because of their appealing exteriors and their size, parents often call them hobbit houses, whilst children are excited to walk the trail and discover them in the woods. It is an accessible trail of intermediate level, suitable for families and children over the age of 5. Santa Brigida, the small town from where the trail starts has two big parking lots. The entire trail ring is 16km long, with an elevation gain of 450m. [Read more about them here](#), and see a [detailed map here](#).

La casa di Befana in Barga. Although the day of the Epiphany is long past, the house of Befana is a treat for children no matter the season. 100 km away from Florence and easily accessible by car, the house of the 'good witch' can be admired all year long. Around the house start many hiking trails for families to enjoy and spend the day in nature. Read all about it here! (Via del Giardino, 137/bis 55051 Barga (LU), Tel. (+39) 0583 724090 – ore 20:30 – 22:00)

TAKE A TRIP WITH THE KIDS TO VISIT THE PISTOIA ZOO

For a lovely outdoor activity this June, why not take your family for a visit to the Giardino Zoologico in Pistoia! The Zoological Gardens of Pistoia is a 7-hectares zoo with more than 400 animals and is in continuous expansion. In a captivating world you will get to know the animals, the different ways to protect them, and you will learn how to respect the planet. With a strong focus on ecological preservation, the Director describes their mission: “I dream of a park which will be a shelter for animals against an environment which is getting more and more peculiar, a sort of ‘safe ark’ that will help them fight future threats. This park will not only be a source of knowledge about the wonders of nature for visitors, but also a place of reference on the road towards sustainable uses of our planet’s stock of earth’s natural resources. Mankind enjoys a challenge: I believe that your support will help me win this one, ” Be sure to book and reserve your visit time [here at the website](#).

FIND THE BIG BENCH AS YOU VISIT TUSCANY’S BEST LANDSCAPES AND VIEWS

If you've got a car and want to see a different landscape, think of the [Garfagnana](#), an approximately two-hour drive from Florence. Nestled among the Apuan Alps, not far from Lucca, Pisa, and the beaches of Versilia, this mountainous area of rugged beauty preserves ancient traditions, great hiking, adventure parks, and delicious food. An ideal destination for a weekend getaway or longer if you've got the time, there are plenty of things to do and to see. One of the most original is the Big Bench located just outside the town of Careggine. Part of the [Big Bench Community Project](#), the out-of-scale bench offers a whimsical moment as you gaze out over the valley and mountains.

JULY WISHES

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

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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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 – Ponte Vecchio View – Historic Center

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

Asking price 1,500,000 Euro



SALE – Arcetri – Pian dei Giullari – 2 Km from Florence

Free standing refurbished house of approx. 180 Sq. Mt (approx. 1800 sq. ft.), plus 50 Sq. Mt (500 Sq. Ft.) of barn and 4000 Sq. Mt. (1.5 acres) of garden. 2 Bed, 4 bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 1,800,000 Euro



SALE – S Annunziata – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment, first floor, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 5 hectare (50 Sq. Ft.) of small outdoor. 3 bed, 3 bath, studio; autonomous heating, air conditioning.

Asking price 690,000 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 – Piazza Michelangelo Villa – Historic Center

Free standing villa to be refurbished, aprox. 350 sq. mt. (aprox. 3500 sq. ft.), and 2000 Sq.Mt. (20.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden and land.5 bedroom, 3 bathroom, views, autonomous heating, car parking.

Asking price 2,900,000 Euro

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