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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. There are also 15 summer festivals of live entertainment to choose from, presented by the Comune's Estate Fiorentina. 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 our 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: THE 15 FESTIVALS OF ESTATE FIORENTINA 2022, TRE PASSI AVANTI

Music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, itinerant tours to discover Florence, literary festivals and talk shows. These are the ingredients of the 15 three-year festivals at the heart of the diffuse calendar of the Florentine Summer 2022. Space is given to all the arts: great dance is the protagonist of the [Florence Dance Festival](#), a multidisciplinary event in the cloisters of Santa Maria Novella, while we explore the most unusual places with performances that reflect on the contemporary of [Secret Florence](#), or with the international circus of [Cirk Fantastik!](#)

Readers are the protagonists with [La città dei lettori](#) that from Florence begins its tour of author presentations and debates around Tuscany, under the motto #leggereciunisce.

For the music section, there are performances by world-famous artists of the [Florence Jazz Festival](#), around the Oltrarno; the evocative concerts under the stars of "I Sagrafi in musica"; the electronic music of [Lattexplus Festival 2022](#), the [Florence Folk Festival](#) and the wind instrument festival [Italian Brass Week](#). More music for the enhancement of traditions and cultures with [Festival Au Désert](#), while for [Musart Festival](#), world music is intertwined with experimentation and auteur music. Lastly, the [Copula Mundi](#) gives voice to youth artistic realities active in the territory.

Various arts and performances mingle with suggestive views of [Florence from above](#), or in the debates and performances of [Genius Loci](#) inside the Monumental Complex of Santa Croce.

For lovers of the seventh art, there is [Aprite Cinema](#), the festival with screenings of art films, also in original language, by some of the most important and established realities in the sector, which will enjoy another panoramic view, the one in front of the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

BEST P&F RENTAL: AN AMAZING PROPERTY WITH ABUNDANT SUNLIGHT AND OUTDOOR SPACE, THAT IS BOTH IN THE COUNTRY AND NEAR TO 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.

[More information and photos.](#)



BEST EXHIBITION: LAST CHANCE TO SEE LET'S GET DIGITAL AT PALAZZO STROZZI, NFTS AND INNOVATION IN DIGITAL ART

Let's Get Digital! a new exhibition bringing the NFT art revolution and the new borderline between the real and the digital to the Strozzi undercroft and the courtyard of Palazzo Strozzi, with works by such international artists as Refik Anadol, Anyma, Daniel Arsham, Beeple, Krista Kim and Andrés Reisinger. The exhibition takes visitors on a journey through digital installations and multimedia experiences created by artists who express the new, multi-faceted exploration of Crypto Art based on the success of NFTs, certificates of digital authenticity that are redefining the very concept of a work of art's uniqueness and value. Let's Get Digital! explores a movement in the grip of evolution and transformation which many consider to be only the starting point for an increasingly rapid intermingling of aesthetics and new technologies, a revolution for the world of art as a whole, digital or otherwise. Until July 31. [More information.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE WITH THE FLORENTINE MAGAZINE AND RUFFINO WINES

On Monday, July 4, The Florentine will be hosting an Independence Day BBQ at Ruffino's Poggio Casciano estate. Resident chef Stefano Frassinetti has come up with a finger-licking menu of American-style Tuscan goodness served, if you will, with Ruffino's wines of all shades surrounded by the greenery of the Renaissance villa's gardens. Expect good vibes and Tuscan beauty this Fourth of July with Ruffino and The Florentine. Tickets cost 35 euro (wine not included); from 19:30 onwards. To book, email hospitality@ruffino.it or call +39 3783050220. [More information.](#)

BEST OF THE REST

ESTATE FIESOLANA, OUR FAVOURITE SUMMER FESTIVAL OF JAZZ AND MORE IN FIESOLE

The **Fiesole Summer Festival** (Estate Fiesolana), one of the most important summer festivals on the Tuscan and national scene, now in its 75th edition, is going on through July and August. The programme of the festival, which takes place in the amazing setting of the Roman Theatre of Fiesole, includes a section dedicated to **jazz music concerts** by some of the greatest talents at national and international level. See the program on the [website](#). Tickets are available online at www.estatefiesolana.it and on the Box Office Toscana circuits.

FABBRICA EUROPA ARTS AND PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL: Until July 27

For lovers of theatre, dance, contemporary performance, installation, art, and everything in between. This is the biggest international arts festival in town, and the programming is exceptional. The Festival continues until June involving other locations in Florence and Tuscany, before returning in September with the new edition. A significant part of the programming will take place at the Teatro della Pergola and in the new spaces of the PARC Performing Arts Research Centre (in the complex of the former Scuderie Granducali). Have fun diving into the full [programme of events here](#).

THE BEACH IS BACK! MULTIPLE LOCATIONS BRINGING MUSIC AND MORE TO THE BANKS OF THE ARNO FOR A SIZZLING SUMMER RIVER-SIDE

RIVER URBAN BEACH

One of the best known spots in San Niccolò, right on the sandy banks of the Arno. It's official: River Urban beach is coming back! The little beach on the Arno is back with a special view to enjoy the sun and the sunset. The food offer is back, satisfying every taste and palate. The special evenings and meetings are back. But above all, you are back and we are waiting for you. [Facebook page](#).

IL MOLO

Il Molo opens, the absolute must-do of Summer. A floating stage for music, performance and art. Four months of live events, workshops for children and shows: until 30 September every evening a different proposal, to be enjoyed with quality food & drink. For further information and programmes, check out their [FB page](#) - [Instagram page](#).

HABANA 500 FIRENZE

The best of Cuban vibes right on the river, Habana 500 is a hot favourite for summer. Cocktails, food, ALWAYS dancing, and seats along the riverside to enjoy the vibes. Probably one of the best places there is for dancing under the stars in summer. [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO

Surrounded by greenery, good music, bar and pizzeria, creative space for shows and live concerts. Big screen for all World Cup matches. From Tuesday 1st June, this oasis on the Arno is ready to welcome you with a rich programme of shows, themed evenings and music events! Let's make your long-awaited summer one of the most enjoyable ever! [Facebook page](#).

OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI

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. Every night there are events from cinema, to concerts, to DJs and more. [More information here](#).

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

Come and view vintage clothing, accessories and design objects in an event created by Stazione Leopolda srl Florence. Followed by a large audience of collectors and enthusiasts, Vintage Selection has become an absolute must for cool-hunters and the offices of leading international fashion and style, who come to Florence to search for inspiration for their creative research. [See more at the Website](#).

INSTABILE CHAPITEAU, CULTURE ALONG THE RIVER

InStabile Chapiteau is an independent cultural space for contemporary circus, music, performing arts. Performances, concerts and cultural, environmental, social events will continue until April 20, 2022. Shows and concerts every day from 9.00 p.m. Sunday Brunch from 11.30 a.m. and shows from 4.30 p.m. Bistrot & Cocktail Bar from 5.30 p.m. - Restaurant from 7.30 p.m. Complete program on the [website](#).

VISITS TO THE GARDENS OF THE FIESOLE VILLAS, 2022

Every Thursday afternoon in May, June, September and October a series of guided visits to the most beautiful gardens of the Fiesole villas usually closed to the public. It's necessary to book in advance calling the number 055.055 on the Monday preceding the visit (9am-8pm). Each visit is available for a limited number of people. [Website](#).

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

FOTOGRAFE! IN EXHIBIT AT VILLA BARDINI AND FORTE DI BELVEDERE

From 18 June to 2 October 2022, Villa Bardini and Forte di Belvedere in Florence are hosting a major exhibition entitled FOTOGRAFE! Women photographers: Alinari Archives to Contemporary Perspectives, curated by Emanuela Sesti and Walter Guadagnini.

The show will feature original prints by Julia Margaret Cameron, Dorothea Lange, Margaret Bourke-White, Lucia Moholy, Maria Mulas, Ketty La Rocca, Lisetta Carmi, Diane Arbus, Bettina Rheims, among others, displayed in conversation with works by ten contemporary Italian artists, Eleonora Agostini, Arianna Arcara, Federica Belli, Marina Caneve, Francesca Catastini, Myriam Meloni, Giulia Parlato, Roselena Ramistella, Sofia Uslenghi and Alba Zari, proponents of new generation of photographers – born after 1980 – who have been carving their place in the field in recent years, both, nationally and internationally. [More information](#).

DONATELLO: THE RENAISSANCE, AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July 31

This historic, once-in-a-lifetime exhibition sets out to reconstruct the outstanding career of one of the most important and influential masters of Italian art of any age, juxtaposing his work with masterpieces by other Italian Renaissance masters such as Brunelleschi, Masaccio, Andrea Mantegna, Giovanni Bellini, Raphael and Michelangelo. Curated by Francesco Caglioti and devised as a single exhibition in two venues, Palazzo Strozzi and the Museo Nazionale del Bargello, the exhibition is designed to celebrate Donatello in dialogue with institutions of Florence and indeed the whole of Italy, in addition to crucial international cooperation, in an effort to expand the debate on this master both in time and in space, in terms of materials, techniques and genres, in order finally to do justice to the artist's universal dimension. [More information](#).

TORNABUONI ARTE PRESENTS THEIR NEW CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION

Anthology Choice 2022, Modern and Contemporary Art. Tornabuoni Arte, the internationally

recognized artistic and cultural reality founded by Roberto Casamonti, shows its latest news and its proposals of classic and contemporary works of art for the coming year. The exhibition is divided into sections: one dedicated to the works of the greats of the last century: Alberto Burri, Jannis Kounellis, Alighiero Boetti, Emilio Vedova, Lucio Fontana, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Piero Dorazio, Alberto Biasi, Emilio Isgrò, Maurizio Cattelan, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Mirò e Victor Vasereley . On the second floor the exhibition continues with a selection of works dedicated to the great masters of Italian figurative art of the early twentieth century: Giovanni Fattori, Plinio Nomellini, Massimo Campigli and Giorgio de Chirico. [Website](#).

ANTHOLOGY ART 2022 - MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART AT TORNABUONI ARTE, Until November 2022

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DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL, Until July 24

Dance as a promoter of a return to life and sharing. This is the objective of the 33rd edition of the Florence Dance Festival, the Performing Arts event combining dance, music, opera and educational activities for artists and the public scheduled from 22 June to 24 July in the Chiostro Grande of the Basilica di Santa Maria Novella which, for the occasion, will be transformed into an amphitheatre in front of a highly technological circular stage. Wear Art is the title chosen by the Festival's artistic directors Marga Nativo and Keith Ferrone as the leitmotif for the numerous events in the programme, to live an immersive experience and return to embrace live performance. [More information](#).

VILLE E GIARDINI INCANTATI 2022

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

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. It was built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison. This is

truly one of the most stunning theatres in Europe, and their program is full of music, dance, musicals, and variety shows. [See the full theatre program here.](#)

ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA FIORENTINA AND THEIR STUNNING 2022 PROGRAM

The 2022 season of the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina presents more than 30 concerts from March to October with international conductors and performers such as Bruno Canino, Giuseppe Andaloro, Ahmed El Saedi, Nikolay Lalov. The Orchestra Da Camera Fiorentina was founded in 1981 by Giuseppe Lanzetta, the current conductor, to spread the knowledge of symphonic and chamber music repertoires. [Book your tickets here.](#)

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

APRITI CINEMA RETURNS TO THE UFFIZI COURTYARD FOR A SUMMER SEASON, Until August 7

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.](#)

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THE HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY

An absolute favourite in Florence, The British Institute continue their offerings of lectures, concerts, and other cultural treats in the stunning location of the historic Harold Acton Library. Enjoy exquisite views of the Arno River together with the majesty of the library, and its cultural events. They have recently added a new room and program to their cultural offerings: The SOTTO al British contemporary program of events in the newly refurbished Sala Hoenig, which has its own entrance directly from the street at Lungarno Guicciardini 15. Our events for the month:

[Social Life Drawing with 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. The session is from 18:30-20:30 and consists of short warm up poses followed by longer poses as the evening moves along.

[Songwriters Circle, with Patti DeRosa](#) - Each month, original singer-songwriters will join host **Patti DeRosa** to share their original music, doing four “rounds” of one song each. Round 3 is a song challenge where each performer will play a new original tune written just for this event, based on a song prompt (a word or phrase) chosen by the previous month’s audience.

THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure,

Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi.

This month: **ELVIS**, Baz Luhrmann's new film starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks, presented at the Cannes Film Festival, comes to the big screen.

For the full programme, see www.odeonfirenze.com.

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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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Via Maggio - Historic Center

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

Asking Price 430,000 Euro



SALE – Goldoni Apt – Historic Center

Second floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 3 bath, plus study; autonomous heating, air con., and centrally located

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro



SALE – Faenza Apt – Historic Center

Top floor apt. with elevator, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, quiet.

Asking price 740,000 Euro



SALE - Oltrarno Loft – Historic Center

Ground floor loft space in good condition, approx. 260 Sq. Mt. (2600 Sq. Ft.) plus 20 Sq. Mt. (200 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 3 bath; quiet, private and spacious living areas.

Asking price 1,160,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center

First floor, refurbished, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) 2 Bed, 2 Bath. Modern with all amenities, autonomous heating, air conditioning, quiet street.

Asking Price 375,000 Euro



SALE – Calenzano Villa – Outskirts

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

Asking Price 9,500,000 Euro

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