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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, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JULY

BEST EVENT: ESTATE FIORENTINA 2023, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, May until September

For the Florentine Summer 2023, the 15 major festivals that form the centre of this summer explosion of arts and culture are back! The events span from music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, and itinerant tours to discover Florence, all the way through to literary festivals and live talk shows. We are set for a summer of creativity and entertainment! The fifteen featured festivals are: Apriti Cinema in the Uffizi Square (that includes the film festivals: Festival dei Popoli, Lo Schermo dell'arte, Nice, Middle East), Secret Florence (made up of Fabbrica Europa, Lo Schermo dell'Arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale, and Danza Virgilio Sieni), La Citta dei Lettori, Sagrati in Musica sotto le stelle, Florence Dance Festival, Firenze dall'alto, the Festival su Désert, MusArt Festival, Italian Brass Week, Copula Mundi, Firenze Jazz Festival, Cirk Fantastik!, Florence Folks Festival, Genius Loci, Lattexplus, and many many other special events. At the website, you can find all the event listings day by day. For the whole program: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SUNNY AND LIGHT APARTMENT IN MODERN ITALIAN STYLE

A delightful sunny and light apartment, renovated in a modern Italian style with some original features maintained. Situated in a convenient location in a typical Italian neighbourhood which also boasts one of the best gelati shops. Borgo Pinti is tucked in between Santa Croce, piazza D'Azeglio and piazza San Marco and is lined with monasteries and churches on one side and prominent family palaces on the other. It is about a 15



minute walk to the Duomo and close to the Sant'Ambrogio outdoor market, Cibreo restaurant and bar, The Four Seasons hotel, a gym and several super markets. There are numerous buses to the station close by and a garage for parking. [More information and photos.](#)

BEST TRADITION: THE SAN NICCOLO TOWER IS OPEN FOR VISITS

On the Festa di San Giovanni in June, the San Niccolò Tower is also opened for the season until the end of September. 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 write to info@muse.comune.fi.it

BEST SUMMER ACTIVITY: BOAT RIDES ON THE MAGNIFICENT ARNO RIVER

An hour's journey in which you will be welcomed by the river and sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the city, while the city of Florence flows by the sides of the boat. The profession of the Renaioli dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the boats were destroyed during the flood that struck Florence in 1966. In 1995, the Associazione dei Renaioli decided to restore them as they were part of the city's historical heritage. After retrieving the crafts from the riverbed, the members of the Association personally restored them following the traditional technique known as *cafalatura*. Today the Renaioli boats have been restored to their ancient splendor and are ready to carry you along the waters of the Arno river. Organised by the Renaioli, there are many secondary tour sellers you can book through (just google), or you can contact them directly through whatsapp or by calling the number on their website to organise your seat on these river boat rides for summer: <http://www.renaioli.it/>

BEST SUMMER SWIMMING POOL: LE PAVONIERE IN LE CASCINE PARK

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! This is a huge favourite with locals. The days are more family oriented with expansive areas of grass for lounging beside the two pools, while the evenings see the venue become a popular nightspot for young people with music and dancing. The pool itself is open every day from 10.00 until 18.30. Don't forget your swimming cap! Via della Catena 2, Le Cascine park. [Website](#)

BEST FESTIVAL: FIRENZE DALL'ALTO, FLORENCE FROM ABOVE

For those who love to see the city from a different perspective, "Firenze dall'alto" (Florence from above) is a series of initiatives that tell the story of the city from the unprecedented and privileged views of the rooftops and terraces of its palaces. Concerts, talks, performances and guided tours with an enthralling and immersive stratigraphic tale run from the end of June to September: 10 meetings, 10 points of view, 10 different experiences of cultural production and fruition to tell the Florence of today and tomorrow in its relationship with the territory, the communities and the challenges of contemporaneity. The venues chosen for 2023 are: Terrazza Antica Torre Tornabuoni, San Salvatore a monte, Terrazza del Palazzo della Borsa, Limonaia Strozzi, Forte Belvedere, Terrazza Caffè del Verone, Terrazza Osservatorio Arcetri, Villa Bardini, Manifattura Tabacchi and the Torre della Zecca. Free entry for all events! [Website](#).

BEST DINING OUT: HALLASAN RISTORANTE COREANO

A little something different for the Florence residents, who sometimes want a splash of international cuisine to add spice to our very well-fed lives! Why not try this fantastic Korean restaurant, which serves a stunning high-end menu of charcoal cooked BBQ and hot pot dishes, based on extraordinary cuts of meat such as dry-aged Angus beef and perfectly grilled pork belly. The food is authentic and

high quality, with treats such as kimchi stew and refreshing soju. A little on the pricey side, but well worth it for this authentic and quality Korean feast. Find the restaurant at: Via Guelfa 98R or call to book: 0550730077

BEST OF THE REST

APRITI CINEMA: THE STUNNING OUTDOOR CINEMA IN THE COURTYARD OF THE UFFIZI GALLERY, Until mid July

The big screen becomes the protagonist with "Apriti Cinema", the free-entrance festival conceived and coordinated by the Quelli dell'Alfieri Cultural Association, which brings the best of Italian and international auteur cinema to Piazzale degli Uffizi. Many titles are scheduled with screenings of films in the original language, subtitled in Italian, ranging from fiction to documentaries. The arena also presents reviews and previews in collaboration with international Tuscan festivals such as the: Festival dei Popoli, Lo Schermo dell'arte, Nice, Middle East, proposing screenings of films in the original language accompanied by guests such as authors, actors, directors and critics. [Website](#).

TOSCANA PRIDE PARADE, July 8

Toscana Pride is back to Florence for its 2023 edition, bringing its rainbow colors and joyfulness! On Saturday, July 8th, the parade, organized by the LGBTIQ+ associations, will make its way through the central streets of the city, aiming to promote active participation against the injustice and discrimination that the community still faces today. The meeting point is the Giardino delle Scuderie Reali in Porta Romana at 4:30 PM, from where the parade will start around 5:30PM. [Website](#).

GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA, Until September

The Giardino dell'ArteCultura is back from May 28 till September. It is one of the most popular summer spaces in Florence and offers every day a rich program of events for all tastes and all ages. This well-equipped space, inside the Garden of Horticulture in Florence, offers every evening various art and entertainment initiatives for adults and, for children, in the park not far from Piazza della Libertà. Events schedule available on the [official Website](#).

BALAGÀN CAFÉ AT THE SYNAGOGUE, Until the end of August

In the beautiful setting of the garden of Via Farini, in front of the imposing nineteenth-century Synagogue, Thursday evenings organized by the Jewish Community of Florence under the patronage of the Municipality of Florence. Every Thursday from 22 June to 31 August in the garden of the Florence Synagogue. Opening at 19:00, on the occasion of the Balagan Café it will be possible to visit the Synagogue at night with guided tours. For the apericena, places are limited and reservations are compulsory on the [Synagogue website](#).

FABBRICA EUROPA ARTS AND PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL 2023, Until July 20

For lovers of theatre, dance, contemporary performance, installation, art, and everything in between. This is the biggest international arts festival in town, and the programming is exceptional. The Festival continues throughout the summer involving other locations in Florence and Tuscany. A significant part of the programming will take place at the Teatro della Pergola and in the spaces of the PARC Performing Arts Research Centre (in the complex of the former Scuderie Granducali).

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

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Fiesole's Roman amphitheater is a step or two above your average spot for catching a Saturday night music gig or theatre show. Once again, the venue bridges the ancient past with artists of the present, hosting a series of summer shows in a range of genres. Already announced are music such as Stefano Bollani and Makaya McKraven, true alchemists of jazz, Alice with her tribute to Franco Battiato, the refined sound of BowLand, and Irene Grandi in a blues version. For the international music scene, Suzanne Vega, recognised as one of the leading singer-songwriters of her generation, will take the stage in Fiesole, accompanied on guitar by Jerry Leonard, a long-time collaborator also of David Bowie. In September comes Roberto Cacciapaglia and the Pink Floyd Legend with Atom Heart Mother. On Wednesday 21 June, the Roman Theatre, as is tradition, will host the day dedicated to Music Day, one of the most important events of cultural value celebrating the summer solstice in more than 120 countries around the world. The evening, organised by the Scuola di Musica di Fiesole, is free admission with prior booking. For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

#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, Aperi yoga: 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

REACHING FOR THE STARS AT PALAZZO STROZZI

Palazzo Strozzi partners with the Sandretto Rebaudengo Foundation to deliver an exquisite

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

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

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

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

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

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

MUSART FESTIVAL ON STAGE IN PIAZZA SANTA ANNUNZIATA, Until July 26

From 15 to 26 July, big names fare programmed for the 'MusArt Festival', the event produced by the Musart Cultural Association in collaboration with the Istituto degli Innocenti, the University of Florence and AT - Autolinee Toscane, where music, dance, exhibitions and visits to places of art come together to create a cultural offer for all tastes. On the central stage in Piazza Santissima Annunziata, in the heart of Florence, names and well-known faces from the international art world will take turns such as: Roberto Bolle, Venditti & De Gregori, Paolo Conte, Marco Masini, Madame, Stewart Copeland and the Police. And again David Garrett, Drusilla Foer and Simone Graziano will compose a programme of appointments combined with exhibitions, visits to places of art, screenings, events and concerts in cloisters and gardens of the city and beyond. [Website](#).

SAGRATI IN MUSICA SOTTO LE STELLE, Until September 15

From 9 June to 15 September, enjoy the the concerts of "Sagrati in Musica sotto le stelle", the event organised by the Associazione Toscana Classica and consisting of 23 FREE events ranging in musical genres from classical to jazz, rock and electronic music, but all aimed at educating people to

listen to music with an awareness of the importance of listening, in order to ward off the deterioration of the church parvises involved: Santi Michele e Gaetano, Santa Felicità, Sacra Famiglia, Santa Maria del Carmine, the Misericordia Piazza Duomo parvis, Isolotto and Santa Croce. [Website](#).

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

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

ITALIAN BRASS WEEK, July 23-30

23 July sees the opening of the 24th edition of 'Italian Brass Week', the international brass festival scheduled until 30 July under the artistic direction of Luca Benucci. A week of concerts, lectures and conferences during which several brass ensembles will perform a world premiere in a composition at Ponte Vecchio. The concerts will be included in the programme and directed by Lito Fontana and Luca Benucci with the participation of several Maestros as soloists. [Website](#)

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

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

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

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

85TH FESTIVAL OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to

classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. For tickets, and to see the full festival program, see the [website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

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

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THEIR STUNNING HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY

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

THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS A MEET A Q&A WITH LONDON-BASED LITERARY AGENT HANNAH SCHOFIELD

This live zoom event offers a special opportunity to interact with an agent who is actively seeking submissions. Hannah Schofield represents a wide range of genres and is one of the UK's up and coming literary agents. As more and more agents are accepting submissions only from writers they've met at retreats, events or trade fairs, this is a not-too-be-missed event. Bring your fiction or non-fiction book idea, but most of all bring your questions! [Check out Hannah's Fiction and Non-fiction submission list here](#). Cost: 15 euros at the door. No reservations needed. Venue: SOTTO al British, Lungarno Guicciardini n.15 Firenze. To register for the event, and to discover the full month's program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).

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 – Quarrata Farm House– 25 km West of Florence

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

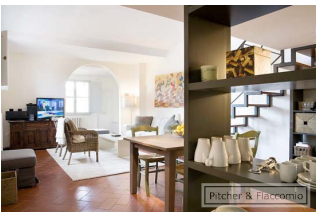
Asking Price 460,000 Euro



SALE – Bolognese modern Villa - 5 km from Historic Center

Free standing on 3 sides, refurbished, approx. 370 sq. mt.(3700 Sq. Ft) plus 600 Sq. Mt. (6000 Sq. Ft.) of garden. 4 Bed, 5 Bath. Air Conditioning, light and views, gated complex.

Asking Price 1,190,000 Euro



SALE – Via Maggio - Historic Center

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

Asking price 395,000 Euro



SALE – Duomo Attic Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 650,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Tower Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished attic with elevator, approx. 80 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 800 Sq. Ft.) plus 12 Sq. Mt. (120 Sq. Ft.) of private terrace. 1 bed, 1 bath; autonomous heating, air con., views, light.

Asking Price 1,800,000 Euro



SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 890,000 Euro

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