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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

Autumn has begun, with the cooler nights and that light breeze that make Florence a pleasure to wander around. After the struggle of the “rientro”, the great return after summer holidays, the smaller stores and theatres are re-opening and the distinct Florentine flavour returns to the city. It is the start of harvest season, and the Duomo’s birthday. Best of all is your chance to work off all that summer indulgence by running for a cause: Corri La Vita is BACK! See you there in your running shoes,

With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR SEPTEMBER

## **BEST EVENT: BEST EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER: THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO CORRI LA VITA 2019, September 29**

Join Suzanne and thousands of others for the 17th Edition of Florence's CORRI LA VITA on September 29th. After achieving a record in fundraising and enrolments last year, this year our favourite charity event returns with all new running paths and a new graphic design in honour of the great "Leonardo". This year, the iconic T-shirts will be in the colour pink.

CORRI LA VITA is an event organised in collaboration with Firenze Marathon and serviced by many volunteers, together we help to fight against breast cancer. Not only should you "save the date" and participate, you may also want to take an active part by volunteering and donating funds.

Suzanne is a founding member of this event and has been very involved from its beginning in 2003. The event is to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer in Italy, and especially to support the patients themselves. All proceeds that have been collected, which is over 5 million 700 thousand euro, have been given to help the patients directly and to assist volunteers in executing their work.

From the 2nd September it will be possible to register for the event and ensure one of the coveted T-shirts signed by Salvatore Ferragamo SpA, the prime supporter of the initiative. The 2019 version of the T-shirt is pink and its packaging is a totally bio-commutable bag, as are the water glasses used during the stops of the runners.

"In the year in which the five hundredth year of Leonardo's death is celebrated," announces Bona Frescobaldi, President of the Association CORRI LA VITA, "we have decided to pay homage to the great artist both with the choice of graphic design and in the identification of the routes."

The design will be one of the most famous works of Andrea del Verrocchio, Leonardo's master: the Putto with dolphin, a bronze statue preserved in Palazzo Vecchio that was exhibited at Palazzo Strozzi for the exhibition "Verrocchio, the Master of Leonardo".

The new routes, still being defined, will still follow the passage from Monte Oliveto, whose church once housed Leonardo's "Annunciation" until it was placed in the Uffizi rooms.

The goal of the 2019 fundraiser is to promote and increase help to all those people in outlying areas. The association LILT (Italian League for the Fight against Cancer, Section of Florence) supports the care of breast cancer patients after being diagnosed within the Vasta Fiorentina Area (Florence, Prato, Empoli, Pistoia).

In addition to this, support for the three historic projects will be guaranteed: Ce.Ri.On. Oncological Rehabilitation Center of Villa delle Rose in collaboration with LILT, FILE Italian Foundation for palliative care and SenoNetwork Italia, a portal that brings together nationally the Italian Breast Cancer Units.

For those who want to support the CORRI LA VITA project but will not be able to participate in person, the official T-shirt can be delivered with free postage to any home throughout Italy thanks to an agreement with BRT international courier and BoxOffice: a minimum donation of 10 euro is all that is required, which can be made directly on the website [www.corrilavita.it](http://www.corrilavita.it) The hashtag of this initiative is #corrilavitainitalia.

This year, the three largest groups will be honoured such as: companies, sports clubs, gyms, associations, university students, schools and others. In short, the more we are united, the more possibilities there are. CORRI LA VITA is a recreational and not a competitive event. It is open to everyone. There will be no chip timing, nor any form of classifications, consequently and there will be no prize giving. Please note it is important that each participant follows the rules and codes of a public road.

Street food will fill the length of Piazza Vittorio Veneto: for the entire duration of the event numerous stations will be active along the tree-lined avenue that surrounds the square. All companies will donate 20% of their collections to CORRI LA VITA.

Participants will be able to choose between two new diversified routes of varying degrees of difficulty - one of 11 km and a second of 5.5 km (punctuated by a series of cultural events), which will wind through unusual scenarios and breathtaking views designed for maximum enjoyment of the unique beauty of Florence.

As is tradition, you can also visit a number of exhibitions and museums for free in the afternoon simply by wearing the shirt of CORRI LA VITA 2019 with your registration certificate. A fantastic way of uniting culture, sport and solidarity that has always characterized the initiative.

CORRI LA VITA wants to actively involve the whole city of Florence, which has always reciprocated enthusiastically to the event. Shop windows are invited to compete with each other for the most creative and original showcase using the official T-shirt for CORRI LA VITA 2019 (regulation on [www.corrilavita.it](http://www.corrilavita.it)).

Fundraising points have been confirmed at all the Unicoop Firenze (12/29 September) and Conad del Tirreno (26/29 September) locations in Tuscany, to which must be added "The 100 shops of Via Gioberti".

See the routes on the CORRI LA VITA web site: <http://www.corrilavita.it/programma.php>

#### **A NOTE FROM SUZANNE:**

It is not necessary to be in Florence to participate in CORRI LA VITA. We of Pitcher & Flaccomio have given you our friends and clients up-to-date information on what is going on in Florence and Tuscany for the past years with our monthly newsletter.

I know a lot of you read it and appreciate our work, so I was thinking that if you all have enjoyed visiting Italy and Florence; in particular, maybe you would like to give a donation to her citizens by supporting CORRI LA VITA. Please go on line [www.corrilavita.it](http://www.corrilavita.it) and make your donation. I really hope you will see your way to writing a few zeros after the number!

Also another way to participate in this event even if you are not present is to buy our exclusive T-shirts, again this can be done on line. Every year the shirt changes, so start your collection now!!!! Also if you wish to order your T shirts, feel free to have them delivered to PITCHER & FLACCOMIO'S office where you may pick them up during business hours 9am to 5pm Monday through to Friday.

I hope to see you all there, and I must say it is with a very thankful heart, that I do what I can to help all those courageous women (and some men) in their battle against breast cancer.

Thank you

Suzanne

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

Sunday 29th September 2019. The race starts at 8.45 am.

Meeting from 7.30-8.30 am in Piazza Vittorio Veneto, Florence (located in the Parco delle Cascine)

### To participate in the walk or the run:

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The walk of approx. 5.5 km is open to all, and the fun run of approx. 11 km is also open to everyone. Please remember there are no winners or chronometric times taken, so no chip is necessary. Run for the fun!!!!!!

## REGISTRATION:

You can register online, or find one of the sign-up points in Florence here: <https://www.corrilavita.it/en/registration/>

Registration booths will be open from 7.30 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.(starting time) in Piazza Vittorio Veneto in Florence (or as long as racing numbers and T-shirts supplies last). The registration fee entitles participants to the CORRI LA VITA T-shirt. If you sign up online, your T- shirt and number will be available for you to collect from a special booth in Piazza Vittorio Veneto from 8 am on the day of the event. Or if you sign up in person, you'll receive your T-shirt and number immediately.

More details at: <http://www.corrilavita.it/iscrizioni/>

## BEST P&F RENTAL: A SUNNY AND QUIET APARTMENT WITH A TERRACE IN A TYPICAL ITALIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

This very small street is located on the south side of the river Arno, approx. 20 minutes walk to the river and the centre of the city. It is directly outside the medieval city walls of Florence, nestled at the base of Bellosguardo hill. The closest main square, Piazza Tasso is equipped with playground facilities for children and numerous excellent restaurants and trattorias. This is still an artisan neighbourhood, off the main tourist beat. This ground floor apartment has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, separate dining and living rooms, and a beautiful terrace.



Enjoy a typical Italian neighbourhood, modern conveniences, sunny, quiet, terrace, pergola, private street level entrance, study, and working fireplace. More [photos and information here](#).

## BEST TRADITION: LA RIFICOLONA, September 7

Some say the best party in town can be found in Piazza Santissima Annunziata after 9pm on September 7! On the night of September 7, the even of the Madonna's birthday on the 8th,

Florentines and "pilgrims" (mostly children) carry paper lanterns on sticks as they make their way from Piazza Santa Croce to Piazza Santissima Annunziata, home of the Basilica di Santissima Annunziata which is dedicated to Mary. There is a competition for the most original lantern, and workshops are run by Florence's five districts to teach children how to make their own lantern. Speeches are made in the square, followed by an enormous street party. Then, on September 8th, don't miss the annual Rificolona sull'Arno, when there are lantern-lit boat rides with the Canottieri for children and families along the river Arno. [Read the history of the event here.](#)

### **BEST FESTIVAL: THE FESTIVAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE WITH FREE ACCESS TO THE DUOMO TERRACE, September 8**

September 8 is the Anniversary of the first stone being set for the building of Santa Maria del Fiore, the cathedral of Florence. Every year the terrace above the rose window is opened free to visitors. The laying of the first stone of the new *ecclesia maior* dates back to the Marian Nativity of 1296. The free opening of the terraces of the Duomo allows Florentines and visitors to enjoy an extraordinary panoramic view over the city of Florence. It is open from 10am until 4.30pm, and access is completely free! Also enjoy a free visit to the workshop of the Opera del Duomo in Via dello Studio 23/r, where the master masons work on the restoration of the marble works for the monumental complex of the cathedral, bell tower, and baptistry. The Baptistery of St. John will also be open for free to all residents of Florence and the province.

### **SECOND BEST TRADITION FOR SEPTEMBER: CARRO MATTO, THE CRAZY CART FESTIVAL IN FLORENCE**

#### **Last Saturday of September**

(Text from: [visitflorence.com](http://visitflorence.com)) Every year, experience the arrival of the Carro Matto in to town from the nearby wine producing area of Chianti Rufina. Literally translated as "crazy cart", the Carro Matto is pulled by a pair of white oxen and accompanied by a parade in historical costume, drums, flag throwers and even a cannon! Early in the day, you will find the Carro sitting near Piazza Duomo but the main events start around 3:30pm. The cart leaves from Palagio di Parte Guelfa, then returns to the Piazza del Duomo where it gets a blessing. continues to Via Calzaiuoli, makes a stop in front of the Church of San Carlo dei Lombardi, and finally ends in Piazza della Signoria (by around 5pm). Then enjoy exhibitions by the Corteo Storico della Repubblica Fiorentina and the flag throwers Bandierai degli Uffizi. So what is this event with the crazy cart? Today, it celebrates the centuries-old Tuscany tradition of wine-making but it also reconstructs how wine arrived into town. [Read more here.](#)

### **BEST MUSIC: FLORENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL 2019, September 11-15**

Now in its third edition, the Firenze Jazz Fringe Festival abandons the fringe model and becomes the Florence Jazz Festival, thanks to the contribution of new partners, new locations, and new artistic coordination directed by Enrico Romero. A flagship event with an important partnership: from the Edinburgh Jazz Festival to the historic "Settembre in Piazza della Passera". Clubs, clubs and cocktail bars are transformed into temporary jazz clubs, attracting dozens of local and international musicians from the area. Four intense days of great music, to the rediscovery of places, squares and special

areas that guide the general public through the streets and squares of the Oltrarno. Don't miss spectacular and memorable performances, such as the raft on the Arno River, an unmissable event each year. [See the program here](#).

### **BEST EXHIBITION: FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE ANTIQUES FAIR AT PALAZZO CORSINI, September 21-29**

The Biennale Internazionale dell'Antiquariato di Firenze is proud to announce the 60-year milestone of this historic international antiques exhibition, to be held at Palazzo Corsini. BIAF will be bringing to Florence some of the top world merchants, galleries that are today the leaders on the global art market, capable of attracting the attention and trust of the most important international museums and private collectors. There will be a total of **77 galleries** specialised in the widest range of artistic disciplines. Worth noting among the 16 new entries, will be Simon Dickinson and Peter Finer of London, Nicholas Hall of New York, Galerie Canesso of Lugano and Paris, the Galerie Sisman of Paris and Galleria Continua of San Gimignano. See all the information at the [website](#).

### **BEST DINING OUT: OSTERIA DE'CICALINI**

(From: [GirlinFlorence.com](#)) [Osteria de'Cicalini](#) is a stone's throw from the Duomo cathedral on Via delle Oche. I absolutely adore their fresh, modern Mediterranean menu (think vegetable and delicate mouth-watering meat carpaccio and beautiful pasta (desserts here also are a must) and they are open for both lunch and dinner. Address: Via delle Oche 15r, Florence, Italy 50122. Tel: +39 055 205 2610.

## **BEST OF THE REST**

### **WIRED NEXT FEST AT PALAZZO VECCHIO, September 27 - 29**

(from: [visitflorence.com](#)) The Future is Already Here. The Wired Next Fest is back in Florence, and it is considered one of the most important Italian festival that celebrates science, technology, business, the web, research, social innovation, the desire for change and evolution. Find time to visit [Palazzo Vecchio](#) and this event. The theme of this year's edition is PEOPLE. In Florence, Wired wants to celebrate the human factor: because behind every invention, discovery, success, failure, technology, change, idea or work of art there are people. [Web Page](#)

### **THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR MEN'S HEALTH, September 29**

On Sunday September 29, over 120,000 distinguished gentlefolk in over 650 cities worldwide will don their cravats, tustle their ties, press their tweed, and sit astride their classic and vintage styled motorcycles to raise funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and men's mental health. "But before we press our tweed and polish our boots, we need you to donate what you can for this meaningful cause and help us reach our goal."

For more information and to donate: <https://www.gentlemansride.com/team/classicspecialfirenze>

## **ESTATE FIORENTINA 2019, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, Until September**

There are 143 projects admitted to Estate Fiorentina, which will unfold over six months. 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".

### **OUR HOT PICK FOR SEPTEMBER: FLOREMUS RENAISSANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY L'HOMME ARME**

[L'Homme Armé presents the third edition of FloReMus.](#)

The L'Homme Armé Association, dedicated to ancient music for a quarter of a century, gives life to the third edition of «FloReMus. Renaissance Music in Florence », the first festival entirely dedicated to the music of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries located in the city that has most influenced Renaissance culture in its various facets: artistic-visual, literary, musical, philosophical, scientific and political. The third edition of the Festival will focus on three important events: 500 years after the death of Leonardo da Vinci, but also from the birth of Cosimo I, first Grand Duke of Tuscany, and Caterina de 'Medici, who became queen of France as wife of Henry II. The calendar of appointments includes evening concerts entrusted to musicians of international level, concerts à boire entrusted to young groups and individual emerging musicians, conversations on topics related to the historical period entrusted to experts in the sector, workshops, and courses.

For information about all the Estate Fiorentina events listed day by day: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

### **LAST MONTH FOR FREE YOGA CLASSES AT LA CASCINE PARK**

This group was born with the intention of sharing a common passion, Yoga, with as many people as possible. A rotating team of yoga instructors from studios all over Florence and Tuscany come to present classes free to the public every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the months of June, July, August and September. Classes start at 7.15 pm and end at 9.00 pm, on the grass surrounding the Fountain of Piazzale del Re. Bring a mat or a beach towel and the desire to feel good together!

Participation, free and free, in the sessions, means that participants must take complete responsibility for their own safety, while the teachers are required to stay within the levels of a lesson suitable for everyone. \*\*Pitcher and Flaccomio tip: Bring mosquito repellent to ensure a more comfortable class!

Find the group [here on facebook](#).

### **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 Ichethai: 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.](#)

### **TORRE DI SAN NICCOLO: LAST CHANCE TO 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.

Bookings: 055/2768224 or [info@muse.comune.fi.it](mailto: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.](#)

### **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.

### **#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](http://www.musefirenze.it)

## EXHIBITIONS

### **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.](#)

### **MUMMIES: JOURNEY INTO IMMORTALITY AT THE MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO OF FLORENCE, Until February 2020**

The leitmotif of the exhibition is the Egyptian concept of life after death and the meaning of the objects that were placed in the tomb with the deceased that, according to Egyptian culture, would have been helpful to them once they reached the afterworld. In order to preserve the body, the Egyptians used the embalming method so as to allow them to reincarnate. The exhibition is divided into two sections: the first one displays artefacts concerning the mummification technique while the second deals with the grave goods that accompanied the deceased on their journey to the afterlife. This last part gathers both the objects with strictly funerary functions, like the ushabti or the offering tables, and the everyday items that were placed in the tomb to recreate the home environment of the deceased, for example furnishings or jewellery. [More information here.](#)

### **MULTISENSORY MUSEUM EXPERIENCE TAKES YOU THROUGH THE SCENTS AND PERFUMES OF FLORENCE IN THE LABORATORY OF LORENZO VILLORESI**

*(From: [LonelyPlanet.com](http://LonelyPlanet.com))* Lorenzo Villoresi, the famed Florentine perfume maestro, has opened a 'museum of scent' within his 15th century palazzo which also houses his [atelier](#) and an education centre complete with a secret garden. Over three floors, and across 1000 square metres, Museo Villoresi is divided by themes to create a 'study of the senses' in the heart of Florence. Villoresi is renowned for his bespoke perfumes made in his laboratory nestled within his ancestral family home. The Osmorama room is a library of essences and aromatic materials preserved within a monitored air-conditioned system. Here, visitors can explore over 1000 scents via olfactory booths, an interactive map and original films to understand the complexity of perfume-making. In the Perfume Centre, courses, events and seminars unveil the ancient secrets, myths and legends of perfumery, with the library a research centre and showroom complete with a Conversation Salon to host talks. [Read more here.](#)

### **A SHORT NOVEL ON MEN'S FASHION AT THE PITTI PALACE, Until September 29**

The Fondazione Pitti Immagine Discovery presents "A short novel on men's fashion", an exhibit showcasing thirty years of menswear from 1989 to the present as seen through the eyes of Pitti Uomo. Passing through the halls of the Palazzo Pitti Museo della Moda e del Costume one by one, Olivier Saillard will recount the history and evolution of menswear, the intersection of Made in Italy with guest designers, and the fashion talents from the international contemporary scene together with the experiences of leading menswear entrepreneurs. The project is dedicated to the memory of Marco Rivetti, President of Pitti Immagine from 1987 to 1995. [More information](#).

### **COSIMO I DE' MEDICI'S ARMY OF LANCERS AT THE UFFIZI, Until September 29**

The Gallerie degli Uffizi is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Cosimo I (1519–74), Florence's first Grand Duke, by devoting a 'triptych' of exhibitions to his memory: "A Hundred Lances for the Prince", ["Weaving a Biography. The 17th century tapestries in honour of Cosimo I"](#) (Hall of the Niches and White Room in the Pitti Palace from 5 June to 29 September) and ["The First Statue for the Boboli Garden. The Peasant Restored"](#) (Hall of the Niches in the Pitti Palace from 5 June to 29 September). The sensational exhibits include what has survived of Cosimo I's own suit of armour, and the splendid armour of Captain Fernberger with the Medici arms embossed on it from the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, in addition to weapons, objects, engravings and portraits. [More information](#).

### **THE COLOURS OF JUDAISM IN ITALY AT THE UFFIZI, Until October 27**

The exhibition explores the history of Italy's Jewish community from a novel and highly colourful angle, the art of textiles. Some 140 exhibits, including tapestries, textiles, decorative fabrics, lace work, clothing, paintings and other items of daily or religious use, present the history of Italy's Jewish community for the first time through one of the lesser-known arts, the art of weaving, which has always played a crucial role in the decoration of houses, palazzi and places of worship in the Jewish world, revealing Judaism's care for its traditions but also its joyful, colourful side that is so rich in symbols. The exhibition also shines the spotlight on the Jewish people's intercultural and international character, thanks primarily to the outstanding variety of the textiles' motifs, where colour often predominates in a dazzling way. [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.

## **DANCE AND THEATRE**

### **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:

[Caro Andrea...](#) September 29: A third edition of a day dedicated to Andrea Tacchi.

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

## **FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **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 screenings include: **The Lion King, Edison - The Current War, Late Night, and Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.** [See the website for more films and special screenings here.](#)

### **PLACEHOLD OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE STUDENT HOTEL, September 3 and 17**

This is one of the longest running and jam-packed Open Mic nights in Florence. If you're a poet, novelist, performer, playwright, storyteller- come and show us what you've got! The only limit is time: seven glorious minutes in the spotlight. The mic will be open from 9pm until 11pm--be sure to sign up with the host before 9 or during the intermission to get your spot in the limelight. Please remember to keep your contribution within our seven minute limit so everyone gets a chance to shine. NOTE: This event was conceived in English, but all languages are welcome!

The Student Hotel, Viale Spartaco Lavagnini, 70 More information: [@openmicflorence](#)

# MUSIC

## **NEXTECH FESTIVAL, September 19, 20 & 21**

(from: [visitflorence.com](http://visitflorence.com)) Digital Sounds! The program has been unveiled - the complete line-up for the XIII edition of Nextech, the Florentine festival that for the past 13 years has hosted the best international electronic music in September. Get ready to party with the great sounds of groups like DJ Rush and Max Cooper, check the full calendar below to see at which location your favorite group is playing: La Compagnia or Club 21 or Fortezza Da Basso. [Web Page](#)

## **COCKTAILS AND A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC AT GILÓ PIANO BAR**

This is a tip for a gorgeous spot to take a pre-dinner, with dinner, or post-dinner cocktail while listening to smooth live piano. Giló is decked out in stunning art decor style, and the drinks by Mario are exceptional. Intimate and luxurious, it's like stepping back in time to another world. You wouldn't be startled to find the ghost of Hemmingway sipping a martini in the corner, such is the atmosphere. Wonderful musicians including Gabeiele Moresco, Simoni Ermini, and Andrea Caciollo keep the music and charm flowing throughout the evening. See their [website](#) for more details. Via dei Fossi, 44r.

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

### **OUR PICK FOR THE MONTH: [Vivaldi's Four Seasons](#)**

The Firenze Academy Ensemble will perform Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' in the wonderful atmosphere of the Auditorium di Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio. The program opens with an 'Air' by Bach and Mozart's famous 'A Little Night Music'.

## **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, La Bohème, Barber of Seville, Madame Butterfly, Carmen, Marriage of Figaro, Rigoletto, and Tosca.** [See 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

### **LEONARDO DA VINCI, THE ORIGINS OF THE GENIUS, ON DISPLAY AT VINCI, Until October 15**

(From: [discovertuscan.com](#)) In Vinci, Leonardo's place par excellence, reached back to the origins of the Genius, co-organized with the Uffizi Galleries, it focuses on Leonardo's biographical bond with his hometown and on the suggestions that his homeland offered to his career as an artist, technologist, and scientist. The documents on loan from the State Archives of Florence unequivocally reconstruct the very first events of Leonardo's life in Vinci, and the first known drawing he realized, "Paesaggio 8P" dated August 5, 1473, kept at the Cabinet of Drawings and Prints of the Uffizi Galleries in Florence. **Where:** Museo Leonardiano, Piazza dei Guidi, Vinci

### **OPEN SECRETS BY RACHEL HOVNIANIAN SHOWING AT PALAZZO MEDICEO IN SERAVEZZA, Until September 15**

(From: [theflorentine.net](#)) Towards Forte dei Marmi, in the north of Tuscany, lies this beautiful 16th-century Medici villa that will play host this summer to New York artist Rachel Hovnagian's work. The exhibition spans ten years and includes 14 pieces that combine paintings, sculptures, interactive installations, works on paper and video. Open Secrets engages with ubiquitous yet nuanced notions of narcissism, obsession and intimacy, and society's alienating addiction to modern technology. Open daily from 5pm to 11pm, Palazzo Mediceo di Seravezza, viale Leonetto Amedei 230, Seravezza

### **EFFETTO ARAKI AT SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA IN SIENA, 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. 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 8**

“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 8**

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 8**

[More information here](#)

### **THE ETERNAL MUSE, AT THE MATTEUCCI CENTRE FOR MODERN ART, VIAGGIO, LUCA, Until November 3**

(From: [discovertuscan.com](http://discovertuscan.com)). Forty normal women, family or next door. Never divas, if not - perhaps - within the walls of the house. To form a dazzling and iridescent gallery of personalities, each in its own way a protagonist in a fraction of time and in a corner of space. Of this gallery of female types, the Matteucci Foundation presents - from 2 June to 3 November - a fascinating selection, which moves from the early nineteenth century to the twentieth century, with intentional and suggestive lunges in the two post-war years, both harbingers of great changes. Very selected works, sometimes never before exhibited, by Fattori and Lega, Induno, Favretto, Casorati, and Sironi, among others. **City:** Viaggio, Lucca **Where:** [Centro Matteucci per l'Arte Moderna](#)

## **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](#), [September in Prato](#), [Sagras and Food Festivals](#), [Florence City](#), [Music Festivals](#), [Exhibits](#). **See the full list of [special events for September here](#).**

### **SEPTEMBER LUCCHESI AT LUCCA, September all month**

Amusements, traditional festivals & celebrations. Besides food stands, agricultural fairs, traditional markets, handicrafts expositions, this manifestation brings to town, one of the greatest amusement parks in Tuscany which is hosted in Piazzale Don Baroni just outside the city walls. A place that every year draws thousands and thousands of people of all ages as they await the arrival of the warm apple, roller coaster, dodgems and the "tunnel of fear" to take a thrilling ride! September Lucchese is also synonymous with the sweet specialty that defines this manifestation (and has gradually become one of the most characteristic aspects of the local culinary tradition): the frati (sugar covered fried doughnuts)

### **GIOSTRA DEL SARACINO AT AREZZO, 1° Sunday (Sept 1)**

Medieval games deeply rooted in the city's history. It's one of the most eagerly awaited events that Tuscans love to celebrate, during which the whole city turns back into a medieval town to recreate the atmosphere of yesteryear. Festivities start a week earlier, giving life to a rich calendar of daily events and culinary meet-ups that end with the Joust on Sunday. A competition between the 4 quarters of the city to win the Golden Lance, with a parade in historical costumes, drummers, and flag-throwers. [Read here for More Info](#)

### **SACRA CINTOLA AT PRATO, Sept 8**

A treasured relic inspires fun in the city. September 8 is a very important day for Prato's religious tradition since it is one of the very few rare occasions when the Virgin Mary's Girdle is displayed amid much religious pomp and drummers in cathedral's square (another is on December 25 and 26). The relic is, in fact, kept under heavy lock and key year-round in a chapel of the Duomo where an enchanting Agnolo Gaddi's fresco cycle "The Legend of the Holy Girdle (1392-95)" recounts the arrival of the girdle in Prato

### **CORTONANTIQUARIA AT CORTONA, Aug. 24 - Sept 8**

57th Edition of Cortonantiquaria returns, the oldest in Italy, and you will find the city of Cortona immerses itself in an atmosphere of other centuries. The show gives everyone the dream of going back in time by doing strictly vintage shopping. An event of great value for the Italian antique market, and extraordinary longevity that places it among the most prestigious events in Italy. [Official Website](#)

### **CHIANTI EXPO AT GREVE IN CHIANTI, Sept 5 -8**

Wine, wine, and more wine. If you want to celebrate the finished product of the gran vendemmia, then you need to head to Chianti and the wine EXPO. Local producers will have bottles to sample with the purchase of a souvenir glass, you can then stroll through the small town with the stands showcasing their finished products and inhaling the atmosphere of Greve in Chianti and the vendemmia (grape harvest). [Official Website](#)

### **XI EDIZIONE DEL FESTIVAL BAROCCO AT SAM GIMIGNANO, Sept 15 - 22 - 26 at 6 pm**

Baroque Music in the most charming setting. During the hour-long concerts, you will be regaled with pieces from the best-known repertoire of Opera (Mozart, Bellini, Donizetti, Puccini, Verdi, etc), Italian Baroque (Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Pergolesi, etc) and Sacred Music (Bach, Pergolesi, Mozart, "Ave Maria" by Schubert). The performers are all virtuoso Italian and international singers and musicians. [Official Program](#)

## SEPTEMBER WISHES

Get out of town and start indulging in that first-harvest goodness: wine, olive oil, and the best Tuscan figs and treats for the start of the Autumn season. Finish it off with a great exhibition and an evening of music, the best way to ease the *rientro* blues.

All the best,

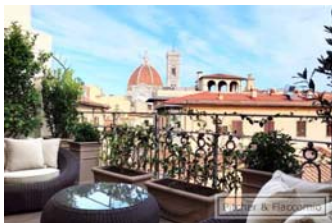
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### **SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center**

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 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 – Fiesole loft Apt – 3 Km from Florence**

Refurbished modern apt, 175 sq. mt. (aprox. 1750 sq. ft.) with approx 150 Sq. Mt (1.500 Sq. Ft.) of garden. 3 bedroom 3 bathrooms, autonomous heating, air conditioning, car parking;



### **SALE – Santo Spirito Studio – Historic Center**

Ground and basement floor, good condition, approx. 55 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 550 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 1 bath; quiet secondary street, autonomous heating and centrally located.

Asking Price 120,000 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 – Pontassieve Farm House – 20 Km East of Florence**

Portion of farm house, refurbished of aprox. 150 Sq. Mt (aprox. 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 – 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