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# WELCOME

Autumn has begun, with the cooler nights and that light breeze that make Florence a pleasure to wander around. The Green Pass has been rolled out, and we expect to hear some news post-summer as the rules are updated. The "*rientro*", the great return after summer holidays, is a little harder than usual this year, as we'd all love the summer to last a little extra long this year! But Florence is welcoming everyone with freshly opened arms - 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 working out for a cause: Corri La Vita is BACK! Enjoy everything the city has to offer this month, and don't miss the live performance on the river Arno coming up this week–it will be spectacular. With our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# **PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR SEPTEMBER**

# BEST EVENT: 19TH EDITION OF CORRI LA VITA, OUR FAVOURITE RUN FOR CHARITY IS BACK FOR 2021 WITH A WHOLE NEW FORMAT AND THEIR TUSCANY SPECIAL EDITION!

### WHERE ART MEETS SPORT

The graphic testimonial of this edition is the Artemio Franchi Stadium of Florence designed between the end of 1920s and the beginning of 1930s by the engineer Pier Luigi Nervi. The stadium is among the most important buildings of the Italian artistic heritage and among the greatest expressions of the rationalist architecture. This year too, the road run will not be held along the usual predefined route. Instead, we'll be promoting outdoor sporting activities that you can enjoy with family or friends. We'll also have our CORRI LA VITA testimonials, who will be covering the event live throughout the day on TV and on our official social media channels <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

The morning will be all about physical activity: after a live-stream warm-up session with trainers from the Wellness Firenze Marathon gym, a much-loved famous face will be there to officially start the 2021 event.

# CORRI LA VITA Tuscany Special Edition: For the first time, on Sunday September, 26th CORRI LA VITA involves Tuscany!

All day long, thanks to our partnership with the non-profit association <u>Associatione Città Nascosta</u> there'll also be a focus on culture. In fact, people wearing the official CORRI LA VITA 2021 t-shirt will get free admission to over 100 cultural destinations in Florence and all over Tuscany.

It is recommended to use the online booking service available from September to get free admission to the museums and other cultural sites.

# 2021 CORRI LA VITA T-SHIRT DONATE NOW

### 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 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 <u>www.corrilavita.it</u> 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 you will be able to take part in some way, 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

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# BEST P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM, THREE BATHROOM APARTMENT IN A QUIET STREET WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE CENTRE

Via Gustavo Moderna is a very quiet residential street on the northern periphery of the historic centre of Florence. It is close to public transport and is approx 15 minutes from the Duomo (Florence cathedral) by foot and all the major museums and historical sights. San Marco square with the museum of the Fra Angelico frescos is close by. This square is also a hub for a lot of the municipal buses and being near Florence's University and the Accademia gallery, it is an area filed with coffee bars, restaurants and boutiques of all sorts. Food shopping



is further afield in the San Lorenzo area. See 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 be sure to visit 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

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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*) 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. <u>Read more here</u>.

#### BEST MUSIC: FLORENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL 2021, September 8-12

From small fringe festival to major player on the scene, this is now one of the main Jazz Festivals of Tuscany, and the fifth edition involves more than 100 artists. Through a process aimed to encourage more and more locations to become promoters of artistic events, the festival this year involves historic villas, concert halls and Renaissance cloisters, farm holidays, clubs and pubs, addressing both a cultured public and neophytes! Venues in the centre include the VIP bar at Piazzale Michelangelo, Santarosa Bistro, Sala Vanni, Villa Strozzi, Villa Bardini, and even the Circolo Rondinella del Torrino. It's going to be a stunning week of jazz in Tuscany! See the program here.

# **BEST SPECTACLE: ILOTOPIE\_DÈRIVES LIVE PERFORMANCE ON THE WATERS OF THE RIVER ARNO, September 2**

A river show carried away by the current - the inaugural event for Fabbrica Europa that will take place on the river Arno between the bridges alle Grazie, Vecchio and Santa Trinita. An actormusician, in the image of the flute player in the Brother's Grimm, sets the scene with the sound of an amplified flute; casting all away with the current, perhaps even the people. Behind the musician a host of drifting transparent figures follows on, swaying at the will of the wind and current. These silhouettes set on the water, which light up by night, glide on the surface of the river: a people of transparent bodies that slowly descend the river. In addition to the performance on the Arno, from 3 to 5 September Ilotopie also presents the installation Danse solaire pour un couple de cristal in the Fontana del Re in the Parco delle Cascine (Piazzale delle Cascine), where some mysterious and ethereal silhouettes will inhabit the surface of the water amidst reflections of presences and absences. More information.

# **BEST DINING OUT: HOLLE MARKET**

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A riverside, outdoor dining hall dedicated to the delights of street food. Wine and cocktails, along with Italian Tacos from La Taqueria, Deliburgers from Baconburgers, Grilled Pancia Burgers, all the way to Tofuburgers, La Fisheria, Pick a Poké, and Pop Raw Gourmet Tartare. There's a small stage for live music and DJs, and the vibe here is very much a family atmosphere, found on the Lungarno Aldo Moro near to Tuscany Hall. <u>Facebook page</u>.

# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO FAQ ON TRAVEL, BUYING, RENTING AND COVID-19

In these uncertain times during the Covid-19 pandemic, we would like to offer you a brief FAQ file regarding travel and renting in Tuscany, and what we can do to help you have a better and safer stay in your rental property.

Tuscany in general, and Florence in particular, have been relatively spared by the Covid-19 outbreak. But the lower numbers of contagions in this region have not prevented the lock downs and the travel restrictions that have been imposed. As we adjust to the new rules such as social distancing, face masks, hand sanitizers, and contact tracing, etc., that are necessary to keep us safe, we are thinking of ways to improve the interest in our Region and make the rentability of properties easier for the future.

We think one of the biggest expectations of our clients will be safety. You will expect to enter a property, whether it be for a night or a month or a year, that is not only clean but possibly also sanitized prior to being occupied. This major concern is something we are planning for so that we may offer with confidence any apartment, house or villa that Pitcher & Flaccomio represents.

You can find out more in our FAQ page.

https://www.pitcherflaccomio.com/pdf/FAQCOVID-19\_en.pdf

Please consider the items under what we can do to help you as "suggestions", since we are a Real Estate company and not an official health institution nor doctors.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

# ANTI-COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM

Tuscan governor Eugenio Giani has announced that all residents of Tuscany ages 12 and up may receive a Covid-19 vaccine without a reservation starting on Monday, August 30. For a list of vaccination centers in Tuscany, <u>click here.</u> Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent; before receiving a vaccine without an appointment one must show a photo I.D. as well as a health card (*tessera sanitaria*).

Reservations will continue to be accepted on the <u>Region of Tuscany's website</u>, granting precedence with quick, direct access at the centers. Family doctors and pediatricians are also authorized to give vaccinations to ages 12 - 18 from 10 am to midnight, and the vaccine is available to those over 60 at city-run pharmacies; <u>click here for a list of Florentine pharmacies offering the service</u>.

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You can find the online portal for making a vaccination appointment here.

# THE GREEN PASS

You require a Green Pass in order to visit Italy from another country or to visit Tuscany from another region of Italy using public transport. he green pass shows proof of Vaccination, Recent Negative Test (last 48 hours), or that you have had Covid in the previous six months. The current rules for accessibility to public spaces with the Green Pass for Tuscany can be found at the Regione Toscana website <u>here</u>. In Italy, you must show your Green Pass to access most non-essential services such as restaurants, events, wellness centres, pools, gyms, theatres, museums and cinemas.

Visit <u>www.dgc.gov.it/web</u> to obtain the EU Digital COVID Certificate.

# WHAT WILL CHANGE IN THE COMING MONTHS

From the first of September, all university and school workers must have the Green Pass in order to work on-site. All people who wish to use inter-region transport, including planes, boats, trains, and buses, must also show their Green Pass. Local buses will not have the same requirements.

Tuscan Trends, together with La Repubblica, have reported that Tuscan governer Eugenio Giani intends to introduce very strict restrictions for the unvaccinated from the start of October, but none of this is confirmed. You can read their report in English <u>here</u>.

There are always many rumours so it's best to stay calm and wait for official notice. The rules do change every few months, so we recommend always checking the official government websites to confirm any restrictions that are in place.

# WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

It's especially important to be relying on the correct information and news sources during this time. Here are some official and accurate sources:

Italian Government Website: www.governo.it

Italian Ministry of Health: www.salute.gov.it

Regione Toscana: https://www.regione.toscana.it/

Coronavirus Page at the Ministry of Health: http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/

Ministry of Health Information In English: <u>http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/</u> homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english

# **Tuscany Specific:**

- Official coronavirus updates for Tuscany
- Latest regional ordinances
- Tuscany region on Facebook and Twitter
- Regional coronavirus helpline: 055 438 5850

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# **28TH EDITION OF FABBRICA EUROPA, THE MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL THAT BRINGS ALL OF EUROPE INTO FLORENCE, September 2 - October 17**

Fabbrica Europa was born in 1994 from an idea of Maurizia Settembri and Andres Morte Terés with the aim to create a home in Florence for the culture of all Europe. In more than twenty years of activity Fabbrica Europa has become a recognised space for new artistic languages and the contemporary arts. The 28th edition of the Fabbrica Europa Festival traces a path that goes through the creative processes of international and Italian artists, from great masters to the new generations, in a continuous and significant transformation of the expressive, existential, environmental, social and cultural territories. An investigation into the strength of the elements of nature and the echoes of the visible and invisible mutations of the human being that derive from them. See the program here.

# 6TH EDITION OF FLORENCE COCKTAIL WEEK, September 20-26

### (From: The Florentine Magazine)

Quality mixology returns as Florence Cocktail Week resumes a weeklong smorgasbord of shaking from September 20 to 26. A mainstay on the city's social scene, Paola Mencarelli organized the first showcase focused on fine drinks in 2016. Since then, FCW has gone from strength to strength, and now from region to region as the showcase ventures to Venice later in the year (December 13-19). We bring you three signature cocktails from Florence's top bartenders on pages 18 and 19, plus our very own The Florentine Cocktail concocted by Harry's Bar The Garden – Sina Villa Medici (page 20). Pea flower, Buddha's hand from Elba and rose petals are infused in Chianti-distilled gin to create a trademark Florentine tipple—it's on the drinks menu now. Go try it! <u>Full program here</u>.

# TTERRITORIES, ART AND CULTURE OF WINE AT PALAZZO VECCHIO - THE WINE ART OF ELISABETTA ROGAI, September 3

A personal exhibition of the Florentine artist's paintings made with wine. Born in Florence, Elisabetta Rogai has been painting since the age of nine and her first solo exhibition was held in 1970. She has also linked her name to national and international exhibitions. Her works are part of the most important private, public and institutional collections in Europe and worldwide. This exhibition is promoted by the City of Florence and the association "Le Donne del vino" on the occasion of the G20 Agriculture, scheduled in Florence on 17 and 18 September 2021. The exhibition will be inaugurated by the Deputy Mayor of Florence, Alessia Bettini together with Cecilia del Re (Councillor for Urban Agriculture, Environment and Tourism), Eugenio Giani (President of Tuscany) and Cristina Acidini (President of the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno di Firenze) at 5.30 p.m. in the Sala d'Arme of Palazzo Vecchio. The artist will be present.

# THE CHIANTI CLASSICO FAIR AT GREVE IN CHIANTI, September 10-12

Born in 1970 as the Wine Festival, the Chianti Classico Fair takes place in Greve in Chianti from September 10 to 12 2021. It is a showcase dedicated to the agricultural businesses of the Chianti Classico wine-growing industry and an unmissable event which attracts tourists and lovers of good "Gallo Nero" wine to the picturesque square of Greve. This year's edition, dedicated to Dante Alighieri on the occasion of the seven hundred years since the Supreme Poet's death, offers the

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opening of a collective stand for tastings on piazza Matteotti featuring the producers of the whole Chianti Classico area, together with various opportunities for guided tastings, demonstrations of artisans at work, guided visits, excursions and musical performances of many kinds. Furthermore, from September 11 to 20 the wine cellars of the area will be open for visits and tastings (by appointment). This year again The Chianti Classico Expo will be a smaller scale fair; Green Pass is mandatory for admission. More information here.

# ESTATE FIORENTINA, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, May until September

146 projects, 15 major events: a 4-month long Florentine Summer!! This beloved summer festival opens in June and ends in September: a Florentine Summer made up of contemporary dance, theatre shows, readings in the cloisters of the libraries, in the villas and in the squares, workshops for families and children, open-air cinema, jazz, classical and electronic music concerts, cultural walks, poetry on the road, widespread multimedia festivals, performances in the parks and along the streets of the city. There are 146 eligible projects, 15 major festivals, and tributes to Dante Alighieri on the occasion of the seventh centenary of his death. The festival is determined to keep different art forms alive to revitalise the city's suburbs and cultural sites, leading to the creation of a rich and varied programme. Something for everyone! At the web site of Estate Fiorentina, you can find all the event listings day by day. For the whole program: <a href="http://estatefiorentina.it/">http://estatefiorentina.it/</a>

# APRITI CINEMA AT THE PIAZZALE DEGLI UFFIZI

Enjoy the most beautiful cinema in the world! The Apriti Cinema! arena, the festival of Italian and international auteur cinema in original language with Italian subtitles and free admission, is back again in Piazzale degli Uffizi. The "Apriti Cinema" project brings to the city of Florence the best of Italian and international auteur cinema in original language with Italian subtitles, both fiction and documentaries, in the presence of the authors. The arena presents reviews and previews in collaboration with Tuscan international festivals, offering screenings of films in original language and guests for presentations. Website.

# GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA OPEN FOR THE SUMMER, Until September 26

**Giardino dell'ArteCultura** is back again from June till September 26. 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. Located in the stunning gardens of the Giardino dell'Orticultura. Art and entertainment for young and old, with Breakfasts, Lunches, Snacks, Aperitifs, Dinners and Events. Events schedule is available on the <u>offcial Website</u>. Giardino dell'ArteCultura, via Vittorio Emanuele ||, n.4, Firenze

#### **BOTANICA TEMPORANEA - THE ART OF INVISIBLE GARDENS**

An interactive exhibition workshop curated by landscape designer Antonio Perazzi: a project based on the philosophy of low-maintenance gardens which grow spontaneously in urban environments, improving the quality of city life by enhancing the metropolitan landscape. The inauguration of Botanica Temporanea includes the creation of a garden in Piazza dell'Orologio and an open design

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space. In the second phase, June and September 2021, the design area will be transformed into an exhibition space that is open to the public, together with the temporary garden created by the student's workshop projects. The design approach of Botanica Temporanea is reflected in the exhibition, not only through the installation of greenery with 1555 plants and over 50 botanical species, but also through design documents, materials and testimonials. Manifattura Tabacchi, Via delle Cascine 33/35, 50144 Firenze. <u>See Website</u>.

# CENE IN VIGNA, SUMMER VINEYARD DINNER SERIES AT QUERCETO DI CASTELLINA, September 4

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. There is also aperitivo hour to make the most of the beautiful summer evenings. 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. Find the events and more info here.

# OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI WITH A FULL SEASON OF COCKTAILS, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, CINEMA AND MORE

Just a step away from the boundaries of the historic center, just outside the ZTL, Off Bar opens its doors to its tenth season, presenting a program full of news: concerts and live performances, DJ sets, auteur cinema and the large green lawn where you can relax or dine. This year the food area will be in collaboration with Icchethai: space for the exotic flavors of street food fusion, ravioli, rolls, Pad Thai and much more on the menu. For lovers of traditional cuisine, here is the new collaboration with Malborghetto, with its famous pizza and many Neapolitan specialties. Mondays the OFF Cinema is confirmed. Tuesdays will OFF Bar & Food. Wednesdays: Your Local Summer. Thursday evenings, Esotica. Friday nights "Aperitivo Sonoro". For Saturday nights, "Stile Libero" is born. And on Sundays, more gorgeous OFF Bar & Food. More information here.

# APERITIVO AT VILLA BARDINI PRESENTED BY CHIOSCO AI RENAI, Until September

A yellow caravan that has been transformed into a small bar, an Ape Piaggio that has become a cocktail counter for aperitifs, a caravan that used to transport horses and now holds bottles - this is Chiosco ai Renai! Every weekend, from Thursday to Sunday, 19:00 - 23:00, you can access the garden of Villa Bardini with the APEritif in the beautiful location overlooking Florence, without paying the entrance fee, to drink signature cocktails and eat tapas in perfect Kiosk style. The entrance will be free but booking is recommended via Whatsapp at +39 351 5987014 or through social networks (@renai\_in\_movimento and @chioscoairenai).

#### LOVING RIVERSIDE LIFE WITH POP-UP VENUES ALONG THE ARNO

#### **RIVER URBAN BEACH**

One of the best known spots in San Niccolo, right on the sandy banks of the Arno. It's official: River

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Urban beach is coming back! The little beach on the Arno is back with a special view to enjoy the sun and the sunset. Facebook page.

# IL MOLO

Il Molo opens, the absolute must-do of Summer 2021. 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 <u>FB page</u> - <u>Instagram page</u>.

### 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. <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>Instagram page</u>.

### 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. We have transformed our look, created new relax zones on the riverbank, and designed new Food & Drink offers. <u>Facebook page</u>.

# **EXHIBITIONS**

# INSIDE DALI, AN IMMERSIVE EXIBIT AT SANTO STEFANO AL PONTE

An evocative artistic and multimedia creation focusing on the life of Salvador Dalí. A mix of cuttingedge technology, images, real artefacts, illusions and allusions. All in perfect harmony with the unique universe of the Catalan artist. Inside Dalí is an immersive exhibition on the borderline between imagination and reality. The visitor crosses an imaginary universe full of dreams and rediscovers the life of one of the greatest painters of the 20th century, the main interpreter of surrealism: Salvador Dalí. But the visit to the exhibition does not end there: combining the digital technological experience with a display that offers visitors the chance to admire original works by the Catalan master. A World Premiere in Florence. <u>More information here</u>.

# AMERICAN ART 1961-2001 OPENS AT THE PALAZZO STROZZI

A major exhibition taking a new perspective on the history of contemporary art in the United States. The exhibition brings together an outstanding selection of more than 80 works by 55 artists including Andy Warhol, Mark Rothko, Louise Nevelson, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Bruce Nauman, Barbara Kruger, Robert Mapplethorpe, Cindy Sherman, Matthew Barney, Kara Walker and many more, exhibited in Florence through a collaboration with the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. Exhibiting many formative works for the first time in Italy, the exhibition examines the most important figures and movements that marked the development of American art from the beginning of the Vietnam War until the 9/11 attack. More information and ticket reservations here.

# BEAUTIFUL LIES - ALI BANISADIR, ON DISPLAY AT PALAZZO VECCHIO'S SALA DEI

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# GIGLI, AND THE MUSEO STEFANO BARDINI, Until August

Beautiful Lies is one of the works inspired by Dante that will be exhibited in the Sala dei Gigli of Palazzo Vecchio, chosen to give the title to the entire exhibition. The 'beautiful lie' under which the truth is hidden is an expression used by Dante to talk about his works and allegorical poems that fits perfectly with Banisadr's work. The artist has created three site-specific paintings inspired by the Divine Comedy. <u>More information here</u>.

# TITIANA MASELLI, SALVATORE FERRAGAMO AND THE MYTH OF GRETA GARBO, Until August

The chapel and the room on the second floor of the museum host **Étoile**. The starting point of the project is the large canvas made by **Titina Maselli** and dedicated to **Greta Garbo**. Like a black and white photo, the painting introduces us to the mysterious and magnetic world of one of the most famous stars of international cinema. Style icon and model of original and unconventional femininity, Greta Garbo linked her career to Salvatore Ferragamo, a stylist who knew how to interpret with extreme accuracy the style and personality of the great Hollywood actress. For the occasion, in a box like a small casket, the Museum shows some shoes designed by Salvatore Ferragamo for Greta Garbo. Website.

# SILK, ON DISPLAY AT THE SALVATORE FERRAGAMO MUSEUM, Until April 2022

Seta' celebrates the silk prints of the Salvatore Ferragamo maison of which Fulvia Visconti Ferragamo was the creator and creative soul. Through the history of its founder and the historical archive, the Ferragamo Museum intends to express the continuous relationship between art and fashion, proposing a dialogue between tradition and modernity. The exhibition tour tells the perfect union of fanciful intuitions, and high industrial craftsmanship that is behind the production of a scarf - and any silk print - beyond the infinite inspirations that are at the origin of each design. In the first section the exhibition hosts the 'site specific' installation by Chinese artists Sun yuan & Peng Yu entitled 'Were creatures born celestial?' which exemplify conceptually what fertile ground of encounter and exchange between East and West was the Silk Route. Website.

# THE BARGELLO FOR DANTE, May 11 - August 8

*(from: theflorentine.net)* Forming part of the line-up to honour Dante Alighieri on the 700th anniversary of his death, this exhibition at the <u>Bargello Museum</u> looks at the relationship between Dante and his Florence, as well as the years following the death of the Supreme Poet pieced together through manuscripts and works of art. Part of the display will be set up inside the Podestà Chapel in a suitable setting for one of the world's greatest literary figures. Free workshops for children and families are dedicated to the discovery of Dante and 14th-century Florence.

# TURANDOT AND THE FANTASTIC EAST OF PUCCINI, CHINI, AND CARAMBA, May 22 - November 21 (from: theflorentine.net)

Dazzling costumes and glittering jewels prevail in this multidisciplinary and wide-ranging <u>exhibition</u> that details the Tuscan composer Giacomo Puccini's path to choosing the painter Galileo Chini as set

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designer and Luigi Sapelli (known as Caramba) as costume designer for the world premiere of Puccini's much-loved masterpiece, *Turandot*. The fascinating exhibition traces a path through the history of opera and art in the early 20th century, which was influenced by artistic production in the East. Museo del Tessuto, Prato

# **DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC**

### INCANTO D'ESTATE 2021, V EDITION, Until September

The Festival INCANTO D'ESTATE 2021, classical music concerts and more, takes place between June and September. As per tradition, also for the fifth edition, we explore places in the outskirts of Florence, beautiful pearls, hidden in the city, to be enhanced through cultural events. The aim is to make the most of places in the Florentine suburbs so that they can be rediscovered by tourists and the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, to decentralise events in the city of Florence, to enliven and reconfigure unusual and interesting locations through music, to give a new, lively perception of the area, full of music even where it is least expected. Eleven concerts covering many musical genres, for a wide and varied programme: from classical music to the treasures of 20th century music, early music, blues, jazz, and the performing arts that combine music with words and painting. Important collaborations with established artists and young talents, in accordance with the Association's national mission. See the program.

# 41ST CONCERT SEASON OF THE ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA DIRECTED BY MAESTRO LANZETTA Until October

The 41st season of the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina kicks off, in compliance with the security measures for the Coronavirus emergency. A series of concerts from May to October, live in cloisters and museums directed and coordinated by Maestro Lanzetta. AUGUST features concerts in the stunning location of The Bargello. <u>See the full program here</u>.

### THE ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA RETURN TO THE STAGE

A pleasure for music lovers in Florence and everywhere, ORT, the Orchestra of Toscana, present their wonderful concert season! The Orchestra della Toscana was founded in Florence in 1980, and is considered one of the best orchestras in Italy. Based in the historic Teatro Verdi, they are distinguished by the excellence of their musicians and interpret music from Baroque to Classical Romantic, to the historical 20th century, with particular attention to contemporary music. You can find this months concerts and more information on the ORT website and ORT Facebook.

# FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

#### FIRENZE FILMCORTI FESTIVAL, September 22-25

From 22 to 25 September, the 8th edition of the international Firenze FilmCorti Festival will take

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place, organised by the Associazione Rive Gauche, an event that has become an essential appointment for new authors, professionals and fans of the world of cinema. Born in 2014 with the aim of developing and spreading film culture with particular attention to short films, innovative experimental languages and contemporary social issues, it will take place at the Mad Murate Art District, the Accademia di Belle Arti di Firenze (with which the collaboration between cinema and art is renewed through the Spazio Giovani Film Prize) and the Limonaia of Villa Strozzi. See the program here!

### THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA RETURNS TO LIVE SCREENINGS!

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzino. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi. With great pleasure they are returning to live screenings, after a long interlude of online film festivals, and we are so excited! They're kicking off the live season with:

### DUNE

The opening of the new season at the Odeon will be on Thursday 16 September, with a great arthouse blockbuster, one of the most eagerly awaited films of the year, DUNE, the special hit of the 78th Venice Film Festival. Directed by Denis Villeneuve (Arrival, Blade Runner 2049), Dune is the new two-part adaptation of Frank Herbert's sci-fi novel already brought to the screen by David Lynch in 1984. Check out their website for more.

# **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,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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Asking Price 980,000 Euro

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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.

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