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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

Autumn has begun, with the cooler nights and 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, making it a wonderful time to visit the Tuscan countryside, and the city celebrates the Duomo’s birthday! This month you won’t only enjoy old traditions, but new ones, as Florence launches its first ever Art Week. Best of all is your chance to work off all that summer indulgence by getting ready to run for a cause: next month Corri La Vita is BACK, so this is the time to step up your training! We can’t wait to see you there, 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: FLORENCE ART WEEK, September 16-24**

As part of the BIAF - Biennale Internazionale di Antiquariato, Florence becomes the protagonist of both contemporary artistic production and experimentation for its first ever Florence Art Week, with various exhibition projects throughout the city: Museo Novecento, MUS.E, Museo Novecento, Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Uffizi, Palazzo Strozzi, Istituto degli Innocenti and BIAF - Biennale Internazionale di Antiquariato. The programme includes several exhibitions dedicated to the greatest contemporary artists: [Henry Moore in Florence](#), (16 September 2022 - 31 March 2023), [Back to Moore. Forte Belvedere 1972](#) (22 September - 3 October) at the Sala d'Arme of Palazzo Vecchio, the great [Olafur Eliasson](#) exhibition at Palazzo Strozzi, with site-specific elements (22 September - 22 January 2023). And again, [Tony Cragg](#) ( 23 September 2022 - 29 January 2023) at the Museo del Novecento, [Sammy Baloji](#) at Palazzo Pitti, while Palazzo Medici Riccardi will host, from 24 September , [Passione Novecento, Da Paul Klee a Damien Hirst](#), as well as the exhibition dedicated to the author's comic strips: [Bonelli Story](#), scheduled until 25 September at the Museo degli Innocenti. Finally, the third edition of the [Premio Rinascimento +](#) , whose prize-giving ceremony is scheduled for 23 September in Palazzo Vecchio.

## **BEST P&F RENTAL: A QUIET AND LIGHT APARTMENT IN A WONDERFUL AND INTERESTING LOCATION NEAR THE ACADEMY OF ART**

This apartment is located in a wonderfully interesting location, very practical and convenient to all of Florence's monuments, markets, artisan work shops and it is very close to the Accademy of Art. Via dei Conciatori in the heart of the Santo Croce area takes its name from the ancient Medici dye house which has recently been restructured into modern apartments. It is within an easy walk from most of the city's most famous museums and monuments. 10 minutes walk leads to the Sant`Ambrogio



open-air fruit and vegetable market. General shopping is close by. The apartment is situated near several theatres ("Teatro Verdi" and "La Pergola") which host numerous concerts throughout the year, including some performances of the "Maggio Musicale" (the May musical festival) in the spring. This area is becoming very well known for its famous restaurants: Enoteca Pinchiorri, Cibreo, Alle Murate and Baraonda, all within easy walking distance. [More photos and information.](#)

## **BEST TRADITION: 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* into 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 about this tradition 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 Baptistry of St. John will also be open for free to all residents of Florence and the province.

## **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 MUSIC: FLORENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL, September 6-10 and 14-18**

In this years edition, the Firenze Jazz Festival hosts a massive 120 artists across 41 events in 10 spectacular locations. An incredible flagship event with an important partnership: from the Edinburgh Jazz Festival to the historic "Settembre in Piazza della Passera". Unexpected local haunts

are transformed into temporary jazz clubs, attracting dozens of local and international musicians from the area. This year, the festival increases to 8 intense days of great music. Rediscover the places, squares and special areas that will form the backdrop for the jazz performances, guiding the general public through the streets and squares of the Oltrarno. [See the program here.](#)

### **BEST DINING OUT: ROTISSERIE 888 LAUNCHES AT MERCATO CENTRALE**

International flavours continue to feature on the food scene, with this new opening dedicated to Cantonese roast meats, created by the chef behind Il Gusto Dim Sum. “Sui Mei”, the name for Cantonese roasted meats, brings back a nostalgic flavour of Cantonese street food from the 80s. Sui Mei remains one of the most popular types of food for everyday in Guangzhou or HongKong. Hanging in the display you’ll find duck, pork belly, rosticciana, and other meats that have spent days in marinade before roasting, then served on beds of noodles or rice. There are also BBQ pork buns, “Cha Siu Bao”, soft, fluffy white steamed buns filled with savory char siu or Chinese BBQ pork filling in a sweet and savory char siu sauce; they are absolutely delicious. [See their treats here.](#)

## **BEST OF THE REST**

### **FLORENCE INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE ANTIQUES FAIR AT PALAZZO CORSINI, September 24 - October 2**

The Biennale Internazionale dell’Antiquariato di Firenze reaches its 32nd edition of this historic international antiques exhibition, to be held at Palazzo Corsini. From 24 September to 2 October 2022, Florence will be welcoming the excellence of art and antiques at Palazzo Corsini on the Lungarno. “A museum for sale”, as Fabrizio Moretti, in his fourth year as director, defines it. 75 international galleries will be showing no less than 4,500 works of various types, all carefully screened by the authoritative Vetting; the scientific commission of experts from every art sector. The official opening, to be held on **Saturday 24 September at 10.30 a.m.** in the Salone dei Cinquecento in the presence of the Mayor Dario Nardella and the city authorities, will be preceded by three days of previews dedicated to collectors, museum directors and the press, and by a highly anticipated ‘black tie’ gala dinner. Fireworks will light up the Arno and Palazzo Corsini on 22 September from 11.00 p.m. to the rhythm of music. The BIAF is an integral part of the history of collecting in Italy after the Second World War (1959). Many antiquarians have linked their professional history to the Biennale and just as many collections have been formed as a result of purchases made from the exhibition stands. See all the information at the [website](#).

### **CHIANTI EXPO AT GREVE IN CHIANTI, Sept 8-11**

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](#)

## **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](#).

## **MUSIC, FESTIVALS, AND MORE AT LA LIMONAIA**

The Limonaia of Villa Strozzi is one of the most important recreational and cultural centres in the city of Florence, with a large indoor area where it is possible to eat or get together for an aperitif while enjoying concerts, screenings and quality shows. The Limonaia opens every day with an eventful summer program and a comfortable food & beverage area! Live music, art performances, entertainment for children and a Sunday lunch just for families. [See the website](#).

## **THE FESTIVALS OF ESTATE FIORENTINA 2022, TRE PASSI AVANTI**

Music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, itinerant tours to discover Florence, literary festivals and talk shows. These are the ingredients of the 15 three-year festivals at the heart of the diffuse calendar of the Florentine Summer 2022. Space is given to all the arts: the international circus of [Cirk Fantastik](#), readers are the protagonists with [La città dei lettori](#) that from Florence begins its tour of author presentations and debates around Tuscany, under the motto #leggereciunisce. For the music section, there are performances by world-famous artists of the [Florence Jazz Festival](#), around the Oltrarno; the evocative concerts under the stars of "I Sagrafi in musica". More music for the enhancement of traditions and cultures with [Festival Au Désert](#). Lastly, the [Copula Mundi](#) gives voice to youth artistic realities active in the territory. Various arts and performances mingle with suggestive views of [Florence from above](#), or in the debates and performances of [Genius Loci](#) inside the Monumental Complex of Santa Croce.

## **TORRE DI SAN NICCOLO: 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. For Bookings: 055/2768224 or [info@muse.comune.fi.it](mailto:info@muse.comune.fi.it)

## **ESTATE FIESOLANA, FESTIVAL OF JAZZ AND MORE IN FIESOLE, Until September 16**

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

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

### **IL MOLO**

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

### **HABANA 500 FIRENZE**

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

### **IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO**

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

### **OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI**

Just a step away from the boundaries of the historic center, just outside the ZTL, Off Bar opens its doors to its tenth season, presenting a program full of news: concerts and live performances, DJ sets, auteur cinema and the large green lawn where you can relax or dine. Every night there are events from cinema, to concerts, to DJs and more. [More information here](#).

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **FOTOGRAFE! IN EXHIBIT AT VILLA BARDINI AND FORTE DI BELVEDERE**

From 18 June to 2 October 2022, Villa Bardini and Forte di Belvedere in Florence are hosting a major exhibition entitled FOTOGRAFE! Women photographers: Alinari Archives to Contemporary Perspectives, curated by Emanuela Sesti and Walter Guadagnini. The show will feature original prints by Julia Margaret Cameron, Dorothea Lange, Margaret Bourke-White, Lucia Moholy, Maria Mulas, Ketty La Rocca, Lisetta Carmi, Diane Arbus, Bettina Rheims, among others, displayed in conversation with works by ten contemporary Italian artists, Eleonora Agostini, Arianna Arcara, Federica Belli, Marina Caneve, Francesca Catastini, Myriam Meloni, Giulia Parlato, Roselena Ramistella, Sofia Uslenghi and Alba Zari, proponents of new generation of photographers – born after 1980 – who have been carving their place in the field in recent years, both, nationally and

internationally. [More information.](#)

### **HONOURING WANDA FERRAGAMO: WOMEN IN BALANCE 1955-1965**

The new Museo Ferragamo exhibition showing until 18 April 2023 is dedicated to the figure of Wanda Miletti Ferragamo: Wanda Ferragamo took over the reins of the family business when her husband died, transforming an artisan women's shoe workshop into a fashion house, thus changing her own life and that of her family. Starting from her figure, the exhibition describes the female reality in Italy between the 1950s and the 1960s, in the light of the deep socio-economic changes that characterised the years of the economic boom, with women searching for new life models, searching for a balance between work and family life. Guided tours are available both in person (Italian, English, French and Spanish) and online (Italian and English only). Reservation (by phone or e-mail) is compulsory. [More information.](#)

### **TORNABUONI ARTE PRESENTS THEIR NEW CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION**

Anthology Choice 2022, Modern and Contemporary Art. Tornabuoni Arte, the internationally recognized artistic and cultural reality founded by Roberto Casamonti, shows its latest news and its proposals of classic and contemporary works of art for the coming year. The exhibition is divided into sections: one dedicated to the works of the greats of the last century: Alberto Burri, Jannis Kounellis, Alighiero Boetti, Emilio Vedova, Lucio Fontana, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Piero Dorazio, Alberto Biasi, Emilio Isgrò, Maurizio Cattelan, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Mirò e Victor Vasarely . On the second floor the exhibition continues with a selection of works dedicated to the great masters of Italian figurative art of the early twentieth century: Giovanni Fattori, Plinio Nomellini, Massimo Campigli and Giorgio de Chirico. [Website.](#)

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

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## **DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC**

### **FESTIVAL MUSICALE FIORENTINO 2022**

Have you noticed all the music happening in the centre of town while you've been enjoying the hot summer evenings? You may have stumbled over the contemporary music festival organised by

Anbima Toscana (National Association of Independent Italian Bands, Choral Groups and Popular Music). They are presenting live music in August and September, in Piazza della Signoria. [See the program here](#).

### **MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO RETURNS**

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. The Opera and Symphonic seasons, as well as special Touring artists, will fill the nights. See what's coming up [here at the website](#).

### **MUSICA SUI SAGRATI - ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA**

A series of 20 concerts organized by Orchestra Toscana Classica and hosted on the parvis of Florence churches: from jazz to classical music, from rock to electronic music. Find below events' dates and places; the complete program will be soon published in [Toscana Classica](#) website: Parvis of: Chiesa del Carmine (June 11 and August 28), Santa Felicita (June 12), Misericordia San Giovanni (June 18 and August 21), San Gaetano (June 26, July 30 and August 2), Certosa (August 6), Santa Maria Novella (August 20 and 22).

### **ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA FIORENTINA AND THEIR STUNNING 2022 PROGRAM**

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

## **FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS**

### **WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS RETURN TO SOTTO AL BRITISH**

Every Monday night from 19:00-21:00 (except public holidays), a life drawing session led by artist Tom J. Byrne. A social, life drawing event prepares the spirit for a creative week and is a great way to meet new and interesting people. There is no instruction given but through sharing insights and discussion over a glass of wine after drawing, people can exchange drawing methods. The session is from 19:00 - 21:00 and consists of short warm up poses followed by longer poses as the evening moves along. Tom J. Byrne teaches figure drawing and landscape painting in the [Florence Studio Art Academy](#) on Borgo santi Apostoli. Tom is Irish and spends part of his time here in Florence and part in Ireland. Most of his works are in oil and watercolor. He studied art in Paris with Shane Wolf, Jorge Hermle and in Florence with Michael John Angel.



## THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi. For the full programme, see [www.odeonfirenze.com](http://www.odeonfirenze.com).

## SEPTEMBER WISHES

Enjoy the best of the countryside and indulge in that first-harvest goodness: wine, olive oil, and the best Tuscan figs and treats for the start of the Autumn season. Then come back to the centre and 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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