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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

First-press olive oil, truffles, mushrooms, and all the film festivals you could want - it's clear that November wants us to welcome the cold weather with indulgent treats and cosy entertainment. There are fewer visitors in the streets, and the lights of the city cast a warm glow as sunset falls a little earlier each day. It's time to explore the indoor galleries and theatres, to savour rich Tuscan stews and roasted chestnuts, or even stay in with a humble supper of first-press of olive oil drizzled over toasted bread by the fireplace as the nights grow colder. During the day, enjoy the spectacular colours of the season: *"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower"*. (Camus)

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

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR NOVEMBER

BEST EVENT: DONATE NOW AND SUPPORT AILO'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Ciao everyone! Yet again, we need your help. On December 8 and 9, the American International Women's League ONLUS is organising their annual Christmas bazaar. I am asking you all to think about what you would like to do to help make this a fabulously rich affair. We need a lot of things to sell, we need your clothing, so please go through your closets (and those of your significant other, plus your kids, etc.) to collect the things you no longer need. We are looking for all types of clothing plus purses, gloves, scarves, evening gowns, cocktail dresses, jewellery (diamonds, or not) and hats. To arrange the delivery of all your wonderful items, [please contact A.I.L.O. here through their website](#). Don't forget to mark the date and place on your calendar so you can come and replace everything you donated and have fun doing it! There will, of course, be food and drinks. I very much look forward to hearing from you, as we do need all the help we can get to make this event a great success.



THE PLACE: Gardino dell' Orticoltura nel Tepidarium - Vittoria Emanuele 2, 4 Ponte Rosso ATAF numero 25 da Piazza San Marco firmata Via Bolognese - and for parking

Parterre Piazza della Libertà.

THE DATES AND TIMES: December 8 and 9, Friday and Saturday 10:00-18:00

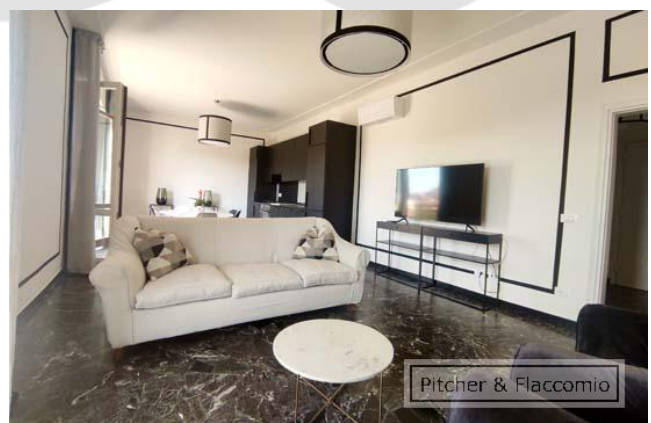
Please look at our website AILO at: www.ailoflorence.org for more information about this wonderful event to raise funds for Florentine charities.

Ciao,

Suzanne

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS AND SUNNY APARTMENT ON THE 5TH FLOOR WITH AN ELEVATOR AND STUNNING VIEWS

Enjoy this spacious and comfortable apartment, just out of the busy center, an ideal place to enjoy florentine style life, with beautiful view of Duomo and Palazzo Vecchio. Via degli Artisti is on the north side of the Arno, in a residential area just out of the viale, close to Piazza donatello and five minutes walk from the Four Seasons. Within easy walking distance to the Campo di Marte train station and Canadian school, surrounded with shops, supermarket, post office, and pharmacy. [More information and photos](#).



BEST TRADITION: ALL SAINTS DAY HOLIDAY, November 1

Celebrated throughout Italy, Halloween coincides with the major Catholic holiday celebrating the dearly departed and saints. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church who have attained heaven. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead, now celebrated as Halloween. Many will make a long weekend out of the holidays this year and you will find lots of Italians out enjoying the city and the Tuscan surrounds. The celebrating of Halloween itself has only recently been adopted here, and is mostly just for children. On November 1st some museums will be closed, and public transport works on a festive schedule. Many stores will be closed. Enjoy the festive mood in the streets or time with family!

MERCATO TEDESCO DI NATALE OPENS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, November 18 - December 17

Hot mulled wine, great beer and a salty, smoky wurstel – all can be found in Piazza Santa Croce starting at the end of November, at the Mercato Tedesco di Natale (German Christmas Market). Traditional German food and craft products fill the square, there are also seventeen other countries represented in over fifty stands. A small Christmas village of charming wooden huts, with open areas of tables and chairs where you can sit and enjoy some of the rich German food on offer. Don't forget to try the apple strudel and the hot mulled wine! Open daily from 10am - 10pm.

BEST EXHIBITION: CECILY BROWN: TEMPTATIONS, TORMENTS, TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS AT MUSEO NOVECENTO

From 30 September, the Museo Novecento and the Bianca Cappello Room in Palazzo Vecchio will host the works of one of its most talented exponents of contemporary painting, the English painter Cecily Brown, who more than any other has been able to reinvent the relationship between contemporary art and the great figurative art of past centuries. The exhibition brings together more than thirty works, most of them previously unpublished, born from a reflection on the Temptations of St. Anthony, a subject that has been widely investigated by artists over the centuries, from Michelangelo Buonarroti to Hieronimus Bosch, from Paul Cézanne to Odilon Redon, and taken up by a colour reproduction of an engraving by the German artist Martin Schongauer. The artist is exhibiting his work for the first time in Florence at the Museo Novecento and Palazzo Vecchio, in what promises to be the most sophisticated and exciting exhibition of the year, curated by Sergio Risaliti. [Website](#).

BEST DINING OUT: HEARTY TUSCAN WINTER FARE AT LA BUCHETTA

Enjoy this cozy restaurant that is a long time staple in the Florence food scene. Specialising in Tuscan meats and warm, slow cooked specials, it's the perfect place to hide away as the weather turns rainy. Do not miss their handmade Angels and Demons Gnocci, a truly indulgent experience of gnocchi cooked with stracciatella cheese, finished with a touch of red spicy sauce and crispy pork cheek, aromatic herbs, and edible flowers. See their [website](#) for the full menu.

BEST OF THE REST

IL GUSTO TOSCANO: TUSCAN TASTES ARE CELEBRATED AT IL CONVENTINO, Nov 4 and 5

Gusto toscano is waiting for you at the Conventino, on November 4 & 5, with wine, fine food and zero food miles gifts! This event is free entrance and has been promoted and organized by Artex in partnership with Promowine and Conventino Caffè Letterario. Gusto Toscano aims at promoting and increasing the knowledge of Italian food & wine excellence of our territory. [Website](#).

ARTEFACENDO: THE ART MARKET RETURNS TO PIAZZA DEI CIOMPI, Nov 4

The Artefacendo market is back: the unique format that showcases the best of artistic craftsmanship through not only the presentation and sale of the products on display, but also the involvement of visitors in the fascinating phase of the creation of the artefact, with live demonstrations and a real immersion in the production processes that can usually only be appreciated in the workshop. The artistic handicraft market Artefacendo organised by Cna with craftsmen at work on the spot: from the art of ceramics to wood marquetry, from the fusion of silver to the weaving of wool but also gold, glass, leather, paper, "scagliola". [Website](#).

ARTEMISIA NEL MUSEO DI MICHELANGELO, AT CASA BUONARROTI

The exhibition "Artemisia nel Museo di Michelangelo", curated by Museum Director Alessandro Cecchi, and designed by Massimo Chimenti of Cultura Nuova, is located in three rooms on the ground floor of Casa Buonarroti. The first places Artemisia in the context of her new city, Florence, where she found herself part of the social and cultural circle of the poet Michelangelo the Younger. Here she became the first woman painter to be admitted to the Accademia del Disegno, made the acquaintance of Galileo Galilei and obtained commissions from the top echelons of Florentine society, including the Grand Duke Cosimo II. [Website](#).

THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD, Nov 5

The Changing of the Guard in many European cities is one of the unmissable events for visitors from all over the world. It is a ritual that is renewed periodically and for some special occasions of great emotional impact. The history of Florence certainly takes us back to the years of the Siege of 1529/30, when Charles V wanted to bring the Medici family back to Florence by besieging the city. Florence had its own city army and Palazzo Vecchio or della Signoria, the city's seat of administration and power, was protected by a military group of the Army of the Florentine Republic: the Fanti di Palazzo, a group formed specifically to protect the 'Palazzo', the seat of power. The Army of the Florentine Republic was, however, composed of numerous other military groups with different intrinsic characteristics, which on occasion substituted the Fanti di Palazzo themselves in this very important task. [Website](#).

DANCE FESTIVAL: LA DEMOCRAZIA DEL CORPO

From November 4 until December 14 will take place the international Festival La Democrazia del Corpo ("Democracy of the Body") by Virgilio Sieni. The "Democracy of the Body" proposes a cycle of visualizations intended as excursions exploring the body. The performances and the presence of hosted guests in this edition will create a context of experiences that seek a structure in others, not separate from but linked to the body and its efforts, in which the audience becomes engaged in basic themes of living and being in the world. please click here to get the whole [programme](#).

50 DAYS OF CINEMPALACE WOMEN - OLTRARNO AND BEYOND, Until December

Over the centuries, women have lived in Florence's Oltrarno district and beyond: they have been outstanding figures in institutions, the arts, patronage, literature and philanthropy. The series of events organised by the British Institute of Florence, the Associazione Culturale Il Palmerino aps and Calliope Arts is dedicated to them, highlighting past excellence and present-day creativity from a female perspective: it is Palace Women, Oltrarno and beyond, from September to December 2023. Lectures, guided tours, original works of art, music, an exhibition and an original catalogue of videos, photographs and much more! [Full program](#).

A FILM FESTIVAL AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

The 50 Days of Cinema in Florence returns for its 11th edition with a new, unprecedented collaboration with the David di Donatello and the institution of Italian Rising Stars. The festival includes for November:

dal 28 October to 1 November – [France Odeon](#)

dal 4 al 12 novembre – [Festival dei Popoli. Festival Internazionale del Film Documentario](#)

dal 15 al 19 novembre – [Lo Schermo dell'arte Festival di cinema e arte contemporanea](#)

dal 24 al 26 novembre – [Festival Internazionale di Cinema e Donne](#)

At the end of the festival programme, the first edition of Italian Rising Stars will follow, a new initiative desired and realised in collaboration with the Accademia del Cinema Italiano Premi David di Donatello: the beginning of a path that will make some young actors the film stars of tomorrow.

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

EXHIBITIONS

MAPPLETHORPE - VON GLOEDEN. BEAUTY AND DESIRE, ON DISPLAY AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until February 2024

From September 23 to February 14, 2024, the Museo Novecento pays tribute to one of the most significant figures in 20th-century photography, Robert Mapplethorpe, in a unique comparison with the photographs of Wilhelm von Gloeden and a selection of photographs from the Alinari Archive. The exhibition is the second major exhibition of this museum dedicated to photography, a practice that has revolutionized the history of art since the 19th century. "Beauty and Desire" draws inspiration from a series of artworks that highlights Mapplethorpe's intense artistic production, emphasizing the connection between his work and classical aesthetics, as well as his sculptural approach to photography, which is evident in his studies of both male and female nudes and still life, equating bodies with objects in a sculptor's vision and sensibility. [Website](#).

ANISH KAPOOR AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until February 2024

From 7 October 2023 to 4 February 2024 Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi presents a major exhibition conceived and realised with Anish Kapoor, the celebrated master who has revolutionised the idea of sculpture in contemporary art. Through historical and recent works, including a new production specifically conceived in dialogue with the architecture of the Renaissance courtyard, *Untrue Unreal* is an itinerary that winds its way through monumental installations, intimate spaces and perturbing forms: Palazzo Strozzi becomes a place concave and convex, whole and shattered at the same time, in which the visitor is called upon to question his or her senses. [Website](#).

ART NOUVEAU ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEO DEGLI INNOCENTI, Until April 2024

From 27 October 2023 to 7 April 2024 the Museo degli Innocenti is welcoming the first exhibition in Florence dedicated to Alphonse Mucha, the most important Czech artist, father of Art Nouveau and creator of iconic images. In the late 19th and early 20th century, Paris was considered the capital of art world. It was the period of the so-called Belle Époque, there was great enthusiasm, and Alphonse Mucha, also thanks to his meeting with Sara Bernhardt, became the most famous and disputed artist of the time. His works, illustrations, theatre posters and nascent advertising became available to all. It is to this exceptional artist that Arthemisia and the Museo degli Innocenti are dedicating the upcoming great Florentine exhibition. [Website](#).

WANG GUANGYI, OBSCURED EXISTENCE ON SHOW AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until December 10

The Chinese artist's first solo exhibition in Italy: an internationally renowned artist and creator of large-scale installations, Wang Guangyi is known in particular for his ability to make images taken from Western art interact with others typical of Asian culture. In *Obscured Existence*, he follows an itinerary through four distinct cycles, investigating what really lies behind the ritual of everyday gestures and the use of the most common objects, while also exploring the way in which one's culture of origin influences the perception of a work of art. [Website](#).

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

THE ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA LAUNCHES THEIR SEASON IN A JOINT PERFORMANCE WITH THE TUSCAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA, Nov 4

In order to be able to perform the giant composer Mahler, the ORT expands dramatically thanks to the merger with the OGI – Orchestra Giovanile Italiana (Italian Youth Orchestra). The collaboration between the ORT and the OGI, the educational complex set up forty years ago by Piero Farulli (with headquarters at the Fiesole Music School) to offer the students of the Italian Conservatories the opportunity to gain orchestral experience guided by great masters. Five songs in which Mahler brings forth the poet's feelings about the loss of a child, passing from bewilderment to an apparent resignation, through pain, regret, terrible forebodings, fear. What truly stands out in both works is the vocal presence of the mezzo-soprano Sophie Harmsen, German of Canadian origin, raised in South Africa and places throughout the world following her parents, both diplomats. [Website](#).

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.

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

The Florence Chamber Orchestra 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'.

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. It was built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison, and is a world famous venue for performance.

Our pick for this month: **GIMME LIVE: THE ABBA TRIBUTE SHOW**. Celebrations for ABBA's 50th birthday continue. ABBA, the legendary Swedish band that has written some of the most significant and unforgettable pages in the history of pop and disco music of all time, selling more than 400 million albums in just ten years and breaking multiple world records. [Website](#).

85TH FESTIVAL OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. This month see: **LA BOHEME**. From 14 to 29 November, at Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, one of the best-loved operas of the Italian repertoire: La Bohème by Giacomo Puccini. For tickets, and to see the full festival program, see the [website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

This contemporary new hub for cinema and culture is exploding with events, all located in the vibrant area of Piazza Beccaria. This month enjoy screenings of **THE BIG LEBOWSKI** amongst programming from across Europe. With up to six screenings a day, there is always a chance to

experience the best of contemporary European cinema. [See the website for more information.](#)

LO SCHERMO DELL'ARTE FILM FESTIVAL, Nov 15-19

The best and most recent international production of artist films and documentaries on contemporary art will be screening from November 15th to November 19th, 2023, at Teatro La Compagnia and other venues. The event will also be available online until November 26th. There will be over 30 films premiering in Italy and Europe, along with author meetings and discussions. In this edition, there will be a focus on Guido van der Werve, a tribute to Diego Marcon, and the finale featuring "Inside" by Vasilis Katsoupis, starring Willem Dafoe. Admission is free for those under 30. See the complete [program](#).

CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA: FRANCE ODEON

The fifteenth edition of the French film festival will be held from 28 October to 1 November at the Cinema La Compagnia. For the complete programme, visit the [official website](#).

NOVEMBER WISHES

We hope you enjoy the aroma of white truffles, and the abundance of exhibits, music, and arts of all kinds on show around the city. May your troubles fall with the Autumn leaves and the season of change bring new beginnings for all.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flacomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Quarrata Farm House– 25 km West of Florence

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

Asking Price 460,000 Euro



SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 850,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' - Historic Center

First floor, (with elevator), good conditions, approx. 400 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 4000 Sq. Ft.). Several living areas, 3 bed, 4 bath, plus study, gym and cellar. Quiet, natural light, autonomous heating system, Air Con.

Asking price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE – Fiesole Portion of Farmhouse – 5 km from Historic Center

Free standing on 3 sides, approx. 250 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 2500 Sq. Ft.), plus small 60 Sq. Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.) of dependance and 1000 Sq. Mt. (10000 Sq. Ft.) of private garden. 4 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating.

Asking Price 1,085,000 Euro



SALE – Chianti Farm House - 35 Km South of Florence Farm

Complex to be refurbished, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 6000 Sq. Ft.) with 2 acres of land and garden. Electricity and water already in place. Hill top position, easy access.

Asking Price 900,000 Euro



SALE – Bolognese modern Villa - 5 km from Historic Center

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

Asking Price 1,190,000 Euro

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