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WELCOME

Winter has arrived and the cold snap has overtaken the city, but the nights are warmed by the gentle glow cast through the streets. This year, the Comune has gone to a special effort to support the Christmas lights of the city, as a gift to all, putting a true twinkle in our eyes. Take a stroll with your loved ones through forty illuminated streets that decorate Florence with the magic of the season. See our detailed list of Christmas Markets, along with all the best events to soak up the spirit of the season. However you choose to rest or celebrate, we hope you enjoy this precious time together with family, friends, community, and charity as the year comes to a close. With our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR DECEMBER

BEST EVENT: “F-LIGHT YOUR MIND”: THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES FLORENCE, December 8 to January 9

From December the 8th to January 9th Florentines and tourists will be invited to take part in a light journey, an imaginary trip from the city's squares to the celestial vault. After the great success of the last editions, Florence is preparing to light up with "F-Light": the Florence Light Festival will shed new light on the monuments and squares of the city. The event will offer video-mapping, projections, light games, artistic installations, educational activities, special visits to museums, shows and cultural meetings. As usual, many spaces of the city will be involved: on all Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Piazza Santa Maria Novella and the Oltrarno, with particular attention to the Towers and the city gates and the neighborhoods outside the historic center. [Website](#).

BEST MARKET: MERCATO TEDESCO DI NATALE OPENS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, November 20 - December 19

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 P&F RENTAL: A VERY ATTRACTIVE APARTMENT IN AN INTERESTING, LEFT-BANK STYLE LOCATION

Via Romana is a long narrow street on the south side of the river. It commences at Piazza Pitti and terminates at the Porta Romana, one of the gates to the historic city. This gate and street were given the same name as they were the direction one took to go to Rome. The river Arno is about a 20 minutes walk from the apartment, as is the famous Ponte Vecchio. Piazza Santo Spirito, featuring Brunelleschi's beautiful Church of the same name,



and a daily food and clothing market are approx. 15 minutes away. Via Romana is lined with shops,

bars and restaurants. More photos and information [here](#).

BEST TRADITION: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CHRISTMAS, AND SANTO STEFANO FEATURING THE DUOMO CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY SCENE, December 8

December 8 in Italy is a national holiday that celebrates the Immaculate Conception. This day of festivity unofficially starts the countdown to Christmas as many Italian families traditionally use this day to set up and decorate their Christmas tree and Nativity scene in their homes. On December 8 in Florence's historic centre the large Christmas tree is set up in Piazza del Duomo. The lighting of the Christmas tree is accompanied by an official public ceremony with the participation of Florence's Mayor. Also in Piazza del Duomo, the impressive Nativity Scene is built in the front and left of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. The Nativity has life-sized beautiful statues made in terracotta by an artisan of Impruneta. Both the Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are up until January 6, the day of Epiphany. In the Cathedral of Florence, the traditional Christmas Eve Mass is celebrated by the Cardinal of Florence at midnight (Vigil prayers start at 11pm). On Christmas morning, the Mass is celebrated at 10:30am, in conjunction with the Pope's blessing in Rome.

BEST FESTIVAL: RIVER TO RIVER 2021, THE 21ST INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL, December 3-8

From 3 to 8 December 2021, the Cinema La Compagnia hosts the Festival which aims to showcase the best of the most recent Indian cinema, with a 360 degree vision from and about India, along with special homages devoted to filmmakers of the past and to actors, as well as focusses on specific themes. In addition to many feature films and short films, the program includes also thematic meetings and appointments with international guests. The films will be also available on line on Più Compagnia. Complete program on the [website](#)

BEST EXHIBITION: THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF FLORENCE ILLUMINATING MORE STREETS THAN EVER BEFORE, THANKS TO THE COMUNE

It will be a bright Christmas this year in Florence! Walk in the streets and take in the beauty of illuminated Florence, totally for free. "There will be 40 illuminated streets thanks to the large participation in the call published by the City. "We are very happy with the participation in the call: we want an illuminated Christmas." the Councillor for Commerce and Productive Activities Federico Gianassi commented. This year, Palazzo Vecchio provided an allocation of 192 thousand euros (last year they allocated 120,000 euros). The total applications received were 40, more than last year when they were 27 (in 2019 they were 19): a very high participation, higher than in the past, indicating the willingness of the whole city to move beyond the difficult period experienced in the last two years." ([firenzetoday.it](#))

BEST DINING OUT: THE UNMISSABLE TRATTORIA DA BURDE, WINNER OF TRE GAMBERI FROM THE GAMBERO ROSSO CULINARY AWARDS, 2021

([firenzemadeintuscany.com](#)) "A culinary crossing point for those who live in Florence or go there, in a Via Pistoiese far from the historic center of the city, a meal at Burde means eating Tuscany. In a

homey but elegant environment, you can taste cacciucco, Livorno-style cod, Acquacotta alla Maremmana, pasta and beans, spelled, soups, pasta seasoned with the exquisite 'escaped ragù', the stew, the stew, the medieval pie of leeks, roasts, boiled meats and steak. A must.”

Opened at the beginning of the 20C as a grocer’s shop and trattoria, this historic restaurant is a long way off the usual tourist trail. The two brothers who now run Da Burde have kept everything as it was, with cured hams on sale and a bar selling tobacco. [See the menu here.](#)

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. 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

Tuscany is well into its booster shot program for the winter season. For a list of vaccination centers in Tuscany, [click here](#). Reservations continue to be accepted on the [Region of Tuscany’s website](#), with quick, direct access at the centers. For those still having their first shots, you can book on the main portal. The vaccine is also open to those who are not registered with the national health service, and you can make a special request for your own doctor to vaccinate you rather than going to a centre. 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. The 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 [here](#). 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, and it is now required in all work environments, whether public or private.

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

WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

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: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/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

BEST OF THE REST

NEW YEARS EVE CONCERT AT THE TEATRO DEL MAGGIO MUSICALE, December 31

After the important symphonic choral concert conducted by maestro Zubin Mehta with Ludwig van Beethoven's Eighth and Ninth symphony that solemnly sign the end of the year and greet the 2022 with the "Ode to Joy", the Maggio offers to the audience a rich program for New Year's Eve in the spaces of the Theater. A sophisticated gala dinner, entertainment, fireworks, and a toast at midnight and then continue with diffused music to have fun in a refined and elegant atmosphere. [Website](#).

THE 2021 GUIDE FOR UNIQUE ARTISAN-MADE GIFTS FROM FLORENCE, CURATED BY CREATIVE PEOPLE IN FLORENCE

With the holiday season on the horizon, it's the perfect time to start thinking about finding the right gift for everyone on your list, especially when shopping for handmade items. One of the joys of buying from a local artisan is knowing that each piece is unique—and maybe even customized just for your lucky loved ones. Take a look at our first round-up of artisan-made gifts from Florence. From jewelry and fashion to original artworks and home decor, you will surely find something special. Contact the artisans directly to find out about special styles, modifications, or personalized touches just for you, or swing by their workshops to get a closer look. See the list - so big we had to share it in two parts - starting [here](#)!

THE HOUSE OF GUCCI OPENS AT THE ODEON CINEMA, December 15

Wednesday, December 15 (9 pm) at the Odeon the premiere of the most anticipated and discussed film of the year, HOUSE OF GUCCI by Ridley Scott, starring Lady Gaga and Adam Driver, joined

by a stellar cast (Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons, Jared Leto, Salma Hayek). The film follows the tumultuous events of the famous Gucci family and the murder of the founder's grandson, Florentine Guccio Gucci. Lady Gaga stars as Patrizia Reggiani, the ex-wife of Maurizio Gucci, played by Adam Driver, who was tried and convicted of arranging the death of her ex-husband. The woman spent 18 years in prison and only got out in 2016. [Book tickets here.](#)

18TH FESTIVAL DEL CONTEMPOART ENSEMBLE AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI

The Festival provides innovative contemporary music programming to enhance young artists and respond to the needs of new audiences, with particular attention to new generations, thanks to multidisciplinary proposals and the contamination of genres traveling back and forth in time. Space is given to important anniversaries and tributes such as Nicola Sani for his 60th birthday, Ivan Vandor, Ennio Morricone and Franco Battiato recently deceased, 200 years since the birth of Charles Baudelaire, and 700 years since the death of Dante. Important conversations are presented to give food for thought and greater knowledge and inspiration, held by important critics, musicologists and artists such as Daniele Spini, Alberto Batisti, Nicola Sani, Marco Quagliarini and Davide Sodini. [Website](#)

SARAH WINMAN, AUTHOR OF STILL LIFE, IN CONVERSATION AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE, December 2

Sarah Winman, award winning actress and bestseller novelist, will be with us for this special event at the Library. **At 17:30** (CET) Simon Gammell will chair a session for people who have read Still Life to discuss it direct with the author, Sarah Winman. The ultimate Book Club experience! **At 18:30** (CET) Kamin Mohammadi (author of Bella Figura) will talk to Sarah about her life and her work. Live at the Library and online. Registration required. [Find out more.](#)

SPEAKEASY MULTILINGUAL, Every Wednesday night

Come to meet new people, see old friends, practice your languages, and enjoy new locations. Members enjoy discounts on all the events, that include the weekly Wednesday night Speakeasy, as well as special events like walking tours, art studio visits, and other cultural activities. A fantastic way to open up your social life in Florence. [See the website.](#)

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Mercatino in a Palazzo: “Natale per file” kicks off at the Palazzo Corsini from December 9-12

One of the most treasured events of the December calendar, the traditional Christmas Charity Market organised by FILE (Fondazione Italiana di Leniterapia Onlus), a Florentine non-profit organisation committed to providing assistance to seriously ill patients and their families, is back. This is a fundraising, social and aggregative event that combines the value of solidarity with the possibility of giving a special gift to loved ones. You'll find gourmet products and gift ideas, with proceeds going toward the non-profit organisation FILE's palliative care support. There will be over 60 exhibitors, including big brands and boutique artisans, with clothing for men, women, children, design items,

household linen, modern objects, jewellery, perfume, cosmetics, wine and food products, books, toys, and many other curiosities. 10am-7pm, Palazzo Corsini, Lungarno Corsini 8. Green Pass required to access the market. [Website](#).

The Croce Rossa Italiana Christmas Market, Dates to be confirmed

The 2021 edition of the Christmas market will be held at the historic headquarters of the Florence Committee of the Italian Red Cross, at Palazzo Capponi, (with entrance also from Via Borgo san Frediano 12). Organised by the Florence women's committee of the Italian Red Cross, and open each day between 10.30-18.30. Enjoy free entry and browse the vintage, antiques, clothing, gifts, jewellery and curiosities. Located at: Lungarno Soderini, 11

Gran Bazar Christmas Market at the Student Hotel, December 11 and 12

Back to re-establish old traditions, the Christmas edition of Gran Bazar is back in town at The Student Hotel! The perfect weekend to look for your gifts among Vintage, Handmade, Design, Vinyls, Illustrations, Collectibles and much more. We can't wait to bring the magic atmosphere of our Christmas market to the new Student Hotel. A market show of fashion design, accessories, vintage, ceramics, small jewels, illustrations, natural cosmetics, floral concussions. There is also a barber shop, DJ set, and food area. SO much fun! 11:00-21:00 Saturday and Sunday, V.le Spartaco Lavagnini, 70-72. Green Pass Required.

Vintage Christmas Market at The Student Hotel, December 5

Vintage is coming to the Student Hotel with Vintage Christmas Market: a special event in one of the most beloved spaces in Florence. This year get ready to celebrate in a big way, we are waiting for you with the right atmosphere, good food (Student Hotel's special brunch) and many unique gifts to discover in the super selected vintage and craft booths. Let's go on a journey to discover unique items, super vintage of course but also new brands, bags, jewelry, design, photo corner, gift ideas and works of young creatives, with attention to the environment: techniques and materials for recycling and reuse, to live the Holidays in an original and sustainable way! Christmas? It has a decidedly Vintage flavor. And we can't wait to enjoy it together! [Website](#).

Christmas Fair at the Harold Acton Library, December 10

All are welcome to the annual Harold Acton Library Christmas Fair. Tea and cakes will be served from 15:00 to 18:00. Books, arts and crafts, homemade goods and refreshments. Join our Raffles and support the Library. Books, handmade gifts, homemade goods, refreshments. Library Gift Vouchers on sale. Join our Raffles and support the Library. Buy 1 ticket for €1 or 6 for €5, you can win:

- A tray of British goods (and Italian wine)
- A beautiful hand crafted box made by Ann Hepper
- A magnum of "AD 1613", a very special Capponi wine

Tickets will be available at the Library front desk. Entrance to the fair is from Lungarno Guicciardini 15, from 15:00-18:00.

Only Usato! Christmas Show at Il Vecchio Conventino Firenze, December 8

Ready for the Christmas edition of Only Used? In collaboration with Il Conventino Caffè Letterario, here is the XMAS version of our beloved market in the beautiful Cloister of the Convent. As usual, a lot of used and vintage, handmade, music and other strange things as well as the section ONLY HAND MADE with artisans who will exhibit their artifacts! With beautiful food and drinks available, and a DJ set to end the day. 11:00-19:00, Via Giano della Bella, 20. [Website](#).

Curiosando al Mercato”, A very special Christmas market in Piazza dei Ciompi, December 23

"Curiosando al mercato", the initiative promoted by Confesercenti Firenze in Piazza dei Ciompi, is tinged with the colors of Christmas, with a special market just a few days before the holidays. Tuesday, December 23 enjoy stands of handicrafts, small antiques, modern antiques, vintage, jewelry and books take place behind the Loggia del Pesce. For information: phone 055 2036964.

Christmas Advent Outdoor Market at Le Cascine, Sundays in December

Special Sunday editions of the regular Le Cascine weekly market (usually on a Tuesday), so you can rummage all the treasures and find everything you need. This is truly a market that has everything, and all at the best low prices. Viale Abramo Lincoln, Le Cascine Park from 8.00-18.00 on the last Sundays before Christmas. Tram T1, stop Cascine/Carlo Monni.

Fierucolina di Natale! Christmas Fair with organic and local hand made products in Piazza del Carmine, December 19

Come and see what Santa and his elves have been creating ready for Christmas! This is the Christmas edition of the special fair that takes place throughout the year on the third Sunday of the month. For Christmas, you'll find your favourite stallholders in Piazza della Carmine for this special Sunday. You can find all kind of stands offering foods, ceramics, hand-knit sweaters, carved wooden toys, and unique gifts, especially if you are shopping for kids. Open from 9.00-19.00

The Creative Factory Market, presented by Associazione Heyart on December 11

The Creative Factory, a project by the Heyart Association, is a market of hand made products aimed at promoting creativity and youth enterprise. Discover 30 makers from all over Italy, whose common denominators are uniqueness and handmade production. They will present their products in Piazza Ciompi in the district of S. Ambrogio in Florence, home to numerous studios, ateliers, artisan laboratories. In addition to the market, the event is known for its rich program of workshops, workshops and entertainment activities for the public. [Website](#).

The annual Christmas Fierucola dell'Immacolata in Piazza S.S. Annunziata, December 8

Another traditional event in the calendar of Florentine Christmas markets is the Fierucola of the Immaculate which brings the stalls of local producers to the historic center. A market for rural crafts, hand-made and zero-kilometer food, as well as voluntary associations. There are often wonderful activities to enjoy. A day to remember! 9.00 am - 7.00 pm in piazza S.S. Annunziata. Free

admission.

And last, but most definitely not least: The Famous and Favourite Mercato Tedesco di Natale in Santa Croce until December 19

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.

EXHIBITIONS

ALTER EVA: NATURA POTERE CORPO, Until December 12

(From: [The Florentine Magazine](#)). The female perspective on natural and social coexistence is reflected on by six Italian women artists: Camilla Alberti, Irene Coppola, Martina Melilli, Margherita Moscardini, Silvia Rosi and Marta Roberti. Mediums vary from sculpture and painting to photography and installations, with weighty political arguments posited alongside nature in various guises. The personal and intimate are often at the centre of the pieces that interrogate the patriarchy, gender roles and power relationships, while also exploring potential futures. Part of the Palazzo Strozzi Future Art programme, the exhibition is produced by the Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, in collaboration with the IED Firenze Master in Curatorial Practice class of 2020/2021. See more at www.palazzostrozzi.org.

JEFF KOONS PRESENTS SHINE AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January 30

(From: [The Florentine Magazine](#)) The series of contemporary art exhibitions at Palazzo Strozzi continues with Jeff Koons *Shine*. Works by the renowned and controversial American artist will be on display from October 2 to January 30, 2022 in a major exhibition featuring over 30 of the artist's most celebrated works from the mid-70s through to the present day. The show was developed in close collaboration with the artist, and curated by Arturo Galansino and Joachim Pissario. The iconic pieces are on loan from some of the world's most important collections and museums, coming together in Florence for the dazzling display. [Read more here](#).

JENNY SAVILLE AT THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until February 20

The city of Florence welcomes one of the greatest living painters and a leading voice on the international art scene, Jenny Saville, who will be the subject of an exhibition project conceived and curated by Sergio Risaliti, Director of the Museo Novecento, in collaboration with some of the city's major museums: Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Museo degli Innocenti and Museo di Casa Buonarroti. The exhibition represents a unique encounter between the ancient and the contemporary and invites the public to discover the work of Jenny Saville (May 7, 1970, Cambridge) through paintings and drawings from the 1990s and works created specifically for the

exhibition. Saville transcends the boundaries between figurative and abstract, between informal and gestural, succeeding in transfiguring the chronicle into a universal image, a contemporary humanism that puts the figure, be it a body or a face, back at the center of art history, to give an image to the forces that act within and against us. [See the website.](#)

AMERICAN ART 1961-2001 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.](#)

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.](#)

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY ORT, December 24

On December 24 at 5pm enjoy the traditional Christmas Concert by ORT. The Orchestra Regionale Toscana is back with Nil Venditti, famous conductor and Alina Ibragimova, violin. Music by Rossini, Mendelssohn, Say. A beautiful way to bring in Christmas at Teatro Verdi. [Website.](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE, FEATURING THE ST MARK'S CHOIR, December 15

We are happy to wrap up this season of events with our classic Christmas Concert, with music from St Mark's Choir and readings by members of our community. Mulled wine will be served! If you would like to contribute a reading, please write to us at director@britishinstitute.it

FESTIVAL LA DEMOCRAZIA DEL CORPO, Until December 11

The Festival La Democrazia del Corpo by Virgilio Sieni is a program of dance workshops, site-specific creations and performances for dancers and people of all ages and ability levels. The guest artists represent several generations, fostering encounters between young people and more seasoned maestros. The artists will be: Roberto Zappalà, Fosca, Giuseppe Comuniello, Claudia Castellucci, Jacopo Jenna, Collettivo Mine, Marco D'Agostin, Elisa Biagini. The program will also include some productions by the Compagnia Virgilio Sieni (*Danza cieca*, *Paradiso*, *Preistorico*, *Annusare la terra*) with the aim of generating forms of dialogue with artists through thematic focuses on nature, blindness and the tactile space, and the care and conservation of the environment. Please click here to get the whole [programme](#).

THE JAZZ CLUB IS OPEN FOR LIVE GROOVES

One of Florence local's favourite night spots, the Jazz Club has been open since 1979 and hosts live music by the best of Tuscany as well as special guests every weekend. Every Wednesday night is the open Jazz Jam, and Thursdays the Blues Jam, where Tuscany's best local musicians drop in to give it there all, improvising together for a live spectacular. There are also open mic nights and special bands and DJ's programmed to fill up the weekends with the best of live music and dancing. Follow their [Instagram](#) for more information.

AMICI DELLA MUSICA FILL THE WINTER NIGHTS WITH WORLD-CLASS CLASSICAL MUSIC

Founded in 1920, the Amici della Musica di Firenze is one of the oldest and most prestigious concert organisations in Italy. The numerous events take place in the historic and centrally located Teatro della Pergola, on a weekly basis (Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings), from October to April. The programmes offer everything from chamber music classics to contemporary music (often with world premieres), from pieces for orchestral ensembles to solo pieces, from jazz to traditional music. Don't miss the best of the best as they take to the stage this winter! [See the whole program here](#).

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO CONTINUE WITH THEIR UNMISSABLE SEASON

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 of December. See what's coming up [here at the website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

LECTURES AND MORE FOR CULTURE LOVERS AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE

The British Institute of Florence (lungarno Guicciardini 9) host the Wednesday Lectures Series both in person and online via Zoom at 6pm each week. This month enjoy Alexandra Lawrence's talk,

“Women in Dante”, as well as a special lecture by Laura Llewellyn, Associate Curator of Renaissance Painting at the National Gallery in London, who will be giving a talk on “Gozzoli in Florence”. See the website for the [full month’s program](#), or sign up for their mailing list at the bottom of the events page to get the weekly what’s on right in your mailbox!

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. This month, Wes Anderson’s *The French Dispatch* comes to the big screen. And on December 18th, finally the special premiere of *The House of Gucci*, starring Lady Gaga herself, opens at the Odeon. Films are shown in English, with Italian subtitles. For the full programme, see www.odeonfirenze.com.

DECEMBER WISHES

Each year’s end is a chance to look back with care at what has past, while also looking ahead to the new year with all its seasons of change to come. We wish you warm nights by the fire or in the warmth of the *trattorie*, savouring the intimacy of the season, and reflecting on love, friendship, and connection of all kinds.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Pitti Palace apt – Historic Center

First floor, elegant building, in good conditions, approx. 330 sq. mt.(3300 Sq. Ft), 4 Bed, 4 Bath. Small out door space, autonomous heating, in front of Pitti Palace.

Asking Price 1,950,000 Euro



SALE – Goldoni Apt – Historic Center

Second floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 3 bath, plus study; autonomous heating, air con., and centrally located

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro



SALE – Porta Romana villa – 1 Km from Florence

Free standing villa refurbished, aprox. 850 Sq. Mt (approx. 8500 sq. ft.) and 6000 Sq. Mt. (1.5 acres) of garden and land. 5 Bed, 5 bath. Autonomous heating, south exposure, views, pool, garage.

Asking price 7,950,000 Euro



SALE – Via Nazionale, San Lorenzo area – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, good conditions, approx. 140 sq. mt. (1400 Sq. Ft), plus 30 sq. mt. (300 sq. ft.) of terraces. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking price 1,100,000 Euro



SALE - Oltrarno Loft – Historic Center

Ground floor loft space in good condition, approx. 260 Sq. Mt. (2600 Sq. Ft.) plus 20 Sq. Mt. (200 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 3 bath; quiet, private and spacious living areas.

Asking Price 1,160,000 Euro



SALE – via Venezia – Historic Center

First floor with elevator, elegant building, to be refurbished, approx. 250 sq. mt.(2500 Sq. Ft), 4 Bed, 3 Bath. Car parking, small out door space, autonomous heating, quiet street.

Asking Price 1,150,000 Euro

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