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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

And so, Florence and all of Italy sighs through the “rientro”, the reluctant return to work and normal life after the summer holidays. Smaller stores and theatres are re-opening and that distinctly Florentine flavour returns to the city. Autumn has begun, with the cooler nights and light breeze that make Florence a pleasure to wander around. It is the start of harvest season, making it a wonderful time to visit the Tuscan countryside, and the city celebrate’s the Duomo’s birthday! 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! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR SEPTEMBER

## **BEST EVENT: THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO CORRI LA VITA, Sept 29**

**CORRI LA VITA returns to the historical centre of Florence.** After the traditional start from Piazzale Lincoln alle Cascine, participants will be able to choose between two routes - one of about 11 km for those who want to run, and a second of 6 km for those who prefer to enjoy the unique beauty of Florence. Both wind through unprecedented scenery and breathtaking views. **Participants will cross the finish line in front of Palazzo Vecchio**, under the gaze of the David and the Biancone, with the hope of beating the record of 38,000 participants!

Sport, culture and solidarity come together again! The event is a major fundraiser for projects dedicated to the treatment of breast cancer to help women through prevention, shorter waiting lists and psychological support. CORRI LA VITA is organised in collaboration with Firenze Marathon and serviced by many volunteers, **together we help to fight against breast cancer.** Not only should you "save the date" and participate, you may also want to take an active part by volunteering and donating funds.

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

To take part, registrations open from 1 September at [www.corrilavita.it](http://www.corrilavita.it). Register, make a minimum donation of 10 euro online or at the dedicated physical locations, and then collect and wear the T-shirt on the day! This is the only way to secure one of the coveted T-shirts signed by Ferragamo, who is one of the biggest supporters of Corri La Vita. The colour of the 2024 T-shirt is FOREST GREEN and its packaging is totally biocompostable. On the day of the race, anyone who donates can visit cultural destinations around the city free of charge, including museums and exhibitions, simply by wearing the CORRI LA VITA 2024 t-shirt or by showing the receipt of the donation. Can't make it? Have it delivered! Your tshirt will be delivered free of charge throughout Italy.

From Suzanne Pitcher: "It is not necessary to be in Florence to participate in CORRI LA VITA! If you all have enjoyed visiting Italy and Florence; in particular, maybe you would like to give a donation to her citizens by supporting CORRI LA VITA. Please go on line [www.corrilavita.it](http://www.corrilavita.it) and make your donation. I really hope you will see your way to writing a few zeros after the number!

Another way to participate in this event even if you are not present is to buy the exclusive T-shirts, again this can be done on line. Every year the shirt changes, so start your collection now!!!! 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."

[SIGN UP OR DONATE NOW AT THE WEBSITE!](#)

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

## **BEST P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS, EASY, AND WELL-EQUIPPED APARTMENT IN THE CENTER FOR SHORT TO MID-TERM STAYING**

Via Tripoli is a quiet street adjacent to the park of the church of Santa Croce. It is an easy walk to most of the city’s most famous museums and monuments, as well as to the Sant’ Ambrogio open-air fruit and vegetable market. It is a vibrant area with many small businesses, shops, and artisan workshops. 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, Fishing Lab Alle Murate and Baraonda, all within easy walking distance. More information and photos [here.](#)



## **WHO CAN CHOOSE? ANOTHER BEST TRADITION!/: LA RIFICOLONA, September 7**

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

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

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

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

### **BEST EXHIBITION: THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTIGIANATO E PALAZZO, ARTISANS ON SHOW AT PALAZZO CORSINI, September 13-15**

This year we celebrate the "Thirty-Year Anniversary" of ARTIGIANATO E PALAZZO: an anniversary that represents an important milestone testifying to the stubbornness, vitality and importance of the Exhibition itself, which since its first edition has played a key role in the national scene in preserving and promoting craft traditions. This important milestone will be honoured with a program between past, present, future and 100 new witnesses of the highest Italian and European craft tradition. The theme of restoration is at the center of this edition, because of its immense cultural value and the vital importance of the transmission of manual knowledge. Artigianato e Palazzo was founded in Florence in 1995, with the aim of preserving and promoting high craftsmanship, the value of handmade products and attention to detail. For four days, ceramists, silver and goldsmiths, carvers, restorers, lute-makers, inlayers of semi-precious stones and wood, designers, and much more, will interact with visitors as they work in their little workshop corners, reconstructed for the occasion in the lemon houses and among the parterres of this historic Italian garden. An unmissable event. See all the information at the [website](#).

### **BEST MUSIC: FLORENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL, September 4-15**

The Firenze Jazz Fringe Festival is a flagship event with an important partnership: from the Edinburgh Jazz Festival to the historic "Settembre in Piazza della Passera". Clubs, clubs and cocktail bars are transformed into temporary jazz clubs, attracting dozens of local and international musicians

from the area. Four intense days of great music, to the rediscovery of places, squares and special areas that guide the general public through the streets and squares of the Oltrarno. Don't miss spectacular and memorable performances! [See the program here](#).

### **BEST DINING OUT: TRATTORIA GARGANI**

An old classic of Florence that's well worth revisiting. "A meeting place for artists and intellectuals, the trattoria is characterized by its decorated walls and informal, fun atmosphere. Today the restaurant relies on the experience of Chef Elio Cotza, who has worked alongside Giuliano since the very beginning, and who together with Andrea Gargani carries on this exciting adventure. Among the cult dishes are the spaghetti with raw artichokes, the escalope with avocado and the legendary cheese-cake." Read more at [Firenze Made in Tuscany](#). Trattoria Gargani, Via del Moro, 48r.

## **BEST OF THE REST**

### **LAST DAYS OF ULTRAVOX IN LE CASCINE FOR FREE CONCERTS**

Wrapping up the season, enjoy the Hound Dog Festival, a Spike Lee film, and an homage to De André, all in the green of Florence's favourite park! Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park, promoted by the Municipality of Florence. The address changes but not the formula: Ultravox Florence is the perfect summer place to meet up, enjoy a signature aperitivo or an excellent dinner, while shows and concerts take place on the stage. Enjoy the last days of summer immersed in the green! All the info [here](#).

### **GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA, May until September**

The Giardino dell'ArteCultura 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. This well-equipped space, inside the Garden of Horticulture in Florence, offers every evening various art and entertainment initiatives for adults and, for children, in the park not far from Piazza della Libertà. Events schedule available on the [official Website](#).

### **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](#).

## **ESTATE FIORENTINA 2024, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, May until September**

For the Florentine Summer 2024, 10 major festivals return that form the central focus of this summer explosion of arts and culture! The events span from music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, and itinerant tours to discover Florence, all the way through to literary festivals and live talk shows. We are set for a summer of creativity and entertainment! The featured festivals are: **Apriti Cinema in the Uffizi Square** (that includes the film festivals: Festival dei Popoli, Lo Schermo dell'arte, Nice, Middle East), **Secret Florence** (made up of Fabbrica Europa, Lo Schermo dell'Arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale, and Danza Virgilio Sieni), **Controradio**, **La Citta dei Lettori**, **Sagrati in Musica sotto le stelle**, **Florence Dance Festival**, **Festival su Désert**, **Firenze Jazz Festival**, **Cirk Fantastik!**, **Lattexplus**, and many many other special events. At the website, you can find all the event listings day by day. For the whole program: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

## **LAST MONTH TO VISIT THE SAN NICCOLO TOWER**

On the Festa di San Giovanni in June, the San Niccolò Tower is also opened for the season until the end of September. 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. Tickets are 6 euro. For Bookings write to [info@muse.comune.fi.it](mailto:info@muse.comune.fi.it)

## **LAST MONTH FOR BOAT RIDES ON THE MAGNIFICENT ARNO RIVER**

An hour's journey in which you will be welcomed by the river and sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the city, while the city of Florence flows by the sides of the boat. The profession of the Renaioli dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the boats were destroyed during the flood that struck Florence in 1966. In 1995, the Associazione dei Renaioli decided to restore them as they were part of the city's historical heritage. After retrieving the crafts from the riverbed, the members of the Association personally restored them following the traditional technique known as cafalatura. Today the Renaioli boats have been restored to their ancient splendor and are ready to carry you along the waters of the Arno river. Organised by the Renaioli, there are many secondary tour sellers you can book through (just google), or you can contact them directly through whatsapp or by calling the number on their website to organise your seat on these river boat rides for summer: <http://www.renaioli.it/>

## **DOMENICOALMUSEO : STATE MUSEUMS FREE FOR EVERYONE, AND CIVIC MUSEUMS FREE FOR RESIDENTS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

On the first Sunday of every month, Florence opens up all of its state and civic museums free for residents of the city, or people born here. Here's a list of the state museums free to all: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello , Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And civic museums free to residents: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. You'll find more information at: [www.musefirenze.it](http://www.musefirenze.it)

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **DO NOT ABANDON ME: LOUISE BOURGEOIS AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until Sept**

Two exceptional exhibitions – the first one at Museo Novecento Do Not Abandon Me and the other at Museo degli Innocenti Cell XVIII (Portrait). The project brings the works of Louise Bourgeois (Paris, 1911 – New York, 2010) to Florence for the first time, building a significant relationship of osmosis between her creations and the exhibition context. Conceived in close dialogue with the architecture of the former Leopoldine building, a complex with a strong social vocation run for centuries by all-female communities, the exhibition will give the opportunity to experience almost one hundred works by the artist. These will include many gouaches made during the last five years of Bourgeois's life, that explore the cycles of life through an iconography of sexuality, procreation, birth, motherhood, feeding, dependency, the couple, the family unit, and flowers. [More information.](#)

### **RETURNS: FROM MODIGLIANI TO MORANDI AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until September**

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) Museo Novecento celebrates ten years since its inauguration in 2014 with a major exhibition titled Returns: From Modigliani to Morandi dedicated to the history of one of its most prized ensembles, the Alberto Della Ragione Collection. Donated to the City of Florence following the devastating flood in 1966, the works are now reunited with the invaluable masterpiece by the Livornese artist, Amedeo Modigliani. The idea conceived by the director of the museum, Sergio Risaliti, sees the rooms of the former Leopoldine on the second floor of the museum transformed for the occasion, with the exhibition curated by Eva Francioli, Chiara Toti and Sergio Risaliti on show until September 15. [Website.](#)

### **THE CATTEDRALE DELL'IMMAGINE PRESENTS INSIDE VAN GOGH**

In the heart of Florence, the deconsecrated church of Santo Stefano al Ponte was reborn with the name “the Cathedral of the Image”, transforming itself into the first permanent Italian center for Immersive Art Experiences. Now showing is *Inside Van Gogh*, the new immersive multimedia show, created by Crossmedia and directed by Stefano Fake. A 35-minute digital narrative developed through 360° multiprojection of high-definition images and the Dolby HD audio diffusion of a

captivating soundtrack. Enjoy the complex human and artistic story of Vincent van Gogh, one of the most famous and beloved artists of all time. The multimedia experience is enriched by an educational introductory section with infographics and monitors, Oculus stations for experiencing the 3D virtual reality journey inside some famous paintings, and the immersive ‘hall of mirrors,’ an enveloping kaleidoscope of images located within the immersive hall. Find out the dates and more information [here](#).

## DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

### **RENAISSANCE MUSIC IN FLORENCE, FLOREMUS FESTIVAL, Until September 20**

Renaissance music is the feature of the international festival FloReMus. It is the first festival entirely dedicated to the music of the fifteenth to sixteenth centuries placed in the city that most influenced Renaissance culture. The Ensemble L’Homme Armé’s was founded in 1982, and has remained focussed on the study and performance of early music, in particular vocal music of the Italian and Florentine cultural milieu. See all the events here: [Website](#).

### **ESSENZIALE - IL CENTRO IN PERIFERIA, September**

The multidisciplinary festival Essenziale curated by KINESIS DANCE COMPANY is back: a festival of events to divulge art in all its splendor, enhancing and acquainting the public with theaters and urban areas of the city of Florence that are different from the most popular ones, but equally rich in history. The events this year will be spread across all 5 neighborhoods and will keep us company throughout the month of September. Making it even better: all events are free of charge. [See the full program at the website](#).

### **FIRENZE SUONA FESTIVAL 2024, Until September**

Firenze Suona Estate, a totally free music and literature festival spread throughout the municipal area of Florence! Enjoy concerts by young emerging Italian bands, multimedia shows with musicians and actors, performances by established artists, presentations of books by and with important Tuscan authors, and mini local festivals. The events, all free, take place in the historic center but also on the outskirts and can be enjoyed by everyone, residents and tourists, adults and children. [See the program here](#).

### **ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September**

Fiesole’s Roman amphitheater is a step or two above your average spot for catching a Saturday night music gig or theatre show. Once again, the venue bridges the ancient past with artists of the present, hosting a series of summer shows in a range of genres. The festival has reached its 77th edition, scheduled from 17 June to 13 September 2024 with a program that includes both Italian and International events, from prose to dance, from jazz to classical, all on stage at the Roman Theater of Fiesole. As tradition, the day dedicated to the Music Festival (21 June) will host one of the most



important cultural events that celebrates the summer solstice in more than 120 countries around the world. The evening is organized by the Fiesole Music School, entry is free but by reservation. A program full of artists including Florence Jazz Orchestra, Carmen Consoli, Cory Henry, Lyric Dance Company, Rufus Wainwright and much more. For the full program and tickets, see [www.estatefiesolana.it](http://www.estatefiesolana.it).

### **AMICI DELLA MUSICA**

If you ever wanted to listen to classical music in a theatre where you could imagine Verdi or Mozart to walk in any second go to the jewel box Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts at the Teatro della Pergola. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed. [Tickets and more information](#).

## **FILMS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS**

### **WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS AT 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. [More information here](#).

### **VINTAGE FILMS AT THE CINEMA ODEON**

The transformed Cinema Odeon hosts daily screenings in their upstairs seating area of the old classics. An incredible location to discover film, literature, and dining in the oldest cinema of Florence. Up this month the hits include Beetljuice, Maxxine, and Dances with Wolves. See the whole program [here](#).

### **CINEMA REVOLUTION AT THE CINEMA ASTRA**

It's the final weeks of the Cinema Revolution festival at the Cinema Astra, located in Piazza Beccaria. This hub for cinema and culture is simply exploding with events. Enjoy programming from France, Sweden, Spain, and 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](#).

## **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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