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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower”. (Camus) First-press olive oil, truffles, porcini 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! 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

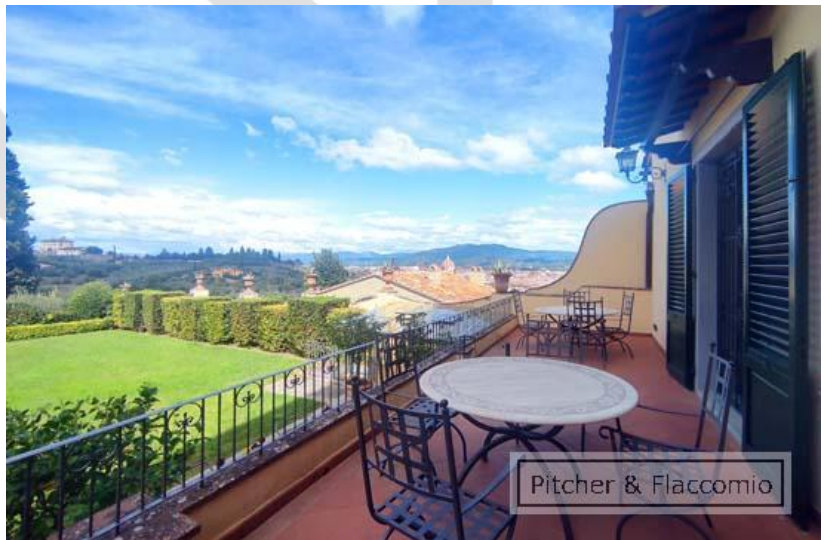
Ciao everyone! Yet again, we need your help. While the dates for the Bazar haven't yet been announced, this year as with every year, the American International Women's League ONLUS is organising their annual Christmas bazaar. I am asking you all to think about what you would like to do to help make this 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.

LOOK OUR FOR OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER for the official dates of the Bazar! They'll also be announced on the AILO website and facebook page. Please do follow along 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: AN AMAZING APARTMENT WITH LOTS OF OUTDOOR SPACE AND A WONDERFUL VIEW

The property is situated on a hillside in the immediate outskirts of Florence with a magnificent view overlooking the full panorama of the town. 5 minutes` walk to the hilltop church of San Miniato al Monte and the Piazzale Michelangelo. The neighbourhood is like a little village popped out unchanged directly from the past. It is within 10 minutes` walk to the river and to the San Niccolò area which is the closest shopping spot. The municipal buses give a handy and reliable service between the hills and the citycenter if you are not willing to walk or to take the car. The bus stop is approx 50 mts from the house. [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!

BEST MARKET: 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: “UFIZZI BY NIGHT”, EVENING OPENINGS AT THE UFIZZI GALLERIES FOR THE WINTER SEASON

Tourists visiting Florence once again this year have the opportunity to admire during the evening the masterpieces at one of the most important galleries of the city, the Uffizi. Until December 17, the Uffizi Gallery will welcome visitors on Tuesdays until 9:30 pm. Last admission: 8:30 pm. [Website](#).

BEST DINING OUT: TIME TO ENJOY TUSCANY'S BEST PORCINI MUSHROOMS WITH THIS CUSTOM RESTAURANT LIST FROM MADE IN TUSCANY

The restaurants and dishes you absolutely must try. Passionate about real flavours, autumn is coming and with it its most delicious fruits of the earth! How about enjoying unforgettable mushroom dishes in these cult places in Florence? Enjoy your meal!

Buca dell'Orafo: One of the smallest holes in Florence, a dozen tables that every evening are filled with Americans and Florentines who have not given up their delicacies since 1945, including the delicious mushroom soup.

Buca Mario: For more than a hundred years, travelers from all over the world have come here, in the heart of Florence, to delight their palates with ancient Florentine recipes. In this period there is no shortage of fried mushrooms, fettuccine with porcini mushrooms, beef carpaccio with mushrooms, and more.

Read the rest of their restaurant tips for savouring heavenly porcini mushrooms [here](#).

BEST OF THE REST

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](#).

THE JAPANESE FESTIVAL OF FLORENCE, Nov 26 and 27

On November 26th and 27th, 2024, the Fortezza da Basso will host the 25^o edition of the Japanese Festival of Florence: an opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich Japanese tradition. The event will take place in the Arsenale Pavilion of the Fortress, where the public will attend performances of martial arts, including Bushido, Aikido, Karate, Kendo, and Judo, tea ceremonies, calligraphy and ikebana workshops, as well as traditional dance and music performances. Organized by the cultural association Lailac, the festival has become a regular appointment that, this year as well, will offer high-level performances and unique entertainment. There will also be areas dedicated to Japanese food, with tastings of sushi, ramen, and other typical specialties, along with stands to purchase traditional crafts. [Website](#).

IL GUSTO TOSCANO: TUSCAN TASTES ARE CELEBRATED AT IL CONVENTINO, Nov 9 and 10

Gusto Toscano is waiting for you at the Conventino, on November 9 and 10, 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](#).

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ONLY USATO: SECOND HAND AND VINTAGE MARKET AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AROUND FLORENCE, November 10 and 17

With free entry, DJ sets, and drinks and food served up, this will be the best of the best of second-hand treasure hunting while surrounded by artisans in two beautiful venues: La Limonaia and Il Conventino. A roving market that sets up in the most beautiful artistic locations around town, so you can experience green spaces and artisan creations alongside sustainable fashion! [Website](#).

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

HELEN FRANKENTHALER, PAINTING WITHOUT RULES, EXHIBITION AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January 26

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). With her innovative soak-stain technique, the artist left her mark on the evolution of modern painting in a new relationship between colour, space and form. From September 27 to January 26, 2025, Palazzo Strozzi hosts Helen Frankenthaler. Painting Without Rules, a major exhibition celebrating one of the most important women artists of the 20th century, whose revolutionary research in painting is explored through works from her oeuvre between 1953 and 2002, in dialogue with paintings and sculptures by her contemporaries, including Jackson Pollock, Morris Louis, Robert Motherwell, Mark Rothko, David Smith and Anne Truitt. [Read more here](#).

DRIFT AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January

As part of the Palazzo Strozzi Future Art programme, in collaboration with the Hillary Merkus Recordati Foundation, Palazzo Strozzi presents a spectacular site-specific installation in the Renaissance courtyard, realised by the Dutch duo DRIFT. Renowned for installations, works and performance projects that combine art and technology, DRIFT offers a new perspective on the interaction between man, nature and space. [Website](#).

TEATRO DELLE RELAZIONI, INCLUDING A THREE DAY PERFORMANCE, Opens November 7

In the recently renovated space of IED Firenze-Ex-teatro dell'Oriuolo, a new exhibition exploring the concept of community in its various forms will open on November 7, 2024. The project includes a three-day performance series at the Strozzi in Palazzo Strozzi, from November 28 to 30, designed to showcase a range of expressive languages. In addition to drawing and sculpture, the program will feature performance art, sound, and participatory practices. The works and performances examine shared cultural roots, artistic practice as a form of social transformation, and various forms of conviviality, addressing the collective need for spaces of connection and belonging. The exhibition will run from November 7 to December 20, with visiting hours from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and entry is free. [Website](#).

OLTRECITTA': IMAGINING THE CITY, AT VILLA BARDINI, Until January 19

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). Spread over two floors of Villa Bardini, 126 works by modern and contemporary artists offer thought-provoking answers. What is a city? That is the question at the heart of the latest collaboration between the Bardini Foundation and Lucia Fiaschi, curator of the show OltreCittà: Utopias and Reality along with Bruno Corà, Silvia Mantovani and Claudia Bucelli. Spread over two floors of [Villa Bardini](#), 126 works by a myriad of modern and contemporary artists offer thought-provoking answers. Open until January 19, 2025 and featuring heavy hitters like Sol LeWitt, Boccioni, Burri, de Chirico, Le Corbusier and Pistoletto, the exhibit is divided into 12 themed sections presenting different creative perspectives on the built environment. These include "Utopias", "Hostile City" and "City Maps", and each section is enriched by quotes from likes of Calvino, Yourcenar and Hemingway to drive home the poetic, conceptual and philosophical underpinnings. [Read more here](#).

MUSEO MARINO MARINI: THE TREASURE OF THE HOLY LAND EXHIBITION, Until January 7

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). Sacred masterpieces that tell of centuries of faith and patronage of the arts will be on display until January 7, 2025. A little-known treasure of a museum in central Florence, Museo Marino Marini is offering yet another reason to venture to the former church of S. Pancrazio. A just-inaugurated exhibition traces the history of Christianity and reveals over five centuries of devotion and sacred beauty through over 100 prestigious works from the Treasure of the

Holy Sepulchre collection. Running until January 7, 2025, The Treasure of the Holy Land at Museo Marino Marini. [Read more here](#).

THE CATTEDRALE DELL'IMMAGINE PRESENTS INSIDE KLIMT

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 Klimt. Gustav Klimt, the most famous of the founders of the Viennese Secession, was also the protagonist of Klimt Experience, the first production by Crossmedia Group. In the treasure chest of the Cathedral of the Image that today you will come into contact with the art and life of Gustav Klimt, a revolutionary artist and creator of some of the most iconic pieces in the history of modern art. You will see him at the beginning and at the end of his career, passing through his greatest successes and glimpsing some moments of his private life. It will be an immersive and immediate, absolute and enveloping contact. Find out the dates and more information [here](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

PUCCINI DANCE CIRCUS OPERA AT TEATRO VERDI, Nov 30 and Dec 1

An absolute first: a show in which theatre, dance, live music, opera and contemporary circus intertwine on the stage, to create a new work on the occasion of the centenary of the death of Giacomo Puccini, one of the greatest musical composers of history. Puccini Dance Circus Opera – a choir of bodies and instruments – brings eleven women on stage (5 performers, a string trio, an electronic and cello musician directed by the director, an orchestra director), an orchestra of 45 musicians, to celebrate five female icons from the composer's works : Manon Lescaut, La Bohème, Tosca, Madame Butterfly and Turandot. It makes its debut on the ORT program in the Opera maior version in which the music, specially arranged by Francesco Oliveto, will be performed by the Orchestra della Toscana conducted by Gianna Fratta. More information and tickets [here](#).

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](#).

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The jury of the 15th edition of France Odeon, the French Film Festival of Florence, composed of the director Mimmo Calopresti, the editor Francesca Calvelli and the journalist Francesca Fanuele, awarded the Manetti – Battiloro 2023 Gold Leaf Award to Valérie Donzelli for *L'amour et les forêts* (distributed in Italy by MOVIES INSPIRED).

da 2 al 10 novembre – [Festival dei Popoli. Festival Internazionale del Film Documentario](#)

The most important international documentary film festival in Italy and the oldest in Europe.

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The festival of cinema and contemporary art has its 17th edition.

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The longest-running female festival in Italy which has been telling the story of women's gaze on the world for 45 years.

dal 27 novembre al 1 dicembre – [Florence Queer Film Festival](#)

The Florence Queer Festival is the most important Tuscan event dedicated to Queer culture, organized by the Ireos association of Florence.

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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 Halloween Special “Carrie” and Paris, Texas.** See the whole program [here](#).

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 Flaccomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



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 – Ognissanti Attic – Historic Center

Top floor no elevator, good conditions, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) plus 25 Sq.Mt. (250 Sq.Ft.) of terrace, 1 Bed, 1 Bath. hair con., autonomous heating.

Asking Price 495,000 Euro



SALE – Florence Country House– 5 km South of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1\2 hecatare (1.5 acres) of land plus dependance. 6 bed, 5 bath, autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE - Mugello Modern Villa - 35 Km North-East of Florence

Free standing on two levels, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.), plus garden. Refurbished, 4 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating.

Asking Price 435,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished first floor apt with elevator, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1500 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 2 bath; autonomous heating, doorman, condo terrace on roof.

Asking Price 1,200,000 Euro



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 hecatare (3 acres) of land. Electricity already in place, water well.

Asking Price 460,000 Euro

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