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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. Take a stroll with your loved ones beneath the twinkling lights that decorate Florence with the magic of the season. The festive German market is filled each night with people enjoying mulled wine, sausages, treats and treasures. Live music adds a special touch, as strangers find themselves dancing and singing along together with the best Christmas anthems of the year! It's time to rug up, venture out, and enjoy the festive streets. Be sure to taste the delicious *castagnaccio* chestnut cake that sweetens the winter season, and have a look at our enormous list of Special Christmas Markets in Florence. The city is packed with music and activity this month, to help us close 2024 with beauty and celebration. The city is at its finest! With best seasons wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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BEST EVENT: AILO'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!



On December 6-8, the American International Women's League ONLUS is organising their annual Christmas bazaar! We hope you were able to make a donation to support this special event, but even if you weren't able to, this is your chance to come along and buy some special treasures and support in another way. There will, of course, be food and drinks, as well as an extensive selection of second hand clothes, books, and more to explore.

THE PLACE: Gardino dell' Orticoltura nel Tepidarium - Via Bolognese 17 R. Bus number 25 from Piazza San Marco to the stop Via Bolognese - and for parking Parterre Piazza della Libertà.

THE DATES AND TIMES: December 6-8, Friday 14:00-18:00, Saturday and Sunday 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.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A QUIET APARTMENT NEAR A TREE-FILLED PIAZZA AND CLOSE TO THE FAMOUS CENTRAL MARKET

Close to Piazza Indipendenza, one of Florence's few tree-filled piazzas, designed by Poggi when Florence was the capital of Italy in the late 1800's. It is about 13 minute walk from the main train station and the bus terminal serving Siena, Lucca etc, and 8 minute walk from the largest of Florence's market places (Mercato Centrale) open every morning. It is also close to a language school (Lorenzo de Medici) and a cooking school (CucinaDivina). This Florentine residential



area is nicely positioned off the beaten tourist path. More information and photos 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

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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: GREEN LINE: IL GIARDINO DI INVERNO, THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES FLORENCE, December 8 to January 7

From December the 8th to January 7th 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. Florence is preparing to light up with "Green-Line": the recently rebranded Florence Light Festival that sheds 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 . The lights will be jointly turned on Saturday, December 8th when the Christmas tree in front of the Duomo is switched on. Website.

BEST PARTY: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS, December 31

Put your warmest coat over your fanciest clothes (and perhaps some long undies) and head to central Florence for at least three free outdoor concerts. While the final schedule is yet to be announced, traditionally Piazza della Signora hosts a classical concert starting around 11:15 pm. This year look for jazz, pop and rock to be happening in all the major piazzas including Piazza della Signoria, Piazza San Lorenzo and Piazza Carmine. If you're looking for a party with all the works, The Hard Rock Cafe is famous for their New Year's party, or you could ring in the New Year at Manifattura Tabacchi, Tuscany Hall, Space Nightclub, or XO Club and Lounge, where there'll be huge parties going all night. With all of Florence theatre's also staging special events and performances, you can choose the ambience right for you to celebrate the New Year in Florence! Find all the action here at this dedicated website.

BEST DINING OUT: I'TUSCANI OFFERS A FEELING OF HOME AND THE PERFECTLY COOKED, MEMORABLE BISTECCA ALLA FIORENTINA

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: A dining experience is made memorable by the people you spend it with, and the homely feel of <u>I'Tuscani</u> in piazza San Pancrazio 2r ensures that sense of familiarity with fellow diners, all down to the welcome offered by the smiling staff. The bistecca alla Fiorentina (Florentine steak) cooked to the perfect point was exactly what you'd hope it to be, with the short and sustainable supply chain the result of a careful selection process, choosing from certified producers of the likes of Chianina IGP, Maremmana and Simmenthal. An agreement with Treedom means that a tree is planted every 17 seats, and the eco-sustainability efforts are even extended to the

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tables that were made using wood that previously formed the hull of boats located on the Tuscan coast. Read more <u>here</u>!

BEST OF THE REST

FLORENCE ON ICE VILLAGE OPENS FOR THE SEASON

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: The Christmas village returns to spread its festive cheer! The 55-meter high Ferris wheel and 1300 square meter ice-skating rink (the largest in Italy!) are usually accompanied by an exciting lineup of (soon-to-announced) unmissable events. (Ferris wheel until March 31). See the website for the Florence Eye and all its activities and attractions <u>here</u>!

SWAN LAKE AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA, December 22

<u>From The Florentine Magazine</u>: One of the world's most loved ballets, Swan Lake, ensures an unforgettable experience over the festive period with Teatro della Pergola hosting the acclaimed performers from the Opera Națională Română Iași (Romanian National Opera) on December 22. The skilled dancers of Iasi Opera Ballet, one of the most acclaimed classical dance companies, has been touring Europe for more than 24 years, bringing this masterpiece to the historic Teatro della Pergola stage with evocative scenography and light designs that immerse audiences in the magical atmosphere, a quintessentially festive experience close to Christmas. Read more <u>here</u>.

FOUR SEASONS OPEN DAY, December 15

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>. The PIC EO artists of the Trisomia 21 Association (working to support those with Down syndrome and their families) can be found in the spectacular Gherardesca Garden as part of the annual charity event that sees entertainment, gourmet food by local producers and more, with all proceeds donated to Trisomia 21 and Contesto Ets.

"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. <u>Website</u>.

50 DAYS OF CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

The 50 Days of Cinema in Florence returns for its 12th edition, also continuing its new collaboration with the David di Donatello and the institution of Italian Rising Stars. The festival dates for October:

5/10 December - River to River Florence Indian Film Festival

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A window on contemporary India, with a selection of the best films in competition, accompanied by the directors and actors.

11 December - N.I.C.E. x Irish Film Fest

New Irish cinema for the first time at the 50 Days of Cinema Festival!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT TEATRO VERDI BY THE ORCHESTRA OF TOSCANA, December 24

Enjoy the Christmas magic with the annual Christmas concert! Orchestra della Toscana performs a Christmas concert with Wagner's Träume and Siegfried Idyll, as well as Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 op.92. To celebrate the Christmas holidays, a score heard for the first time on Christmas Day was chosen. It is Siegfried's Idyll, a gift offered by Richard Wagner to his wife Cosima Liszt on 25 December 1870, the day of his thirty-third birthday. A surprise for her, who that morning was awakened by the sound of fifteen musicians arranged on the staircase of their villa in Triebschen, near Lucerne. With that private gift, Wagner sealed a happy period in his family life that had begun a year and a half earlier with the birth of his third son Siegfried. A token of love is also Träume ("Dreams") which our main conductor Diego Ceretta places at the opening of the concert. Tickets here.

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: <u>www.musefirenze.it</u>

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS

MERCATO TEDESCO DI NATALE OPENS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, Until December 22

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.

Nordic Christmas Market in Piazza della Liberta', Nov 30-Dec 1

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On 30 November and 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Nordic Christmas market will be held in Piazza della Libertà, at the Sala dei Marmi. The market, in the heart of the Tuscan city, will offer visitors the opportunity to purchase handicrafts, Christmas decorations, books, toys, design objects, vintage household items as well as chocolate, sweets and other delicacies from Northern Europe and much more. Visiting the market will therefore be the ideal opportunity to find original and quality gift ideas. 10:00 until 19:00 each day fom November 30 to December 1.

International Ceramics Fair with its Christmas Edition, Nov 30-Dec 1

After last year's success, the second edition of the International Ceramics Fair returns to Florence in its Christmas version, with a market exhibition entirely dedicated to artist ceramics. 40 artists will exhibit their unique creations on Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Ognissanti Square. Each ceramicist will display unique creations designed specifically to celebrate Christmas. From delicate tree ornaments to elegant tableware, visitors will have the opportunity to find original, refined and high-quality gift ideas that are the result of each artist's craftsmanship.

Mercatino in a Palazzo: "Natale per file" kicks off at the Palazzo Corsini from December 6-8

One of the most treasured events of the December calendar, this Christmas market raises funds for charities held every year in Palazzo Corsini. 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 10.

Christmas market under Florence's Ferris wheel

This year, Florence's Ferris wheel is changing location and moving from the Fortezza da Basso to the Cascine Park, to remain there longer, not only during the Christmas festivities. The Municipality of Florence has published the notice to select the company that will set up the big attraction in Piazza Vittorio Veneto. From 8 December onwards, the area will be extended with a real Christmas village and markets. Where: piazza Vittorio Veneto in Le Cascine Park. Hours to be announced.

The Croce Rossa Italiana Christmas Market from December 6-8

The 2024 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). Also for this year, the entire proceeds of the Christmas Market will be exclusively dedicated to the assistance of needy families in the Florentine territory. For more than 25 years, the Christmas Market has been the main source of funding thanks to which the volunteers of the Florence Red Cross can support the more than 2,000 people in our city who are in need, sickness, social reintegration problems and families with disadvantaged minors. Open each day between 10.30-18.30. Enjoy free entry and browse the vintage, antiques, clothing, gifts, jewellery and curiosities. Located at: Palazzo Capponi, Borgo San Frediano 12. Website.

Christmas at Manifattura Tabacchi, Weekends in December

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Manifattura Tabacchi is getting ready for the holiday season. Throughout December, the Factory will welcome you to its shops and studios, offering a unique shopping experience with fashion, sports, and design, along with a schedule of events for all ages, plus a curated selection of food & beverage options.

On the weekends of December 7-8 and 21-22, Building B9 will host the Creative MANI-Factory market—an event organized by the <u>Heyart</u> association, dedicated to emerging creativity. <u>More information here</u> and the full program <u>here</u>.

Christmas Market at the Parco San Donato in Novoli, Daily until January 6

Sitting right in the middle of Novoli's shopping center, you can explore a plethora of vendors selling everything from decorations to jewellery, spices and more. Before retreating inside the mall to pick up your essentials, be sure to get yourself a snack from any of the Tuscan or Neapolitan food vendors. This market will remain open every day until January 8, 2023 in piazza San Donato. Website.

Christmas Fair at the Harold Acton Library, December 6

Don't miss our annual Christmas Fair at the Library! Come along on Friday 1st December from 15.00 to 18.00 and enjoy lots of different stalls selling books and handmade, unique products, gifts and goods. We will have a tea and cakes station, and homemade baked goods on sale. Join the <u>raffle</u> and why not buy a Library Membership as a present for a friend or for a family member! You can find the perfect Christmas present and help raise funds for our wonderful library at the same time. Come along with your friends and family to start your seasonal celebrations. Entry is FREE. <u>Website</u>.

Christmas Advent Outdoor Market at Le Cascine, Sunday December 8

Special Sunday edition 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. Tram T1, stop Cascine/Carlo Monni. Website

Christmas handicraft village in Piazza Santa Maria Novella, December 7-22

Sixteen wooden booths arrive in Piazza Santa Maria Novella for the Christmas markets organised by the 'Ars Manualis' association and focused on handmade products. From the long weekend of the Immaculate Conception, the stands decorated in Christmas style showcase the excellence of Tuscan handicrafts, goldsmiths, leather goods, bookbinding, textiles, ceramics, wood, Signa hats, Florentine mosaics and food and wine. Hours: every day from 10 am to 8 pm

Where: Piazza Santa Maria Novella. Info on the Ars Manualis Facebook page

Christmas and Immaculate Conception Fierucola, 7-8 and 15 December

The "La Fierucola" association, which promotes the agriculture of small family businesses and traditional craftsmanship, is organizing three Christmas markets in Florence in 2024, with dates already announced. It starts on 7 and 8 December with the classic Fair of the Immaculate Conception

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and voluntary associations, in Piazza Santissima Annunziata from morning to evening. On Sunday 8th, on the other side of the Arno, the Fierucolina also takes place in Piazza del Carmine to find agricultural products at 0 km (or almost), from 8am to 2pm. Finally on Sunday 15th December the Christmas Fierucola arrives with stalls of small producers in Piazza Ognissanti from 9am to 7pm.

The Creative Factory Market, presented by Associazione Heyart on December 12-15

The Creative Factory is back in Piazza Ciompi with its most eagerly awaited appointment, in its Christmas version, of the hand made market aimed at promoting creativity and youth enterprise. Self-production, uniqueness and research, selection of materials, experimentation and rediscovery of craftsmanship. Creative Factory is the perfect opportunity to buy Christmas gifts, support small artisans but also a way to support local manufacturing traditions. 9:30am-8:00pm with free entry.

EXHIBITIONS

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

From: <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>. 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. <u>Read more here</u>.

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. <u>Website</u>.

TEATRO DELLE RELAZIONI, INCLUDING A THREE DAY PERFORMANCE, Until December 20

In the recently renovated space of IED Firenze-Ex-teatro dell'Oriuolo is a new exhibition exploring the concept of community in its various forms. 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

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exhibition will run to December 20, with visiting hours from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and entry is free. <u>Website</u>.

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

From: <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>. 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 <u>Villa Bardini</u>, 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. <u>Read more here</u>.

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

From: <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>. 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. <u>Read more here</u>.

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.

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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 <u>here</u>.

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. <u>Tickets and more information</u>.

FILMS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE LECTURES AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: <u>The British Institute of Florence</u> (lungarno Guicciardini 9) commences this month's Wednesday Lectures Series with Filippo Camerota speaking on 'Art and science at the Medici court' on December 4, followed by Elaine Ruffolo speaking about 'Feasting in the Renaissance' on December 11. An open-to-all free entry Christmas Fair takes place from 3-6pm on December 6, where stalls sell books, unique handmade gifts and goods, as well as a tea and cake station. At 6.30pm on December 18, their annual Christmas Concert is an unmissable mix of readings and singing with mulled wine. Free admission and open to all. Bridge is weekly on Tuesdays, with afternoon tea served on Wednesdays.

LIFEDRAWING AND WRITERS BRAINSTORMS AT SOTTO AL BRITISH

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: <u>Sotto al British</u> (lungarno Guicciardini 15) hosts life drawing led by Tom J. Byrne weekly on Mondays from 7-9pm, with Lori Hetherington steering 'Brainstorming for writers' at 7pm on December 17.

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OPEN DOORS REVIEW WITH THEIR 6TH EDITION LAUNCH

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: <u>Open Doors Review</u> mark their 6th issue with a launch at SOTTO al British (lungarno Guicciardini 15) from 5-8pm on December 12. Join members of the Open Doors community for an aperitivo with a musical interlude by Wendepunkte. Along with a celebration of the written works from recent contributors will be a selection of artworks from previous issues of the magazine with special attention to this edition's featured artist, Tatiana Stadnichenko.

INTIMATE DISCUSSIONS ON HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE AT THE ART OF STYLE

From <u>The Florentine Magazine</u>: Lady Kendra of <u>The Art of Style</u> (via Romana 142/via dei Serragli 137) hosts intimate conversations on Mondays from 7-9pm, treating a different subject every week. Mindfulness & Movement is on Wednesdays from 9-11am, with meditation and yoga followed by a sound bath with a focus on a different chakra each session. Aperitivos are hosted from 7-10pm on Fridays to introduce potential members to the space/gallery as a safe place for the community. A 20-euro donation to The Substitute Society is requested for participation. A free entry gallery showcase for the local artist of the month is from 7-10pm on December 6, showcasing Gabriele Mannelli.

DECEMBER WISHES

Each year's end is a chance to appreciate what has past, while 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 – Bargello Apt - Historic Center Third floor with elevator, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1400 Sq. Ft.), 3 Bed, 2 Bath. Autonomouos heating, Air. Con. Sunlight and views.

Asking Price 990,000 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 depandance. 6 bed, 5 bath, autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking price 1,900,000 Euro

SALE – Piazza Azeglio – Historic Center Second and top floor (possible elevator), refurbished, approx. 140 sq. mt.(1400 Sq. Ft), 2 Bed, study, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 870,000 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 – Santa Maria Novella – 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