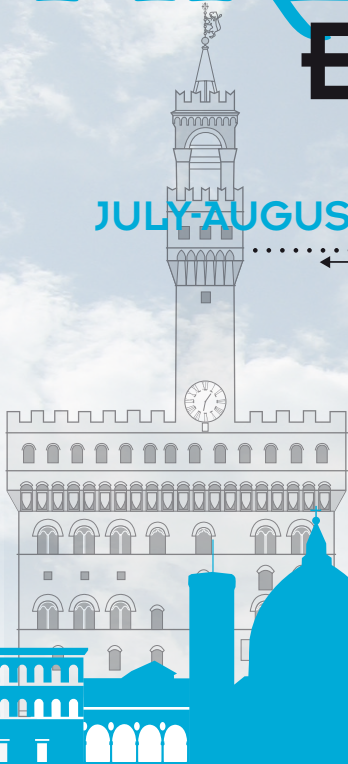


# FIRENZE EVENTS

JULY-AUGUST 2012



Welcome to Florence!

I wish you a pleasant stay in our city. It belongs to us all because it's a world heritage site. Make yourselves at home and love it. Firenze, the city of the fleur-de-lis, the cradle of the Renaissance. Let everyday be a renaissance for Florence. Let's discover the talent and creativity that made this city so glorious and which still continues to flourish today. We have freed important spots from traffic and handed them back to locals and visitors alike: Piazza Duomo, Piazza Pitti, Via Tornabuoni. With 12 hectares of new pedestrianized zones, we are becoming a model for a city that is at once beautiful, sustainable and liveable. You can cross the historic centre in fifteen minutes: walking is good for you and, looking up, enjoy the surrounding beauty at the same time. The Firenze Card was introduced in 2011, allowing you to visit 50 museums at leisure, avoiding the queues and having to make reservations, as well as unlimited use of the buses. We have provided a wonderful new home to Maggio Musicale Fiorentino by opening the new Opera House. 2012 is the year of Amerigo, a chance not only to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the death of Vespucci, but more importantly to think about the journey of a man who, leaving Florence, sailed the ocean and understood that the Indies or New Spain offered something different, a new continent; and it was to this continent that he gave his name. We have inaugurated a new exhibition area in the Palazzo Vecchio museum with a new section called "Traces of Florence" to offer the public an engaging overview of the art and history of our city with permanent and temporary exhibitions. On the occasion of San Giovanni we reopened the Tower of Arnolfo giving back to the Florentines a symbolic monument in the history of the city. After the big concerts of Bruce and Madonna we go on enjoying a great 2012 Florence Summer Festival: Roberto Benigni comes back "home" in Santa Croce square after 6 years and will recite 12 cantos from Dante's Inferno to help us thinking about the meaning of citizenship and on a life worth of honour. I hope that you can get a taste of all this and that you long to come back. You'll always be welcome.

Feel free to write to me at: sindaco@comune.fi.it

Matteo Renzi, Mayor of Florence



## FLORENCE SUMMER FESTIVAL



11  
JULY

**MORRISSEY**

CAVEA OF THE NEW OPERA THEATRE – 9:00PM

In concert.

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JULY

**ALANIS MORISSETTE**

CAVEA OF THE NEW OPERA THEATRE – 9:00PM

In concert.

20-6  
JULY  
AUGUST

**TUTTODANTE**

PIAZZA SANTA CROCE

After 6 years again in Florence TuttoDante, the show by Roberto Benigni dedicated to the Divine Comedy. Twelve nights for many cantos of the Inferno. Info: [www.tuttodante.it](http://www.tuttodante.it)

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JULY

**LIVE JAZZ 2012  
RACHELLE FERRELL**

CAVEA OF THE NEW OPERA THEATRE – 9:00PM

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JULY

**DAMIEN RICE**

CAVEA OF THE NEW OPERA THEATRE – 9:00PM

In concert.

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JULY

**PALESTINE YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

LOGGIA DEI LANZI, PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA – 9:00PM

Musics by Beethoven, Dvorak, Delibes, Rimsky – Korsakov, Maïas Al Yamani. Director S.Edwards. One of the most valued youth orchestras in the world (from July 5)

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AUGUST



**BIG TOURNAMENT OF SANDCASTELS**

EASY LIVING, SPIAGGIA SULL'ARNO – 3:30PM

The competition among teams with the most inventive sandcastles builders under the Tower of S. Niccolò. Free participation

31  
AUGUST

**TAPPA A SHOW  
WITH THE "OMINI"**

PIAZZA DELLA PASSERA

A show about the area of piazza Pitti, on stage its stories and residents.

INFO ON SUMMER FESTIVAL:  
[FIRENZESTATE.IT](http://FIRENZESTATE.IT)

3-24  
JULY

## ARCHEOLOGICAL NIGHTS

The city museums in collaboration with the Museo dei Ragazzi present 4 special evenings to revive the ancient theatre of Florentia in the first centuries after Christ. Requested reservation. Info 055-2768224 055-2768558, info.museoragazzi@comune.fi.it

SPORT

## FLORENCE EUROPEAN CITY OF SPORT 2012

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JULY

## PINOCCHIO TURNS 131 YEARS OLD

At 11:00am "Pinocchio in prima visione" with Giunti at the Biblioteca Nazionale - Exhibition: The illustrators of Pinocchio (piazza Cavalleggeri 1) and at 3:00 feast in the district of San Lorenzo - www.pinocchiohome.it

5-7  
JULY

## 6 FISHING NATIONS 2012 FRIENDSHIP CUP

On the Arno river at the Fonderia, the Trophy organized by the Italian Federation of sports fishing and subaqueous activities.

20-22  
JULY

## INTERNATIONAL TROPHY OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL "4 HELMETS"

At the new stadium of San Bartolo a Cintoia the Trophy organized by ASD Guelfi Firenze

7-28  
JULY

## LUGLIOBLATE

Every Sunday in July animated readings and workshops for kids. All Tuesdays and Thursdays "The library of the actor", free of charge acting stage based on the Stanislavkij method addressed to young people (14-20 years). Info at www.bibliotecadelleoblade.it

THEATRES

11-31  
JULY

## MUSIC AT THE BARGELLO MUSEUM AND S. STEFANO AL PONTE

The clarinet of Alessandro Carbonare, the fagotto of Lorenzo Lumachi, the bandoneon of Mario Stefano Pietrodarchi, the historical Orchestra I Pomeriggi Musicali. Classical and contemporary music on the stage of Musica at Bargello 2012, organized by the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina and the Bargello Museum under the artistic direction of Maestro Giuseppe Lanzetta, in the framework of the Estate al Bargello/Firenze Estate. www.orcafi.it



## TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA

The season ticket campaign for the Teatro della Pergola has started! Until July 13 it will be possible to preconfirm, confirm and buy new season tickets for fixed seating. From September 10 reopening of the ticket offices with new tickets on sale for fixed seating; from September 24 Choose Pergola for 10 and from October 1st Choose Pergola for 5 on sale.

Info: biglietteria@teatrodellapergola.com, 055 0763333

Box offices: from Monday through Saturday 9.30am/18.30pm - closed sundays

UNTIL  
23  
JULY

## FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL

At the Bargello National Museum the 23th edition of the Florence Dance Festival "Rediscovering a new world", on the occasion of the celebrations for the Year of Amerigo Vespucci promoted by the City Administration. Info www.florencecdance.org

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JULY

## FEAST DAY OF SANTA ANNA

At 9:00 procession of the Florentine Republic from the Arengario of Palazzo Vecchio up to the Duomo and the Church of Orsanmichele for the offering of the candles.

11-22  
JULY

## MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO 2012

From 11 to July 13 at the Limonaia of Villa Strozzi, MaggioDanza presents The Genesis Tribute, a ballet by Francesco Ventriglia on the most famous songs by the renowned English band of the 70ies and 80ies. From July 17-22 again at the Teatro Comunale the Florentine opera par excellence by Giacomo Puccini, Gianni Schicchi, directed by Gaetano D'Espinosa with the original drawings by Galileo Chini and the young singers of Maggio Formazione.

Info and tickets: www.maggiofiorentino.com



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AUGUST

## SAN LORENZO

At 11:00am Saint Mass and offering of the candles for San Lorenzo, city co-patron saint, at the Basilica di San Lorenzo. At 9:30am concert by Florence's Rossini Philharmonic in piazza San Lorenzo.

11  
AUGUST

## 68° ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF FLORENCE

At 7:00 am the sound of the "Martinella" announces the liberation of Florence. Ceremony at 10:30am in piazza dell'Unità Italiana with the laying of a laurel wreath on the war memorial. At 11:15am commemoration in the Salone dei Cinquecento and at 9:00pm concert by Florence's Rossini Philharmonic at the Arengario of Palazzo Vecchio.

## FLORENCE CITY MUSEUMS

Tower of Arnolfo in Palazzo Vecchio - open every day, 9:00-9:00pm (Thursday 9:00am-14:00pm) €6,50. No reservations.  
Tower of San Niccolò - open every day 5:00-8:00pm € 3  
Info www.unbacionefirenze.net