

ITALIAN EVENTS NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2018

ART EXIBITIONS

ASCOLI PICENO

COLA OF AMATRICE – ECCENTRIC PAINTER BETWEEN PINTURICCIO AND RAPHAEL

Until 30 Oct 2018

Museo Civico

www.comuneap.gov.it

FLORENCE

STEVE MC CURRY

Until 6 Sep 2018

Villa Bardini

<http://www.bardinipeyron.it/>

MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ



21 September 2018- 20 January 2019

Palazzo degli Strozzi

www.palazzostrozzi.org/mostre/marina-abramovic/

MILAN

MASTERPIECES FROM THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

Until 2 Sep 2018

Palazzo Reale

www.palazzorealemilano.it

PAUL KLEE AND THE EUROPEAN PRIMITIVISM

26 Sep 2018- 27 Jan 2019

Mudec – Museum of Cultures

www.mudec.it

ROME

TRAJAN. BUILDING THE EMPIRE, CREATING EUROPE



Until 16 Sep 2018

Marcati di Traiano

www.mercatiditraiano.it

SORRENTO

FRANCIS BACON – FROM THE BARRY JOULE COLLECTION

Until 4 Nov 2018

Villa Fiorentino in Sorrento

www.sorrentotourism.com

VENICE

BIENNALE D'ARTE

Until 26 November 2018

Various locations

www.labiennale.org

HOMO FABER – CRAFTING A MORE HUMAN FUTURE

14-30 Sept. 2018

Fondazione Giorgio Cini

San Giorgio Maggiore Island

www.michelangelofoundation.org/homofaber

NEW MUSEUMS/ ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

NEW CASANOVA MUSEUM & EXPERIENCE IN VENICE

A new museum, dedicated to the one of Venice's most influential sons, Giacomo Casanova, opened in the city in April. The museum shows various objects belonging to Casanova and recreates ambiances of the golden era of the Serenissima at the time.

www.casanovamuseum.com

NEW KOOLHAAS TORRE FOR THE FONDAZIONE PRADA MUSEUM IN MILAN

The new Torre Bianca of the Fondazione Prada, designed by the Dutch architect Koolhaas has been inaugurated recently in Milan. The tower is 60 metres high, 2000sqms of art spaces spread over 6 floors and it is made of glass and concrete. On show works by Jeff Koons, Walter De Maria, Pino Pascali, Damien Hirst and Carsten Hoeller amongst others. On the top floor there is a restaurant with panoramic views over the city.

RE-OPENING OF THE ABBEY OF SANTA MARIA DI CERRATE IN LECCE, PUGLIA

The Abbazia di Santa Maria di Cerrate in Lecce in Puglia has re-opened after extensive restoration works. The church is a splendid example of Romanic Architecture typical of Puglia with important frescoes dating from the 12th century. A new hotel "Casa del Massaro" where one can stay for a relaxing holiday is due to open soon.

FESTIVALS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

LA NOTTE ROSA – PINK NIGHT

Adriatic coast of Emilia Romagna and Marche

6 July 2018

www.lanotterosa.it



For one night the entire Riviera (Romagna and Marche) turns pink. There will be shows, events, theatre sets, and scenery. Each resort will interpret the theme in a creative and original way. The whole Riviera will become an enormous stage where everyone has a part to play. La Notte Rosa will take place all along the coast, from the Lidos of Comacchio to Senigallia, but the heart of the event is the Riviera of Rimini. It is an event that attracts thousands of Italians to head to the Adriatic coast and is

fast becoming an international attraction.

VENICE FILM FESTIVAL

Venice, 29 Aug – 8 Sept 2018 (programme tbc)

www.labiennale.org

Venice will host the 75th edition of this film festival, one of the oldest and most famous. Thousands of visitors, dozens of stars and hundreds of projections are crammed into ten days of fabulous festivities and parties. The Festival is hosted at the Lido Island in the Venice Lagoon.

FESTIVAL DELLA MENTE

Sarzana – Liguria 31 Aug - 2 Sep 2018

www.festivaldellamente.it

Festival della Mente is Europe's first event dedicated to creativity. It brings together Italian and foreign writers, artists, musicians, architects, film and theatre directors as well as scientists and philosophers who investigate the nature of this most fascinating and mysterious human skill.

FESTIVAL LETTERATURA

Mantua – 5-9 Sep. 2018

www.festivaletteratura.it

This year's "Festivaletteratura" builds on tradition, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner will take part to this ever more successful Festival of Literature hosted by the art city of Mantua.

SPORT

MONZA MOTOR GRAND PRIX

31 Aug -2 September 2018, Monza

<http://it.motorsport.com/track/monza/>

Iconic Formula 1 Motor GP in the Monza race track, an unmissable appointment for all fast cars lovers.

BARCOLANA – SAIL RACE

Trieste – 14 October 2018

www.barcolana.it



Every year more than two thousand sails meet in the Gulf of Trieste. The 16 mile nautical route, Europe's biggest sailing event and the only regatta in the world to set a single start line for so many yachts.

HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS/FOLKLORE

THE PALIO OF SIENA

Siena – July 2nd/ August 16th 2018

www.comune.siena.it

Everyday life grinds to a halt as Siena celebrates its most ancient and sacred ritual: horses and riders representing ten of Siena's seventeen contrade, or districts, race around the ring of tufo rock that covers the Piazza del Campo. On 2 July and 16 August the long afternoon begins in the heart of each contrada with the blessing of the horses, followed by the historical parade to the piazza. Finally, there is the race itself: the victorious contrada bears the banner triumphantly to the Provenzano Basilica for the "te deum" thanksgiving to the Madonna (2 June) or to the Madonna Assunta (16 August).

QUINTANA OF ASCOLI PICENO

Ascoli Piceno – 14 Jul and 5 August 2018

www.quintanadiascoli.it



Ascoli Piceno in the Marche region, hosts each year the historical Quintana, a re-enactment of Medieval customs and practices. The participants are dressed in Medieval costumes and walk in procession along the streets of the city in each “sestiere” (city quarter), followed by flag bearers and archers.

FESTIVAL OF THE REDENTORE

Venice – 14- 15 July 2018

www.veneziaunica.it

One of the most popular events in Venice is celebrated each year on the third Sunday of July. The festival itself dates back to the year 1576, and is named after the church Redentore that was designed by Palladio and resides on the island of Guidecca. Venice was suffering from a terrible plague, and the Republic's senate voted to build a temple on the Guidecca Island in honour of Christ the Redeemer, and the Venetians promised to go there every year on the third Sunday of July, if the plague stopped. Traditionally, the Venetians celebrate this day by having dinner on the Saturday night while watching an incredible display of fireworks that light up the skies over Venice for an hour or more.

PALIO DEI NORMANNI DI PIAZZA ARMERINA

Piazza Armerina, Sicily – 12,13, 14 August 2018

www.feditgiochistorici.it



Plutia (the old Piazza Armerina) is home to the most ancient medieval event in Southern Italy which takes place every year from August 12-14 in honour of Madonna Maria SS. Delle Vittorie. The event is a re-enactment of Sicily being conquered in 1060 by the Normans, led by Ruggero of Altavilla. At the end of the event, the whole procession parades through the main streets, triumphantly displaying the city flag along with its winners.

LA TORTA DEI FIESCHI,

Cogorno and Lavagna (Genoa), 13-14 August 2018

www.tortadefieschi.it

On 13th August in San Salvatore di Cogorno takes place the "Addiu du Fantin", a medieval reconstruction of the bachelor party of Count Opizzo Fieschi with dances, antique music, flags games and knights. One day after, 14th August, not far away in Lavagna, takes place the medieval reconstruction of the marriage of Bianca De' Bianchi with Opizzo Fieschi, better known as "Torta dei Fieschi" (Fieschi's Cake): a giant wedding cake, prepared for the occasion by local confectioners, is distributed to all participants in the event.

HISTORICAL REGATTA

Venice – 2 September 2018

www.regatastoricavenezia.it

The Grand Canal every year during the first Sunday of September becomes a theatre for one of the greatest of Venetian events, the Historical Regatta, dating back to 1315 under the rule of doge Giovanni Soranzo. The Historical Regatta starts out with the colourful procession on water, formed by the Bissone, the Bucintoro and the boats of the Venetian rowing clubs, but also the women's race on Mascarete and that of the youngsters Pupperini.

PALIO DI ASTI in Asti, Piedmont

Asti, 2 September 2018

http://www.comune.asti.it/index.php?id_sezione=943



One of the oldest Palio's in Italy this colourful event sees 21 contestants relive the ancient tradition of the Palio in the historic centre of this charming Piedmont town, famous for its sparkling wine, the Asti spumante. In the days preceding the race, visitors can enjoy many collateral and preparatory events: the Palio of the Flag-wavers, the colourful flea market, the trials of the jockeys on the field. The Palio itself is a difficult challenge requiring all the participants' strength and skill, passion and courage as only one of them will win

possession of the crimson banner with the coat of arms of the city and the image of its Patron Saint.

THE MACCHINA DI SANTA ROSA PROCESSION

Viterbo - September 3rd 2018

www.facchinidisantarosa.it

Each year the Medieval town of Viterbo in Lazio renews the festivities in honour of its Holy Patron Saint. The Trasporto della Macchina di Santa Rosa, a procession which takes place in the evening of September 3rd to commemorate the relocation of the body of Saint Rosa from the Church of Santa Maria del Poggio to the church of San Damiano (the Sanctuary of Santa Rosa). The Macchina di Santa Rosa is a gigantic structure, nearly 30 metres high, which is carried through the streets by a large team of strong local men.

SAGRA DEL FUOCO – FIRE FESTIVAL

Recco (Genoa) 7-8 Sep 2018

www.sagradelfuoco.it

The celebrations in honour of the Our Lady of the Suffragio are known all over Italy, for the grandeur of the firework displays, which explode to illuminate the sky of Recco. It is the 7 quarters of Recco which challenge each other; they avail themselves of the best Italian masters of fireworks displays. During the same time the solemn procession of 8th September takes place through the streets of the town with the Arca Argentea Suffragina and the magnificent wooden Crucifixes of the Ligurian Brotherhoods.

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