

ITALIAN EVENTS NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

ART EXIBITIONS

ROME

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC. PAINTINGS FROM THE BUDAPEST MUSEUM

Museo dell'Ara Pacis

Until 8 May 2016

www.arapacis.it



CORREGGIO AND PARMIGIANINO. ART IN PARMA IN THE 16TH CENTURY

Scuderie del Quirinale

Until 26 June 2016

www.scuderiequirinale.it

ANDY WARHOL

Chiostro del Bramante

Until 25 Jun 2016

www.chiostrodelbramante.it

FLORENCE

FROM KANDINSKY TO POLLOCK FROM THE GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION

Palazzo Strozzi

Until 24 Jul 2016

www.palazzostrozzi.org

PAINTED WOOD SCULPTURES IN 15TH CENTURY FLORENCE

Uffizi Gallery

Until 28 August 2016

www.uffizi.com

MILAN

SYMBOLISM. LE FLEUR DU MAL

Palazzo Reale

Until 5 Jun 2016

www.palazzorealemilano.it



MIRO'

Mudec – Museo delle Culture
Unitl 11 Sep 2016
www.mudec.it

TURIN

MATISSE AND HIS TIMES
Palazzo Chiablese
Until 15 May 2016
www.mostramatisse.it

FROM POUSSIN TO THE IMPRESSIONISTS. THREE CENTURIES OF FRENCH PAINTING FROM THE ERMITAGE

Palazzo Madama
Until 4 July 2016
www.palazzomadamatorino.it

RAVENNA

THE ART OF THE 20TH CENTURY

MAR, Museo d'Arte Citta' di Ravenna
Until 26 Jun 2016
www.mar.ra.it

FORLI' (Emilia Romagna)

PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA, STUDY OF THE MYTH
Musei San Domenico
Until 26 Jun 2016
www.mostrefondazioneforli.it



PAVIA

TRANQUILLO CREMONA AND THE "SCAPIGLIATURA MOVEMENT"
Scuderie del Castello Visconteo
Until 5 Jun 2016
www.scuderiepavia.com

BOLOGNA

EGYPT. MASTERPIECES FROM LIEDEN TO BOLOGNA

Museo Civico Archeologico

Until 17 July 2016

www.mostraegitto.it

MORANDI AT 20. PAINTINGS FROM THE MATTIOLI COLLECTION

Museo Morandi

Until 26 Jun 2016

<http://www.mambo-bologna.org/museomorandi/>

OSIMO, NEAR ANCONA – MARCHE

LOTTO, TIZIANO, ARTEMISIA. THE SECRET ROOMS OF VITTORIO Town: Osimo

Palazzo Campana

Until 29 October 2016

www.comune.osimo.an.it



NEW MUSEUMS/ ATTRACTIONS/EVENTS

SPORT HALL OF FAME IN ROME

The best known Italian and foreign sportsmen and sportswomen are honoured in this new attraction in Piazza D'Aracoeli, near the Capitol Hill in Rome. Memorabilia belonging to these modern heroes are on show for all sports enthusiasts, here are some of the famous names: Mohamad Ali, Fausto Coppi, Pele', Marco Pantani, Ayrton Senna, Michael Shumacher, Federica Pellegrini, Tania Cagnotto among others.

<http://www.turismoroma.it/cosa-fare/roma-sport-hall-of-fame>

MAGGIO DEI MONUMENTI – OPEN DOORS MONUMENTS IN NAPLES

This annual event when the rich heritage of Naples art and culture is open to everybody to appreciate will be dedicated this year to the 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles III of Bourbon.

Some people believe that we owe the invention of European archaeology to him and in fact hardly a historical figure has left traces in the most intense level of monuments like Charles: the Teatro San Carlo, the Royal Palace of Caserta, the Foro Carolino (now Piazza Dante), the Hospice for the Poor, the ruins of Herculaneum, Pompeii, Stabiae ...

FESTIVALS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

ROLLI DAYS 2016 - GENOA

2-3 April, 28-29 May, 15-16 October, Genoa

www.visitgenoa.it

Three weekends of free entrance to visit the Rolli Palaces: great lodging palaces and mansions selected by public lottery, which were used to host the nobles coming to Genoa for visits of State. UNESCO world heritage palaces, the Rolli Palaces will host three annual thematic dates.

CILIEGI IN FIORE – BLOOMING CHERRY TREES FESTIVAL IN VIGNOLA

2-10 April 2016

www.emiliaromagnaturismo.com



Vignola - located in the province of Modena - is the start of the so-called "Food and Wine Trail" and a Renaissance town on the Po plain, which has been celebrating the production of outstanding cherry trees for 40 years. During the Festival the entire town is "blooming- with-cherry-trees", with events, concerts, exhibitions, special restaurant menus, tasting sessions and related activities to enjoy. The "blossoming chariots" parade is a real celebration of the blossoming of cherry trees.

ROME'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, 21 APRIL 2016

Every year on 21 April Rome celebrates its legendary "birthday" with three days of typically Roman events and initiatives, including gladiatorial games, parades etc. For the full programme of events please consult. www.turismoroma.it

SHAKESPEARE IN VENETO

Verona, Venice, Padua, Lake Garda, April to December 2016

www.shakespeareinveneto.it/en



On the occasion of the 400-year anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, this event aims to show Shakespeare's works in the cities of the Veneto Region where they were set by the author: in the legendary cloister of Juliet's Tomb in the romantic Verona; in noble, historical, outstanding Venetian Palazzi in Venice; in patrician villas in the ancient Republic of Venice territories and in a fairytale castle with a breath-taking panorama on Garda Lake.

VERONA: Romeo and Juliet

VENICE: Othello and The Merchant of Venice

PADUA – Legnaro: The Taming of the Shrew

LAKE GARDA – Torri del Benaco (Verona): The two Gentlemen of Verona

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO FESTIVAL

Teatro Comunale – Florence – 24 April – 30 June 2016

www.operadifirenze.it

This is one of the oldest traditional cultural events in Florence. The Stabile Orchestrale Fiorentina was born in 1928 and in 1933 it organized the first edition of the Festival, which, over the years grew to international fame. The Festival has its own Ballet Company called Maggio Dance.

ARENA DI VERONA

Verona – 24 June – 28 August 2016

www.arena.it



The International Opera Festival, now in its 94th edition presents a rich calendar of events. The operas to be performed this year are: Aida, Carmen, La Traviata, Turandot, Il Trovatore. Arena di Verona welcomes once again artists and public in its magnificent setting.

RAVELLO CONCERTS, in Ravello, Amalfi Coast

Villa Rufolo, Ravello – 18 Mar - 31 Oct 2016

www.ravelloarts.org

Spanning from Spring to Autumn, far from the tourist crowds, Ravello becomes the favourite destination for those who love the silence of its Villas and its medieval churches. In that time, an audience of music lovers meet every year to listen to the concerts held in the gardens and the rooms of Villa Rufolo, famous for having inspired Wagner for the setting of his Parsifal.

CLASSICAL GREEK THEATRE FESTIVAL IN SIRACUSA

Siracusa, Sicily

13 May – 26 June 2016

www.indafondazione.org

Classical Greek theatrical representation in the magical atmosphere of the Greek Theatre in Siracusa, this year's programme includes: Electra by Sophocles Alcestis by Euripides and Phaedra by Seneca.

LA NOTTE ROSA – PINK NIGHT

Adriatic coast of Emilia Romagna

1-2 July 2016

www.lanotterosa.it



For one night the entire Riviera 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 Cattolica, 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.

SPORT

ROME MARATHON

Rome – 10 April 2016

www.maratonadiroma.it



Since the early years of the twentieth century the roads and squares of the Eternal City have seen some of the really mythical moments of the whole history of racing on foot. It is an event that unites spirit and passion with alternative routes for non-professionals.

BIKE FESTIVAL GARDA TRENINO

Riva del Garda, Trentino

29 Apr – 1 May 2016

www.gardatrentino.it

This now classic appointment with the Bike Festival Garda Trentino is back in spring: a season opening for bikers, who will find themselves next to stars of the mountain bike international scene. The program includes exhibitions, shows, competitions, performances and stunts, testing of the industry novelties and lots of fun.

GIRO D' ITALIA

6 – 29 May 2016

www.gazzetta.it

The most important bicycle race in Italy, the Giro d'Italia, dates back to May 1909 and has become an iconic race all over the world. This year the Giro will start on 6 May 2016 in Apeldoorn in the Netherlands, ends in Turin on 29 May.

MILLE MIGLIA

19-22 May 2016

www.1000miglia.eu



The most beautiful vintage cars in the world chosen to participate in the race each year are selected under rigorous guidelines. The 2016 edition plans a departure from Brescia, journeying through Lake Garda, Ferrara, Rimini, Senigallia to Rome and then back to Brescia via Viterbo, Siena, Bologna Parma and Bergamo.

“LA 24 ORE DI FINALE” – MTB FESTIVAL – FINALE LIGURE

From 27th to 29th May, Finale Ligure (Savona)

www.24hfinale.com

The “24 ore di Finale” is a mountain bike competition, which became famous all over Europe because of its unique style, in between the event and the Mountain Bike race. It takes place non-stop for 24 hours, in the frame of the upland of the Manie, surrounded by a magical atmosphere, filled with woodland and unparalleled views.

HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS/FOLKLORE

FESTA DEI CERI (RACE OF THE CANDLES)

Gubbio – 15th May 2016

www.ceri.it

The Festa Dei Ceri is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Italian folklore display. The festival is a solemn act of devotion on the part of the Eugubini towards their Bishop Ubaldo Baldassini which started in 1160, the year of his death. Since then, every 15 May, the eve of the day of mourning, the devotional offering to the patron Saint is a fixed appointment for the people of Gubbio who take part in a great mystical procession, carrying candles all around the town and up Mount Ingino (where since 11 September 1194 the body of Saint Ubaldo lies, in the church which bears his name).

THE PALIO OF FERRARA

Ferrara – 5 May – 17 Jun 2016

www.paliodiferrara.it



The Palio of Ferrara is the most ancient event of its kind in the world dating back to 1279. It is peculiar for its kind of ride that is joyful and so different from other warlike palii. This is a very important moment for the city: all the Contrade participate wearing dress of different colours to gain the “palio”, but also and overall it is a festivity to remember the Renaissance, a period during which Ferrara was really a capital. The Palio is run on Sunday 29 May.

GIOSTRA DELL’ARCHIDADO

Cortona, 5 June 2016

www.giostraarchidado.com

The Archidado Joust traces its origins back to the Middle Ages and was officially created in 1397 to celebrate the wedding of Francesco Casali, the Lord of Cortona, and Antonia Salimbeni, a noble woman from Siena. In the city of Cortona, this historical event is recalled every year on the second Sunday of June, when people are lead back to the ancient medieval splendour of the city. The streets

are decorated in medieval style, ladies, knights, flag flyers, crossbow shooters, soldiers, pages, civil and religious authorities, all dressed with fine costumes, liven up the city center, which is rich in history and artistic beauties of every time.

LUMINARA AND RACE OF SAN RANIERI

Lungarno – Pisa - June 16th/17th 2016

<http://www.pisaunicaterra.it/en/villages-and-cities-of-art/pisa-en.html>

On the occasion of the Feast of San Ranieri, Patron Saint of Pisa, celebrated annually on 16-17 June, the enchantment of the illuminations of Saint Ranieri is renewed on the streets running along the river Arno (the so-called Lungarni). In fact, following the ancient tradition the Pisans celebrate their Patron Saint on the following day with the historical Regatta of San Ranieri (Palio). There are more than a hundred thousand wax candles which at every edition are meticulously set in smooth and white glasses and fixed then onto wooden white-painted frames, modelled in such a way as to highlight the outline of the palaces, of the bridges, of the churches and of the towers reflecting the river.

PALIO DEL NIBALLO

Faenza, Emilia Romagna

26 June 2016

www.paliodifaenza.it



Seeing the Palio del Niballo is like living and enjoying a day in 14th-century Faenza. Flag-wavers, knights, and drummers dressed in the colours of the town's five contending "rioni" (i.e. quarters) - White, Yellow, Black, Red and Green - flood the most charming parts of the old town centre, accompanied by the pounding of drums. The palio consists in hitting a revolving dummy with a spear. The dummy is fashioned as a Saracen warrior (called the "Niballo") and the idea is to get your horse

to run past faster than the Niballo turns. In June, before the palio, the rioni warm up with flag-waving and music competitions and the Bigorda d'Oro (a palio for younger racers).

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