

ITALIAN EVENTS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN- 2013

ART EXIBITIONS

FROM DONATELLO TO LIPPI. PRATO'S SCHOOL

Museo Civico, Palazzo Pretorio

Prato, Tuscany

Until 13 January 2014

www.pratoturismo.it



A great exhibition that shows one of the most important period of the Italian history of art - the 15th century - when many of the main Italian artists worked in Prato: Donatello, Michelozzo, Maso di Bartolomeo, Paolo Uccello, Filippo and Filippino Lippi. High quality works of art to understand these personalities and what still remains in Prato of their art. On show also some works of art now in foreign museums.

FIRE AND ICE, THE RUSSIAN AVANT-GARDE, SIBERIA AND THE EAST

Florence - Palazzo Strozzi

Until 19 January 2014

www.palazzostrozzi.org

This is the first international exhibition to examine the fundamental importance of the Oriental and Eurasian connection to Russian Modernism, following the destinies of Russia's self-proclaimed "Barbarians" in their search for new sources of artistic inspiration. Emphasising the key role which radical Russian artists played in the development of Modern art over a century ago, the exhibition underlines their complex relationship with the Orient (both the Russian East and the Far East). Featuring artists are: Léon Bakst, Alexandre Benois, Pavel Filonov, Natalia Goncharova, Wassily Kandinsky, Mikhail Larionov, Kazimir Malevich among others.

AUGUSTUS, the vision of a new era

Scuderie del Quirinale, Rome

18 October 2013 – 9 February 2014

www.scuderiequirinale.it



The exhibition entitled Augustus. The vision of a new era falls on the 2000th anniversary of the first Roman emperor's death: Augustus died an old man in Nola on 19 August 14 CE with his wife Livia by his side, accompanied by her son Tiberius into whose hands the Empire was to fall only hours later. Augustus was an exceptional figure, rightly considered akin to a god in every way. No one achieved greater triumph in war or was more measured in time of peace than he.

“TOWARDS MONET”, LANDSCAPE PAINTING IN EUROPE AND AMERICA FROM THE 17TH TO THE 20TH CENTURY

Verona – Palazzo della Gran Guardia

26 Oct 2013 – 9 Nov 2014

www.lineadombra.it



Landscape painting is at the heart of this exhibition at the prestigious location of Palazzo della Gran Guardia, right in front of the Arena. 90 paintings will be on show following a chronological order from the 17th to the 20th century, paintings where the landscape, nature in all its forms take centre stage rather than being only a mere background. Works by: Poussain, Van Ruisdael, Canaletto, Bellotto, Turner, Constable, Sisley, Pissarro, Manet, Cezanne, Gaugin and finally

Monet among others.

ZURBARAN (1598-1664)

Ferrara, Palazzo dei Diamanti

Until 6 January 2014

www.palazzodiamanti.it



Along with Velázquez and Murillo, Francisco de Zurbarán was one of the great painters of the Golden Age of Spanish painting, and the refined naturalism of his work left a lasting legacy on European art. Combining the mysticism of his time with the realism rooted in the traditions of his country, he produced compositions that were at once monumental yet familiar, in which the sublime world and the material world come together to create visions that transcend reality. For the strength and immediacy of his inventions, Zurbarán's work was much

admired by his contemporaries. No less significant is the impact his works had on modern artists, such as Manet, Morandi, Picasso and Dalí, who drew inspiration from the simplicity and purity of his forms.

ANTONELLO DA MESSINA

MART, Rovereto, Trentino

5 October 2013 – 12 January 2014

www.mart.trento.it



The exhibition offers a complex investigation and an original overview of the artist and his times, through the study of the art-historical links and airing of controversies that remain open to this day, proposed here as points of strength through which to explore new avenues in critical interpretation.

The exhibition offers not only insights into chronological details, an analysis of his collaborations, similarities and differences, imitators and masters, but concentrates also on a profound study of

the poetic intelligence of an artist who succeeded in capturing the psychological overtones and most intimate characteristics of the human soul.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, all over Italy

Until end of 2013

It is now possible to visit a number of the most important museums in Italy at night, every last Saturday of the month until end of 2013. This initiative is valid all over Italy and is accompanied by other events such as concerts, ballets, cultural and literary events.

Check for dates and locations on the Culture Ministry website: www.beniculturali.it and click on “Un sabato notte al museo”

NEW ART SPACES

NEW! MUSEO DEL VIOLINO (VIOLIN MUSEUM) in Cremona

www.museodelviolino.org



The city of Cremona in Lombardy has always been associated with music and violins, its most famous son being Stradivari. Now Cremona has a brand new Violin Museum which hosts an incredible collection of string instruments, historically and artistically important in the music world. The new stunning Auditorium hosts concerts and other events.

FESTIVALS, MUSIC AND OTHER EVENTS

VERDI FESTIVAL

Parma

30 September -31 October 2013

www.teatroregioparma.org

Annual appointment in Parma with the music of Italy's most famous opera composer, Giuseppe Verdi. The Festival celebrates 200 years from Verdi's birth. This year the performances will be: Simon Boccanegra, Falstaff, I Masnadieri, Requiem Mass.

ROMA CINEMAFEST

Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica

8-17 November 2013

www.romacinemafest.it

This will be the 8th edition of the Rome Film Festival, directed this year by Marco Muller. The main stage will be the Auditorium della Musica, designed by Renzo Piano, but events are planned all over the city.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC AND ART

Rome and the Vatican

29 October – 10 November 2013

www.festivalmusicaeartesacra.net



This will be the 12th edition of the International Festival of Sacred Music and Art, concerts and recitals in the most iconic churches in Rome and the Vatican

SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Genova – 23 October – 3 November 2013

www.festivalscienza.it



The Festival of Science is an important appointment for the diffusion of science. The exhibition aims to make accessible to a wider public the many scientific subjects it deals with. The variety of events offered encompasses scientific and artistic exhibitions, workshops, conferences and shows and enables the public to interact with this material in an enjoyable way. The theme this year will be :Beauty.

INAUGURATION OF THE LA SCALA OPERA SEASON

Milan, 7 December 2013



La Traviata by Verdi will be the opening opera of the La Scala 2013-2014 season. The opera will be conducted by Daniele Gatti.

www.teatroallascala.org

UMBRIA JAZZ FESTIVAL

Orvieto, Umbria

28 Dec 2013 – 1 Jan 2014

The winter edition of this popular festival, held in Perugia in summer, moves to the renaissance town of Orvieto for the end of the year. It showcases the best jazz artists from around the world.

www.umbriajazz.com

LUCID'ARTISTA 2013 – Artist Lights 2013

Turin, November 2013 – January 2014

<http://www.contemporarytorinopiemonte.it/eng/content/view/full/5613>



This is an outdoor itinerary of contemporary art dating back 1998 that reinvents the streets and piazzas of the city, lighting them up with striking installations of great visual impact. The central event of Contemporary Arts Torino Piemonte has helped to spread a new, innovative image of the city in the world.

FOOD AND WINE EVENTS

EUROCHOCOLATE, PERUGIA

Perugia, Umbria

18-27 October 2013

www.eurochocolate.com



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EVERGREEN
la sostenibile dolcezza dell'essere

This will be the 20th edition of Eurochocolate, the annual delicious appointment in the lovely town of Perugia for all lovers of chocolate, professionals in the field and importers. Tastings, exhibitions, workshops, shows for the 10 days of the duration of this festival, this year's theme is: social network and new technologies. This year's event is called "Evergreen" and promotes sustainability both in the production of chocolate and in the festival itself.

WHITE TRUFFLE FAIR IN ALBA

Alba, Piedmont

12 Oct-17 November 2013

6 Oct Palio degli Asini

www.fieradeltartufo.org

This will be the 83rd edition of this popular fair dedicated to the extraordinary delicacy that is the Alba White Truffle. A myriad of events spanning from: cinema festival, medieval representations such as the Palio degli Asini, beauty contest, wine tastings of the famous Barbera and Barbaresco wines, food-related events, theatre, music to culminate with the world famous Truffle market for the best and biggest truffle.

NATIONAL CHESTNUTS FAIR

Cuneo, Piedmont

17-20 October 2013

www.marrone.net

www.cuneoholiday.com

This is the 15th edition of the National Chestnut Fair in Cuneo. The event fills the old town with tastes, aromas, sights and sounds for four full days and attracting exhibitors from all over Piedmont and beyond.

48° EDITION OF THE NATIONAL WHITE TRUFFLE FAIR , Acqualagna

Piazza Mattei

Acqualagna , Marche

27 October and 1,2,3,9,10 November 2013

www.comune.acqualagna.ps.it

The central square of this delightful town will be transformed with about 100 stands all selling this renowned delicacy, fresh truffles, charcuterie, wine, honey and cheeses all locally sourced.

FRANTOI APERTI (OPEN HOUSE AT THE OIL MILLS) in UMBRIA

Various locations, Umbria Region

1 November – 8 December 2013

www.frantoiaperti.net



The "Open House at the Oil Mills" Now in its 16th edition this year and will offer 7 fabulous, not-to-be-missed weekends for rediscovering a truly one of a kind product, olive oil. Loads of events will be hosted throughout Umbria along the Oil Dop Road during the extended edition of "Open House at the Oil Mills" dedicated to Dop Umbria extra virgin olive oil to be held in participating towns and oil mills along with entertainment and cultural initiatives.

FESTA DEL TORRONE, CREMONA

Cremona, Lombardy

16-24 November 2013

www.festadeltorronecremona.it



the main piazza.

Torrone is the sweet nougat typical of Cremona, now famous all over the world. This year Cremona dedicates 9 days to its delicious creation with stalls selling all types of torrone, shows, music, historical re-enactments, typical Cremonese meals to be enjoyed in the many restaurants of the city and the construction of a giant torrone in

EIN PROSIT, food and wine festival in Friuli Venezia Giulia

Tarvisio - Malborghetto, Friuli Venezia Giulia

14-17 November 2013

www.einprosit.org



This will be the 25th edition of this event, the biggest in Friuli Venezia Giulia for food and wine lovers. There will be a series of tastings of regional food in the many restaurants participating to the event, wine tastings, workshops, seminars and other events related to the theme of the festival.

CIOCCOLA-TO'

Turin, various venues

22 November – 2 December 2013

www.cioccola-to.it

Cioccolatò, Turin's major event dedicated to chocolate pays homage to the food of the gods: a schedule of tasty treats, fun, culture and shows, with an eye to fair trade, to promote a shorter supply chain (from cocoa to chocolate) and ensure that the right compensation is paid to raw material producers.

103rd FIERA DEL BUE GRASSO

Carrù (Cuneo), 12 December 2013

http://www.cuneoholiday.com/index.php?id=310&evento=546&ev_sezione=2&L=1&limit=60

The "Fat Ox Fair" is an irresistible event- a living mix of local traditions, excellent food, competition, good wine, colourful people from bull breeders to bull buyers, markets and emotions held in the picturesque Langhe wine region.

AUTUMN FOOD AND WINE FAIRS IN EMILIA ROMAGNA

WHITE TRUFFLE NATIONAL TRADE FAIR

Where: Sant'Agata Feltria (Rimini)

When: October

The White Truffle Fair of Sant'Agatha Feltria welcomes large crowds every year. The city itself is a medieval town and has earned itself the nickname, Truffle City. Alongside the numerous gourmet truffle delights and other local products such as mushrooms and chestnuts, there are also cultural exhibits, arts performances and plenty of entertainment! mushrooms, chestnuts, honey herbs and products of sheep farming.

MORTADELLA BÒ - E' QUI LA FETTA?

Where: Bologna

When: October

PGI Bologna Mortadella food festival presents extraordinary quality and culinary excellence recognised all over the world.

EEL FESTIVAL

Where: Comacchio (Ferrara)

When: October

The eel is the undisputed queen of the Comacchio valleys: prepared, according to the tradition, by the sailors of Comacchio at the food stand in the courtyard of Palazzo Bellini, next to Trepponti, or cooked by local chefs who update ancient recipes. The historic city centre, the canals, the Loggia dei Cappuccini and the Manifattura dei Marinati will be the scenery for gastronomic itineraries, stands, events and the market of antiques and curios.

SAGRA DEL FORMAGGIO DI FOSSA

Where: Talamello, hills around Rimini

When: November

The pits where the cheese is kept to mature are dug into the sandstone and valued like priceless diamonds: cleaned, renovated and lined with appropriate materials. The cheese is put underground in August, and is recovered in late autumn. So in November (second and third weekend) the little town of Talamello celebrates the Sagra del Formaggio di Fossa "Ambra di Talamello" (food fair of pit cheese), together with a series of other typical products that are either from this region or from various places in Italy.

IL PESCE FA FESTA – FESTIVAL OF FISH

Where: Cesenatico (Forlì-Cesena)

When: November

An annual celebration in the town of Cesenatico, this is a hugely popular destination to enjoy gourmet fish from the local fishermen. The festival also showcases local wine of the area and diners come from all over Italy to enjoy this town's gourmet delights. The festival programme includes a market exhibition with 80 stalls, open air stalls on the Canal Port and tasting stations in the town centre of baked and grilled fish. At 4 the Colonia Agip a huge restaurant is open for the entire duration of the festival, with a wide range of traditional fish recipes prepared by the cooks of the Association of Restaurants of Cesenatico.

www.comune.cesenatico.fo.it/turismo

NOVEMBER PORC: ON THE PIG'S BACK!

Where: Sissa, Polesine Parmense, Zibello, Roccabianca (Parma)

When: every weekend of November

Every weekend of November, in the land of Verdi and Guareschi, the greediest salami competition of Italy will take place in four different towns: the biggest Mariolone (in Sissa), the heaviest Prete (in Polesine Parmense), the longest Strolghino (in Zibello), the biggest Chocolate (in Roccabianca). Along with PDO Culatello di Zibello Salami, the Culatello di Zibello Route offers a table laid with typical flavours of Parma.

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For more info: www.emiliaromagnaturismo.it

SPORT

BARCOLANA – SAIL RACE

Trieste – 13 October 2013

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.

TURIN MARATHON

Turin, 17 November 2013

www.turinmarathon.it

The Turin Marathon is a IAAF Golden Label Road Race. One of the most important 42km runs in the world and destination for runners from all over the world, the marathon is a route full of history and tradition showing all the atmosphere of a past which laid the foundations for constructing a united Italia. There will concurrently be held the Stratorino, open to all, and the Junior Marathon, for children aged 0 to

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