

Music & Theatre

August 2025

COMING UP

Lucca, Baroque candlelight dinner concerts continue on Sunday evenings at Convictus, Via della Zecca 41: 7 Sept., 5 Oct. followed by dinner with Chef Gianluca Pardini. Concert info: musicalialucca@gmail.com. Dinner reservations are required: 338 6256659 or convictus.info@gmail.com

Lucca, Animando. Future concerts in October, November, December.

Lucca, Puccini Marching Bands. Continuing until October.

Lucca, 1 April to 29 October, **Puccini e la sua Lucca** concerts held daily at 7 pm in the Church of San Giovanni, Piazza Antelminelli. Tickets at the door, €30 or €25 for students & under 23 years of age. info@puccinielasualucca.com or tel. 340 8106042 (10am to 6pm). Also at INFOLINE.



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Saturday

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7pm, Lucca, Convictus garden, Via della Zecca 41. Baroque candlelight dinner concert **From Lucca to Venice, the Silk Route**, followed by dinner with Chef Gianluca Pardini. Also 5 October. Info: musicalialucca@gmail.com. Dinner reservations required: 338 6256659 or convictus.info@gmail.com

5.30pm, Vitiana (Coreglia). Street concert by West Coast Street Band. Free. www.bargajazz.it

LAST DAY: Lucca, 21 July to 3 August. **Virtuoso & Belcanto Festival.** In its 10th year with 25 evening concerts, 40 Young Talents Concerts (student concerts), 9 conferences, 5 special concerts. Ticket prices & purchase: www.virtuosobelcanto.com

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9pm, Lucca, Walls. until midnight. **E Lucevan le Stelle.** A stroll along the walls path, where musicians perform to celebrate this traditional night dedicated to shooting stars. sagramusicaelucchese.com

9.15pm, Lucca, Botanical Garden. **The Singing of Trees concert.** Tickets €6, €4. at the Gardens box office.

5.30pm, Crasciana (Bagni di Lucca). Bosco Parco Alessandro. **Incanto di Bosco.** Also on 13 August at 5.30pm. Narrated Concerts in the Woods at Nightfall. Music & poetry with Paolo Massoni (Accademia Kalliope) & collaborators. Bring cushion or cover to sit on. Free, reservation needed for dinner/aperitivo: 328 6770350.

6pm, Montefegatesi, Teatro E. Zeconi. Poetry & Music. **L'Angolo della Poesia con il violino del maestro Pietro Centofanti.** See Grapevine article on page 11. borgodegliartisti@gmail.com - tel. 347 0736168.

9pm, Castelvecchio Pascoli, Garden at the Poet Pascoli's home. **Homage to Giovanni Pascoli.** Daniele Pecci reading Pascoli. **Le Muse Ensemble** directed by Andrea Albertini. Admission €30. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

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5pm, Barga, Large Street Band for Barga IN Jazz Day. Jam session in Piazza del Teatro.

6pm, Barga, free concert at Duomo di S. Cristoforo with **Dimitri Grechi Espinoza (sax) group.** Free.

9.30pm, Barga, Villa Moorings. **Swing.** €10, €8. www.bargajazz.it

9pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **Homage to Lucio Battisti.** Tickets: www.festivalmontalfonso.it

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5pm, Lucca, throughout the historic center. **Puccini Marching Bands.** Filarmonica G. Puccini of Camaiore. Info: 0583 584028.

9pm, Lucca, Parco dell'Infinito, Serchio River Park. Free open-air concert. **The Mother's Well,** 70s revival from Brunier Laboratory.

9pm, Fosciandora, Piazza Luigi Roni. **Lyric Concert.** Soprano Hu Chu Xi, tenor Paolo Delai, bass Giovanni Baraldi, pianist Massimo Salotti. Admission free. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

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9.15pm, Lucca, Chiostro di Santa Caterina. **Real Collegio Estate.** Music, art, cultural encounters. realcollegiolucca.it - tel. 331 5232811.

9pm, Lucca, Parco dell'Infinito, Serchio River Park. Free open-air concert. **A River Made of Voices** from Associazione Santa Cecilia.

9pm, Barga, Fondazione Ricci. **Final concert of Il Serchio delle Muse.** Baritone Bruno Caproni with pianist Julian Evans. Admission free. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival continues with **Turandot** on 5 September & **Manon Lescaux** on 6 September. puccinifestival.it

Il Serchio delle Muse concerts in the hills, 21 June to 11 December. See calendar below for concerts in August. www.ilserchiodellemuse.it - article in July Grapevine.

Forte dei Marmi, Villa Bertelli. Summer Tour concerts: July 12, 17, 30. August 2, 3, 8, 13, 16. Skunk Anansie, Ben Harper, Alfa, Alessandra Amorosa, Gianluca Gotto, Sal Da Vinci, Fabri Fibra, Francesco Gabbani. www.villabertelli.it

On Sundays by appointment only, 5.30pm, aperitivo & concert in a private villa near Lucca. See June Grapevine or call 333 8617962 to reserve.



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9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **La Bohème.** puccinifestival.it

9.15pm, Lucca, Palazzo Pfanner. **Tolkien Concert** (suite by Howard Shore). Teatro Goldoni Livorno Orchestra with M° Mario Menicagli. Massimiliano Manfredi as Legolas. Seating is free but limited. To reserve: biglietteria@teatrodelligiglio.it

9.15pm, Lucca, Chiostro di Santa Caterina & San Francesco Auditorium. **Lucca Jazz Donna.** From 7 August to 28 September. luccajazzdonna.it, circololuccajazz@gmail.com

9pm, Lucca, Basilica di San Paolino, Via San Paolino. **Panta Rei Orchestra** directed by Jo Schelkens. Soprano Klare Segers. Free admission. accoglienzemusicalia@gmail.com

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9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Turandot.** puccinifestival.it



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9pm, Lucca, Parco dell'Infinito, Serchio River Park. Free open-air concert. **Sister Angelica when will I be able to kiss you.** From Associazione Club La Bohème. www.comunelucca.it

9pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **Angelo Branduardo, Il Cantico.** Tickets: www.festivalmontalfonso.it

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Stamm (organist)

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9pm, Lucca, Basilica di San Paolino, Via San Paolino. **Cham Bit Flute Orchestra** directed by WonSik Kim. Free admission. accoglienzemusicalia@gmail.com

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5pm, Lago Santo. Stereo-Tipi Vocal Group with narrator Luca Scarlini. Admission free. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

9.15pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **Fiorella Mannoia** with orchestra. www.festivalmontalfonso.it



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7pm, San Pietro a Marcigliano (Capannori), church terrace, **Echoes of Nature.** oltre-musica.it, tel. 347 6809338.

9.30pm, Barga, Chiostro del Conservatorio di S. Elisabetta. Presentation of **American Songs** by Chamber Winds Group. €8, €10. www.bargajazz.it

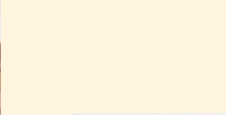
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5pm, Rifugio Rossi. Stereo-Tipi Vocal Group with narrator Sara Moscardini. Admission free. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

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9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Gala Lirico.** puccinifestival.it

5pm, Barga, Fondazione Ricci. **BargaJazz Contest** (emerging groups, under 35). Free.

9pm, Barga, Villa Moorings, €5. www.bargajazz.it

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9pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **The Kolers, Summer 2025.** Tickets: www.festivalmontalfonso.it



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9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Turandot.** puccinifestival.it

Lucca & beyond, Virtuoso e Belcanto Festival. Program: www.virtuosobelcanto.com

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9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Tosca.** puccinifestival.it

9pm, Celle dei Puccini (Pescaglia). **Celle sotto le stelle.** Concert sponsored by Associazione Lucchesi nel Mondo. See Grapevine article on page 9.

6pm to midnight (also Sunday 10 August), Marlia, Villa Reale. **Le Rinascenze by Night.** Spectacles, exhibits, performances. Tickets: ciaticketts.com - villarealedimarlia.it

9pm, Camporgiano, Piazza San Giacomo. **I Solisti dell'Orchestra Classica do Centro, Portugal State Orchestra.** Soprano Alessandra Meozzi, tenor Alessandro Fantoni, pianist Massimo Salotti. Admission free. See article in July Grapevine. www.serchiodellemuse.it

9.15pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **Stefano Bollani.** Tickets: www.festivalmontalfonso.it

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7.30pm, Montefegatesi (Bagni di Lucca), Baroque music & observation of the stars with Viareggio Astronomical Group, + Street food.

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9pm, Torre del Lago, Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Madama Butterfly.** puccinifestival.it

4.30pm, Pisa, San Matteo National Museum, Piazza San Matteo in Soarta, 1. **Un grande viaggio tra Romanticismo e Classicismo.** The Florentine Chamber Orchestra conducted by Giuseppe Lanzetta with violinist Leone Pini. Music by Tchaikovsky & Beethoven. Tel. 050 541865 - https://www.musicaedanza.it/concerto/

9pm, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Fortezza di Mont'Alfonso. **Bolera & Carmina Burana.** Ensemble Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: www.festivalmontalfonso.it

9.30pm, Barga, Teatro dei Differenti. M° Mario Raja conducts the **BargaJazz Orchestra** with trumpeter **Eddie Henderson** for the arrangement & composition competition this year dedicated to trumpeter Marco Tamburini. Tickets: €10, €15. www.bargajazz.it

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5.45am, Tofori (Capannori), green space of the church, Echoes of Nature. oltre-musica.it, tel. 347 6809338.

9pm, Torre del Lago Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **Manon Lescaux.** puccinifestival.it

Exhibitions August 2025

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS:

Lucca, in the streets & squares of the historic center, and on the city walls. **Geometria Senza Confini. Sculptures by Gustavo Vélez.** Curated by Eike Schmidt. From 18 May to 21 September 2025. Info: 0583 442213 - info@turismo.lucca.it

Lucca, Jill Casty Glass Art, Grapevine showroom, Via S. Gemma Galgani 6. Vivists by appointment.

Camaiole, Ostello del Pellegrino, Via Madonna della Pietà 18. **L'Immagine Riprodotta.** Curated by Franco Benassi. Illustrations from past 50 years, including Liberty style, advertising graphics, Carnival drawings.... Until October 2025. Info: 333 2672436 - info@ostellodicamaiole.it - www.ostellodicamaiole.it

Pietrasanta, Sant'Agostino Church & Cloister, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Carducci, Pontile & Piazza XXIV Maggio at Marina di Pietrasanta centro storico and Marina.



Sculptor **Kan Yasuda**, **Oltre la Forma**. 14 June to 21 Sept. www.museodeibozzetti.it

Forte dei Marmi, Forte Leopoldo I, Piazza Garibaldi 9A. **Eugenio Cecconi, Giornate di caccia e di colore** (Days of hunting & color). Scenes of the Maremma, landscapes, & portraits by this friend of the Macchiaioli painters. Curated by Elisabetta Matteucci. 31 May to 9 November 2025. Hours: Until 7 September, 5pm to 11pm daily (also Wednesday 10am to 1pm), after 7 Sept. closed on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Closed 27-28 August. www.visitforte.com

Lucca, Palazzo Guinigi. **From Picasso a Warhol - Le vinyl cover dei grandi maestri.** 10am to 7pm. Until 28 Sept. blublunetwork.com, tel. 06 45250596.



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Carrara, Palazzo Cucchiari. **In Gioco. Illusion & amusement in Italian art, 1850-1950.** 28 June to 26 October 2025.

Bagni di Lucca (Ponte a Serraglio), Sala AUSER Ponte 32. A display of **Pen & Ink Drawings** by students in the course offered by Borgo degli Artisti. Until 6 September 2025. Info: 0583 569035. See article in July Grapevine.

Pietrasanta, MuSA, **The Caravaggio Experience.** Uniting art, technology, theatre. 30 May to 14 Sept. Fridays at 9.30pm, Saturdays/Sundays at 7pm. Tickets €15 to €25 onsite (electronically) or https://musapietrasanta.it/caravaggio-experience

Lucca, Palazzo Guinigi. **Antonio Bueno.** Until 28 September. Hours: 10am to 8pm. Info: tel. 335 7449533 - associazionebueno.it



Exhibitions, August 2025

Lucca, Museo della Zecca. **Pontifical Medals in the Jubilee Years.** Also, **Una Guerra di Carta ... Moneta (A war of paper ... money).** Until 31 May 2026. Hours: Weekdays 9.30am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 5pm. zeccadilucca.it

Barga, Stanze delle Memorie Museum, Via Roma 31 (Centro Storico). **Barga incantata. Visioni del paesaggio dell'anima** in the art of Alberto Magri, Adolfo Balduino, Bruno Cordati, Umberto Vittorini. Curated by Cristiana Ricci of the Fondazione Ricci. Hours: Thursday to Sunday 5.30pm to 8pm. Until 14 September 2025. See article in July Grapevine. www.comune.barga.lu.it

Pietrasanta, Sant'Agostino Complex (external wall near Piazzetta Mitoraj). **PACE**, the new mural by **Tano Pisano**, until 6 January 2026. www.tanopisano.com

Pisa, Palazzo Blu, Lungarno Gambacorti. **Sara Colaone, Storia e Storie del '900 a Fumetti.** Until 9 Nov. 2025. Daily 10am to 7pm. Tickets €12 (full price).

Prato, Museo del Tessuto. **Cloth of Light - The Jubilee Cloth of John Paul II.** 19 June to 21 Sept. 2025. **Alaia and Balenciaga Sculptors of Shape.** 25 Oct. 2025 to 3 May 2026. See Grapevine article, pages 6-7.

Sunday

Lucca, Via del Fosso & Piazza San Francesco. **I Fossi dell'Arte.** Outdoor exhibition & open studios of local artists. 5pm to 9pm (and **by Night**, from the cultural association ArtisticaMente, 7pm to 11pm in Piazza San Francesco). Tel. 3937498290 (Fabrizio). Upcoming: 6 September, 11 October.

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FREE ADMISSION: On the first Sunday of each month at national museums, admission is free. In Lucca, these are the Palazzo Mansi and Villa Guinigi museums.

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OPENING: Forte dei Marmi, Villa Bertelli, Via G. Mazzini 200. **Elisabetta Rogai, Forte più che mai.** 14 works from her career. Until 7 September 2025. www.elisabettarogai.it, www.villabertelli.it

OPENING: Bagni di Lucca, Palazzo Comunale Atrium. **Punti di Vista**, drawings by Pier Luigi Petrucci & photo group L'Ora Blu. Hours: daily 10.30 to 12.30, 5pm to 7pm. Until 17 August 2025.

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LAST DAY: Pietrasanta, Accesso Galleria, Via del Marzocco 68-70. **The Sculpture Show 2025.** 15 figurative sculptures in marble, wood, terracotta, bronze, & glass – by Peter Simon Mühlhäußer (Göppingen, 1982), Pierre-Alix Nicolet (Vesoul, 1991), Kelly Robert (New Port Beach, 1976), Bruno Walpoth (Bressanone, 1959). 29 June to 3 August. Hours: Daily 6pm to 11pm, also 10.30am to noon Fri., Sat., Sun. www.accessogalleria.com

LAST DAY: Lucca, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Piazza San Martino, 7. **Il Mito tra Sacro e Profano. Works by Elio Lutri & Stefano Carlo Vecoli.** Hours 3pm to 7pm. See article in July Grapevine. Info: tel. 0583 464062, mostre@fondazionebmluccaeventi.it

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LAST DAY: Lucca, Lucchesi nel Mondo headquarters, Castello di Porta San Pietro. **Tra gli uomini velati. Festival Touareg di Iferothane.** Photo exhibition by Marco Puccinelli. Hours: 5.30pm to 7.30pm. lucchesi nelmondo@virgilio.it

Kelly Robert, Breath of Hope

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WEEKEND: Lucca, Antiques Market, Piazza del Duomo & nearby. 230 exhibitors from all of Italy. 9am to 8pm. Info: 0583 442213.

ONE DAY ONLY: Lucca, Via dei Borghi. **Mercatino dei Borghi.** Unique handmade objects. 9am to 8pm. Tel. 0583 47311 - info@confcommercio.lu.it

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LAST DAY: Viareggio, Villa Museo di Paolina Bonaparte, Via Machiavelli 2. **Il Novecento di Catarsini. Dalla macchia alla macchina.** 48 works by the artist. Hours: 6pm to 11pm daily except Monday. Guided visits from 6pm to 8pm most evenings in August. Info/reservations: Claudio Coianiz, 348 6604316.

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LAST DAY: Lucca, Museo della Zecca (Mint). **Le Monete dei Nostri Bisnonni** (The money of our great-grandparents). Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 5pm. Info: tel. 0583 582320, zeccadilucca.it

DEADLINE: Lucca, To apply for **Photo Off** & participate in exhibitions (16 to 30 November): https://cfotos.hiho.it/main/cf_submit_foto_new.php?IDC=200&lingua=ITA . Info: welovephoff@gmail.com

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OPENING (6pm). Montefegatesi (Bagni di Lucca) Teatro E. Zacconi. **Sotto lo Sguardo di Dante.** Collective of paintings, sculpture, poetry. Tel. 347 0736168 or 320 1107330. Until 17 August. 9am to 10pm. See article on page 11.

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LAST DAY: Lucca, San Cristoforo Church. **Il Silenzio della Luce**, exhibit by Paolo Lazzzerini. 10am to 8pm. Info: Paolo Lazzzerini Arte, tel. 335 6245608.

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Single event (6.30pm): Viareggio, Villa Museo Paolina Bonaparte, Via Machiavelli 2. Conference for **Il Novecento di Catarsini** (see 24 August, below).

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9-24 August, 2025 Galleria Comunale Via di Borgo, 18, Barga (LU) Open daily: 5:00-8:00 PM Inauguration open to the public Saturday 9 August 2025, 6:30 PM

Swietlan N. Kraczyna 21 Variations on Botticelli's Primavera

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LAST DAY: Lucca, San Benedetto in Gottella Church, Piazza Bernardini. **Personal exhibit by painter Dario Lusto Barsotti.** 1 to 15 August, 10am to 7pm. Info: Lustoarte.it

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Lucca, San Cristoforo Church. **Immagine Festival.** 29 to 31 August. Dedicated to illustrated stories, this year the theme of fear, with and exhibition, meetings, laboratories. immaginafestival.it - info@immaginafestival.it

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OPENING (6.30pm): Barga, Galleria Comunale, Via di Borgo 18. **Swietlan N. Kraczyna, 21 Variations on Botticelli's Primavera.** Until 24 August. Hours: 5pm to 8pm daily. See article on page 8.

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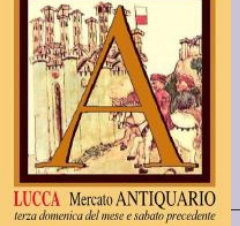
WEEKEND: Lucca, Antiques Market, Piazza del Duomo & nearby streets & piazzas. 230 exhibitors from throughout Italy. 9am to 8pm. Every 3rd Sunday & preceding Saturday of the month.

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OPENING: Barga, Ricci Foundation. **40 Years Documenting Tradition & Change. Personal exhibit by Keane.** Until 28 September 2025, hours Tuesday 10am to 1pm, Saturday/Sunday 11am to 1pm, 5pm to 7pm. Tel. 0583 724357, www.fondazionericci.info

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SAGRAS (OPEN-AIR FOOD FESTIVALS) FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST



Cascio (Molazzana), Centro Storico. Sagra delle Crisciolette (crispy pancake made from durum wheat, cooked with bacon or cheese inside). 1 to 3 August, evenings. Dancing to live music, photography exhibit. Cascio, with its Church of SS. Lorenzo & Stefano, is still protected by its historic walls.

Querceta (Seravezza), località Marzocchino. Via Alpi Apuane, Contrada Leon d'Oro. **Sagra dell'Ardore**, held within an ancient olive grove. Serving many gastronomic specialties from Versilia. 1-2-3 August from 7pm. Followed by orchestra, dancing, tombolone. To reserve a table call Elena at 331 2917466. And for a dance table, Serena at 329 7964236.

Lido di Camaione, Parco della Fratellanza (next to the Misericordia), 1-2-3 August 7pm. Sagra with local specialties & seafood. Cacciucco (seafood stew) is served on Friday. Music, sport, events for children. To benefit the Misericordia.

Santa Maria del Giudice, Sagra della Zuppa alla Paesana. 1-2-3, 8-9-10 August. The specialties are torta co' becchi, zuppa, carne alla griglia. After dinner, dancing with local orchestras.



Migliarina (Viareggio), Parrocchia Migliarina-Terminetto Parish Church. Sagra sul Sagrato. 1-2-3, 8-9-10 August from 7.30pm. The menu includes fried fish, grilled meats, side dishes, desserts.

Aquilea (Ponte a Moriano), Sagra della zuppa, Grigliata, tordello, zuppa. Spaces for dancing, children's play, all surrounded by grapevines & olive trees. 1-2-3, 8-9-10, 15-16-17 August from 7pm. Rick Hutton Band on 3 August.

Bozzano (Massarosa). Sagra della Pupporina e del Tordello (the pupporina is a sweet made from flour, eggs, sugar, butter, & anise seeds, in honor of San Barlomeo; the tordello contains meat, eggs, & herbs). Other local dishes including seafood are available. Every evening from 1 to 15 August beginning at 7.30pm. Entertainment with dance orchestra, tombola (bingo) & tombolone.

Segromigno in Monte (Camigliano, San Michele Arcangelo Parish), Sagra dello Stinco al Barolo, for L'Arca di Noè. 2-3, 8-9, 15-16-17, 23-24, 30-31 August beginning at 7pm. There are also many other choices, including grilled meats, pasta dishes, etc. After dinner, dancing accompanied by a local orchestra.

Spianate (Altopascio), 2 to 17 August, from 7.30pm. **Sagra della Polenda a Palle.** Spoonfuls of polenta served with ragù, plus other dishes. Sponsored by the Proloco, with Spianate Calcio & Frates blood donors. From 9pm, Luna Park for children & dancing to a local orchestra. Reservations advised: tel.334 7901020.



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NATIONAL HOLIDAYS
On 15 August, known as Ferragosto, many Italians go on vacation.

VILLAGE & TOWN EVENTS
Livorno, Effetto Venezia. 30 July to 3 August. The liveliest event in Livorno. The canals are romantically lit & there are boat rides to various sites.

Lucca, Walls. 10 August 9pm to midnight. **E Lucevan le Stelle.** Stroll along the walls, as musicians perform to celebrate this night dedicated to the shooting stars.

Lucca, San Giovanni e Santa Reparata Church. 1 August 9pm. **Le Notti dell'Archeologia.** Visit the Cathedral's museum & archaeological complex. Tel. 342 1466451 - museocattedralelucca.it - didatticaterzomillennio@gmail.com

Lucca, I Musei del Sorriso (Museums of Smiles). More than 40 free events for all ages between July & December. www.museiprovincialluca.it/festival

Lucca, San Cristoforo Church. **Immagina Festival.** 29 to 31 August. Dedicated to illustrated stories, this year's theme is fear, with an exhibition, meetings, laboratories. immaginafestival.it

Montefegatesi (Bagni di Lucca), Activities throughout the month, beginning at 7.30pm most evenings, with street food, live music, exhibits, astronomical observations, briscola. 2 August, Gran Festa Paesana with dancing to Nico's music from 6pm to 9pm. FB: Montefegatesi Official Page. See article on page 11.

Lucca, Notte Bianca. 30 August 7pm to midnight. Shopping, bars, music, open late with activities. Don't miss **Tango Querido** in Cortile degli Svizzeri (Palazzo Ducale), with a milonga until 2am!

Marlia, Villa Reale, Via Fraga Alta. 16 hectare park & apartments of Elisa & Contessa Mimi Pecci Blunt. The villa is open daily from 1 March until 31 Oct., 10am to 6pm (last entrance 4.30pm). Children under 9 enter free. Dogs on leashes welcome in the park. villarealedimarlia.it - info@villarealedimarlia.it

SPORTS
Lucca Rally Coppa Città di Lucca. 2-3 August. The oldest, most popular rally in Italy. ACI: tel. 0583 3505475 - aciluccasport.it - https://lucca.aci.it/

Lucca countryside, La Vinaria cycling event with vintage bicycles. Crossing vineyards, farms, art, history, & landscape. 2-3 August. lavinaria.it - tel. 347 2315386 - info@lavinaria.it



San Rossore Migliarino, Parco Naturale. 4 Aug. Nature walk, Guidiccione & Leccione Reserves. Free. info@verdesalmastro.it - tel. Alessio, 328 5429862. www.verdesalmastro.com

MARKETS
Lucca, Piazza San Frediano. **Ars Manualis.** Tuscan handicrafts & artistry. facebook.com/artigianatoartisticotoscano Tel.3396027710.

Lucca, in & around Piazza San Martino. 16-17 August (3rd Sunday & preceding Saturday each month), 9am to 8pm. **Mercato dell'Antiquariato.** Traditional monthly vintage & antique market.

Lucca, Via dei Borghi. **Mercatino dei Borghi.** 17 August, 9am to 8pm. Handmade, one of a kind objects.

Lucca, Piazza San Francesco. **Slow Food bio market** on Wednesday afternoons.

CONFERENCES/COURSES
Viareggio, Villino Puccini, Viale M. Buonarroti, angolo Piazza Puccini. Guided visits (50 minutes) after the restoration of Puccini's home. 23 August 9.30am to 12.30pm (only for Unicoop Firenze cardholders) & 3pm to 6pm. To reserve: visite@puccinimuseum.it or tel 0583 1909379 (10am to 6pm).

Lucca, Real Collegio, Sala del Dipinto (entrance at Via della Cavallerizza). 18-19-20 August 9.30pm. **Napoleone ed Elisa tra monete, musica, e giardini. Tre serate con Napoleone:** 18 August, Franca Maria Vanni presents *Napoleone, Il franco e le banconote di Elisa. La storia vista dalla*

scienza delle monete. 19 August, Peter Hicks, *La playlist di Napoleone. Inni, canti e musiche da Parigi e Sant'Elena.* 20 August, Iacopo Lazzareschi Cervelli, *L'Europa dei giardini e della botanica fra Impero napoleonico e Restaurazione.* http://napoleoneeilsuotempo.wordpress.com www.facebook.com/napoleonidi

CINEMA
Lucca, near Piazza Verdi. **Estate Cinema** (16 June to 7 Sept.). Wednesdays, films for families & children. See July **Grapevine** article for details. www.luccacinema.it

CHILDREN
San Pietro a Vico, Sports field behind the parish church. **Estalandia,** sports program for children from 4 to 14. 11 June to 12 September. Enrollment by the day or week. Soccer, basketball, tennis, skating, volleyball, drawing, origami, recitation, karaoke, baby dance, table games, etc. Info: estalandiaspv@gmail.com or What's app Paolo at 338 9584025.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES
Friends of the English Bookshop. Monthly book club encounters at the International School of Italian Cuisine in via della Zecca, Lucca. email Carolyn at: carolinascozzese@yahoo.it or consult the FB page.

English Mondays in Lucca (EMIL), convivial encounters 4 to 6pm weekly at La Casermetta, Baluardo San Salvatore (above Casa del Boia). See page on FB.

Drink, Speak & Share, San Concordio (Lucca), Biblioteca Popolare, rear entrance. Wednesdays at 9pm. Info: dssteamlucca@gmail.com

Language Exchange walk on the walls. Wednesdays at 10am. Meet outside Bar San Colombano on the walls.

Conversation in Italian, Stella Polare restaurant. Friday afternoons 4pm. Info: Georgia Miller on FB.

COMING UP
Lucca, Luminara del Volto Santo. Evening of 13 September. Procession from the churches of San Frediano to San Martino. **Grapevine** article on page 25.
Lucca, Murabilia Garden Fair. 5 to 7 September.
Vicopisano, Medieval Festival. 6 to 7 September.
Barga Scottish Festival, 5 to 7 September.
Lucca, Loggiato of Palazzo Sani, Via Fillungo 121.
Meraki Market. Finely crafted objects. 13-14 September, 4-5 October 10am to 8pm. Tel. 0583 47311.
Lucca Film Festival, 21 to 29 September.
Lucca Fashion in Flair. Real Collegio. 3, 4, 5 October.
Lucca Pianeta Terra Festival, 3 to 6 October.
Lucca Comics & Games, 30 October to 4 November.

Markets

General markets	Books and prints	Arts and crafts
Lucca, S. Francesco. fruits/vegetables Wed 4-7pm	Lucca, Corte del Biancone Daily	Lucca, Piazza San Giusto last Sat/Sunday
Lucca, Piazza Don Baroni Wed & Sat a.m.		Lucca, Portone dei Borghi Wednesdays 10am to 7pm
B. Giannotti, Foro Boario Sat a.m.	Antiques	Lucca, Corso Garibaldi 2nd weekend of the month
S. Maria a Colle Thurs a.m.	Lucca 3rd Sunday & previous Sat.	Marina di Pietrasanta Wednesday afternoons
Ponte a Moriano Tues a.m.	Altopascio 2nd Sunday	Castelnuovo Garfagnana 1st weekend of the month
S. Maria del Giudice Mon a.m.	Montecarlo 2nd Sunday	Pieve Fosciana last Sunday
Pietrasanta Thurs a.m.	Camaione 4th Saturday	
Marina di Pietrasanta Sat a.m.	Forte dei Marmi 1st Sat/Sunday	Plants and flowers
Tonfano Sat a.m.	Pietrasanta 1st Sunday	Lucca, Corso Garibaldi Friday mornings
Castelnuovo Garfagnana Thurs a.m.	Viareggio 4th Sat/Sunday	Pietrasanta 3rd Sunday
Pescia Sat a.m.	Bientina 4th Sat/Sunday	
	Pescia 4th Sunday	Markets in Florence (only the largest ones)
	Querceta Saturday mornings	Piazza San Lorenzo 7-2 daily, 7-5 Sat, closed Sundays
		Parco delle Cascine Tuesdays 7am to 2pm
		Piazza dei Ciompi Flea Market 9am to 7.30pm daily