

Music & Theatre

July 2025

Sunday



6
7pm, Lucca, Via della Zecca 41. **Lucca Barreucca** dinner concert. **Lucchesità Londonese**. Dinner reservations required. See details below (Coming Up.)
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. **Til Lindemann** with **Lacuna Coil**.
6pm, Lucca, Pinturicchio, Via Borgo Giannotti 42. **Abitare L'Infinito**. **Concerto Aperitivo**. Soprano Maria Novella Malfatti, bass Roberto Lorenzi, pianist Stefano Teani. Music by Paganini. Artistic director Stefano Teani. Tickets €8 to €15 at the door or in advance from www.ooh.events
9pm, Lucca, **Parco dell'Infinito**, River park greenspace. **Note all'Infinito**. **Tribute to Coldplay**. First of 16 evenings sponsored by Comune di Lucca. Centro promozione Musicale Animando - animandolucca.it
5.30pm, Lucca, **La Sala della Musica**. **Concert & aperitif** in a private villa, by reservation. See June [Grapevine](#), page 8.
4.30pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Saletta Suffredini. IAM student concert.
9.15pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Cappuccini Church. IAM professors concert. Free. www.iamitalia.com

13
5.30pm, Lucca, **La Sala della Musica**. **Concert & aperitif** in a private villa, by reservation. See June [Grapevine](#), page 8.
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Robert Plant presents **Saving Grace** with Suzi Dian.

20
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Pet Shop Boys.
11am, Lucca. Puccini Marching Band throughout the town (continuing through October). Società Filarmónica Giacomo Puccini di Montecarlo. puccinimuseum.org, info: 0583 584028.
11.30am, Lucca, Teatro San Girolamo, Via San Girolamo 5.. **Concerto Aperitivo**. Tel. 053 46531 - biglietteria@teatodelgiglio.it
5.30pm, Lucca, **La Sala della Musica**. **Concert & aperitif** in a private villa, by reservation. See June [Grapevine](#) article, page 8.

27
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Bryan Adams.
5.30pm, Lucca, **La Sala della Musica**. **Concert & aperitif** in a private villa, by reservation. See [Grapevine](#) article, page 8.



Tues

1
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Dream Theatre.
4.30pm & 6pm, Castelnuevo Garfagnana, Saletta Suffredini. IAM student concerts (free).
9.15pm, Castiglione di Garfagnana, San Michele Church. IAM professors concert (free, reservation advised). See article, p. 7. www.iamitalia.com



15

22
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Riccardo Muti.



Polegri-Spadoni Ensemble, SoundOut Jazz Festival, 2 July

Wed

2
8.45pm, Lucca, Palazzo Pfanner. **SoundOut Jazz Festival**. See June [Grapevine](#).
7pm, Lucca, Convictus garden. **Opera Scenes/Marriage of Figaro**. Free. FB: Operalucca.
9pm, Lucca, San Romano Auditorium. **Charterhouse School Chorus & Orchestra**. oltre-musica.it - 339 6600862.
9.15pm, Castelnuevo Garfagnana, Saletta Suffredini. IAM student concert (free).
9.15pm, Marlia, Viale Europa. Bandini Bakery courtyard. Swing music. Free. www.iamitalia.com

9
9.30pm, Partigiano (fraz. Borgo a Mozzano), Contemporary jazz concert. Free with possibility of dinner by reservation (tel. 388 4671502). www.iamitalia.com



23
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Alinas Morisette.

The listings published by Grapevine are taken from reliable sources and reproduced in good faith. However, to avoid disappointment, readers are advised to check information before setting off.

Thu

3
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Santana.
7pm, Lucca, Piazza San Salvatore Church. **Opera Scenes/Arias, Suor Angelica**. Free. FB: Operalucca.
8.45pm, Lucca, Palazzo Pfanner. **SoundOut Jazz Festival**. Entrance at the walls side of the Palazzo. Tickets & info: info@soundoutfestival.it - WO 342 0221399. soundoutfestival.it See June [Grapevine](#) article on page 21.
7.30pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Villa Beatrice. **Jazz evening with dinner**, €40. Fabrizio Datteri sax, singer Michela Lombardi & Puccini Jazz Choir. Shuttle from Piazza della Repubblica included. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Teatro Alfieri). www.iamitalia.com

10
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Scorpions.
Castelvecchio Pascoli, Il Ciocco Resort, Limbo Festival, 10 to 13 July. Emma Morton performs *The Howling Woman* on opening night. Reservations: info@limbofestival.com
9.30pm, Ceserana (comune Fosciandora), Romanesque church. Scott Hamilton, jazz sax, performs with jazz quartet. Free concert. www.iamitalia.com

17
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Nick Cave.
9.15pm, Pieve a Elici (Massarosa), San Pantaleone Church. **Tango del Suburbio** by Giampaolo Bandini (guitar) & Cesare Chiacchiaretta (bandoneon). www.associazionemusicaelucchese.it
9pm, Pietrasanta, Sant'Agostino Cloister. Opening concert. **Albeniz, Sarasate, Chopin**. by P. Berman & V. Benelli. Concerts continuing to 28 August. Info: pietrasantainconcerto.com

24
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Simple Minds.



Bandini, Chiacchiaretta

31
9.15pm, Pieve a Elici (Massarosa), San Pantaleone Church. **La Carrozza di Mozart**. Narrating voice Sandro Cappelletto, violinist Marco Rizzi, pianist Simone Soldati. www.associazionemusicaelucchese.it
9pm, Lucca, **Parco dell'Infinito**, River park greenspace. **Note all'Infinito**. **Musica del Grande Schermo** (music from films). animandolucca.it

COMING UP

Lucca, Baroque candlelight dinner concerts continue on Sunday evenings at Convictus, Via della Zecca 41: 3 Aug., 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 will be held in August, October, November, December.

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



Anaïs Cassiers

Friday

4
9pm, Lucca, **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Irama.
7pm, Lucca, Convictus garden. **Opera Scenes, Marriage of Figaro**. Free. FB: Operalucca.
8.45pm, Lucca, Palazzo Pfanner. **SoundOut Jazz Festival**. Tribute to Lucio Battisti. Entrance at the walls side of the Palazzo. See June [Grapevine](#) article page 21. Tickets & info: soundoutfestival.it
8pm, Balbano, Circolo, Via della Chiesa II, 81. **Reggae concert** by Pistoia group Mark-One & Easy and Precisy band. Pizza.
9.15pm, Lucca, Orto Botanico. **Il Canto degli Alberi**. Ludus Quartet. FB/Flam-Federazione-Lucchese-Delle-Associazioni-Musicali, 0583467792.
9.15pm, Pieve a Elici (Massarosa), San Pantaleone Church. **Pianist Alessandro Carbonare & clarinetist Marco Scolastra**. www.associazionemusicaelucchese.it
4.30pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Saletta Suffredini. IAM student concert (free).
7.30pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Villa Bertagni. IAM professors concert with dinner. €50. Tenor Nils Neubert, soprano Katerina Kotsou, pianists Yuri Kim & Massimo Salotti. To reserve, tel. 388 4671502.

11
9pm, Lucca, Parco dell'Infinito. Versilia Symphony Orchestra directed by Stefano Teani, with mezzo-soprano Olympia Hetherington. **Music by Berio, Debussy & Jongen**. Free concert sponsored by animandolucca.it
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Ghali.
9.15pm, Pieve a Elici (Massarosa), San Pantaleone Church. **Pianist Anaïs Cassiers**. www.associazionemusicaelucchese.it
9.15pm, Lucca, Orto Botanico. **Il Canto degli Alberi**. Fantas Trio. FB/Flam-Federazione-Lucchese-Delle-Associazioni-Musicali, 0583467792.
9.15pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Teatro Alfieri. **Gala lyric concert**. Basso Claudio Ottino with singers Yue Gu & Ruobing Yan. €10 (donation to the CEFA Baskin sports project). www.iamitalia.com

18
9pm, Torre del Lago, Gran Teatro all'Aperto. **Tosca**. puccinifestival.it
9pm, Lucca, **Parco dell'Infinito**, River park greenspace. **Note all'Infinito**. Old & New Standards. animandolucca.it
9.15pm, Lucca, Orto Botanico. **Il Canto degli Alberi**. Duo Timbralia.
9pm, Coreglia Antelminelli, Limonaia del Forte. **Lyric concert**. Free. See [Grapevine](#) article p. 9. www.serchiodellemuse.it
9pm, Pietrasanta, Sant'Agostino Cloister. Opening concert. **Albeniz, Sarasate, Chopin**. by P. Berman & V. Benelli. Concerts continuing to 28 August. Info: pietrasantainconcerto.com

25
9pm, Torre del Lago, **Turandot**. puccinifestival.it
9pm, Pieve Fosciana, San Giovanni Battista Church. Singers Silvana Froli & Carlo Eugenio Raffaele with pianist Massimo Salotti. See [Grapevine](#) article p. 9. www.serchiodellemuse.it
9.15pm, Lucca, Orto Botanico. **Il Canto degli Alberi**. **Stefano Casini**. FB/Flam-Federazione-Lucchese-Delle-Associazioni-Musicali, 0583467792.

Music & Theatre, July 2025

Saturday

5
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Thirty Seconds to Mars.
5pm, Lucca, Piazza San Salvatore Church. **Opera Scenes/Arias, Suor Angelica**. Free.
9pm, Lucca, Auditorium Sinfonia Music School. **Concert for Gisella Gori**.
4.30pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Saletta Suffredini. IAM student concert (free).
9.15pm, Gramolazzo (comune Minucciano), Banca Versilia Lunigiana e Garfagnana Auditorium. **Gala** for IAM students (free).
9pm, Barga, Pieve di Loppia. violinist Paolo Ardinghi & pianist Sergio De Simone. **Lyric concert**. Free. www.serchiodellemuse.it

12
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Riccardo Cocciantè.
9pm, Lucca, **Parco dell'Infinito**, River park greenspace. **Note all'Infinito**. **Mediterranea vox & Flamenco de concierto**. Centro promozione Musicale Animando - animandolucca.it
5pm, Castelnuevo di Garfagnana, Teatro Alfieri. **IAM masterclass** by M° Claudio Ottino's students of **canto lirico**. www.iamitalia.com
9.15pm, Isola Santa, San Jacopo Church Sacristy. Final concert by M° Ottino's canto lirico students. €30 (including dinner).
Forte dei Marmi, Villa Bertelli. first **Summer Tour** concert. See dates below (Coming Up). www.villabertelli.it

19
9pm, Torre del Lago, Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **La Bohème**. puccinifestival.it
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Nile Rodgers & Chic.
9pm, Lucca, **Parco dell'Infinito**, River park greenspace. **Note all'Infinito**. **Tribute to Fabrizio De Andrè**. animandolucca.it

26
9pm, Torre del Lago, Gran Teatro all'Aperto. Puccini Festival. **La Bohème**. puccinifestival.it
9pm, Lucca, Piazza Napoleone. **LUCCA SUMMER FESTIVAL**. Morissey.

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.

Lucca Theatre Festival, until 3 August. Various locations, for all ages. luccatheatrefestival.it

Il Valle del Serchio concerts continue from 21 June to 11 Dec. www.ilserchiodellemuse.it - See article on page 9.

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

Exhibitions July 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, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Piazza San Martino, 7. **Il Mito tra Sacro e Profano. Works by Elio Lutri & Stefano Carlo Vecoli.** 21 July to 3 August. Hours 3pm to 7pm. Closed Monday. See article on page 23. Info: tel. 0583 464062, mostre@fondazionebmluccaeventi.it

Lucca, Museo della Zecca (Mint). **Le Monete dei Nostri Bisnonni** (The money our grandparents used). Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm, 2pm to 5pm. Until 31 August 2025. Info: tel. 0583 582320, zeccadilucca.it

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

Camaione, 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@ostellodicamaione.it - www.ostellodicamaione.it

Pietrasanta, Sant'Agostino Church & Cloister, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Carducci, Pontile & Piazza XXIV Maggio at Marina di Pietrasanta centro storico & Marina. **Kan Yasuda, Oltre la Forma.** 14 June to 21 September 2025. 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 Macchiaoli 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

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

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

Pisa, Palazzo Blu, Lungarno Gambacorti. **Sara Colaone, Storia e Storie del '900 a Fumetti** (History of the 1900s in Comics). Until 9 November 2025. Monday to Friday 10am to 7pm. Weekends & holidays 10am to 8pm. Tickets €12 (reductions for certain categories).



Sunday



Mon

Tues

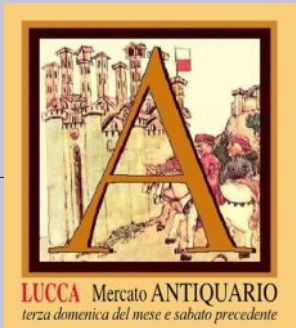
Wed

Thu

Friday

Saturday

6



Laura Ballini "Oltre lo sguardo"



Inaugurazione 1 Luglio ore 18
Presentazione a cura del Critico Storico dell'Arte **Lorenzo Pacini**
Galleria "Il Borgo degli Artisti"
Ponte al Serraglio, 7
Bagni di Lucca (LU)
1 - 8 Luglio dalle 17 alle 19,30

1
OPENING: Ponte a Serraglio 7 (Bagni di Lucca). Laura Ballini, **Oltre lo Sguardo.** Until 8 July. 5pm to 7.30pm. At 6pm, presentation by critic Lorenzo Pacini. See article on p.25. FB: Borgo degli Artisti

8
10
OPENING: Ponte a Serraglio 7 (Bagni di Lucca). Photographer **Cesare Giannetti.** Until 17 July. 5pm to 7.30pm. See article on p.25. FB: Borgo degli Artisti

9
11
OPENING: Barga, Stanze delle Memorie Museum, Via Roma 31 (Centro Storico). **Barga incantata. Visioni del paesaggio dell'anima** in the art of Alberto Magri, Adolfo Balduini, 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 on page 8. www.comune.barga.lu.it

12
ONE DAY PER MONTH: 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 months: 6 September, 11 October.

13
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.
OPENING: Ponte a Serraglio 7 (Bagni di Lucca). **Gabriele Moschini.** Until 31 July 2025. 5pm to 7.30pm. FB: Borgo degli Artisti
LAST DAY: Ponte a Serraglio, Sala AUSER Ponte 32. Photographer Marco Pistolozzi, Dai monti fino al mare. Info: 0583 569035.

13

20
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
ONE DAY ONLY: Capannori, Piazza Aldo Moro. Soffitte (attics) in Piazza. 9am to 6.30pm. Every 3rd Sunday of the month except June, July, August. Exchange or sale of recycled items. Info: tel. 353 4463766 - soffitteinpiazza@gmail.com
LAST DAY: Florence, Palazzo degli Strozzi, Palazzo Strozzi. Tracey Emin, Sex and Solitude. Paintings, drawings, video, photography, sculpture, embroidery, appliqué, neons. Curated by Arturo Galansino (Strozzi General Director). 16 March to 20 July.

27
LAST DAY: Lucca, Under the walls at Baluardo Regolo, the Botanical Garden. Princess Elisa's Green Revolution. Botanists, Gardeners, & Farmers in Napoleonic Europe, curated by the association *Napoleone ed Elisa: da Parigi alla Toscana APS* in collaboration with the Lucca Botanical Garden. Dedicated to the green innovations introduced by Elisa Bonaparte Baciocchi, Napoleon's sister, Princess of Lucca from 1805 to 1814. 30 April to 27 July 2025. biglietteria@ortobotanicodilucca.it - tel. 0583 442482



22

29

30



COMING UP

Forte dei Marmi, Villa Bertelli, Salla Ferrario. Elisabetta Rogai, Forte più che mai. 14 works from 25 years of her career. 1 August to 7 September 2025. www.elisabettarogai.it, www.villabertelli.it

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.

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



Massarosa, Parco degli Sterpeti. Rassegna della Ranocchiocciola (frogs & snails, creatures found in great quantity in nearby Massaciuccoli Lake). From Thursdays to Sundays until 27 July. Also, tombola (bingo), play park for children, large dancing area. Info: tel. 0584 938245.

Località La Guffa/Piano del Quercione, Montramito, Massarosa. Sagra della zuppa alla contadina (also cappelletti, risotto di mare, seppia, linguini ai coltellacci, bomboloni con il buco, ..). 4-5-6 July from 7.30pm with dopo-cena from 9pm: Latin American dancing to a local orchestra (beer or cocktails available at the bar). Tombola, play area for children. Info/reservations: 347 7162428 or 347 8510572.

Lammari (Capannori), Sagra Paesana San Jacopo. 5 to 27 July every Saturday & Sunday. The specialties are torta co' becchi, zuppa, carne alla griglia. After dinner, dancing with local orchestras.

Massa Macinaia, every Saturday & Sunday in July from 7.30pm. Sagra of polenta & funghi porcini, grilled meats, desserts, Montecarlo wines, & zuppa alla frantoiana on Saturdays. Slow dancing & dj music. To benefit the Misericordia of Massa Macinaia & S. Giusto.

Segromigno in Piano (Capannori), Sagra della Zuppa alla Frantoiana. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 July beginning at 7.10pm. There are also many other local specialties. After dinner, there is dancing accompanied by a local orchestra.

Badia Pozzeveri (Altopascio), 5-6-7, 10-11-12-13 July. Sagra del Cacciucco, the special fish soup of Viareggio. Live dance music. Info/reservations: tel. 33 2834388 (restaurant) & 348 8930013 (dancing).

Località Costa, Matraia (Capannori), Sagra dell'Olivo Dolce, organized by Fratres Matraia Blood



Donors Group. 4 to 20 July on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays from 7.15pm. This is the oldest sagra of the Capannori villages, dating back to 1976. The menu includes zuppa alla frantoiana, farro, carne alla brace, cinghiale in umido, torte co' becchi, e more.

Aquileo, Sagra di zuppa di verdure erbi spontanei, (vegetable soup made from local herbs, red beans from Lucca, & braised cabbage). Also carne alla griglie, tordelli, maccheroni, torta co' becchi di verdura. Spaces for dancing, for children's play, for animals, all surrounded by grapevines olives. August 1 to 17.

Querceta (Area Croce Bianca), Comune di Seravezza, 4-5-6, 10-11-12-13 July. 7.30pm to midnight. La Sagra della Quercia. Live dj music with marble dance floor. Tordelli, with paella & sangria night on the 12th. To reserve: 392 2647951. Organized by the Contrada la Quercia del Palio dei Micci di Querceta.

Retignano, Comune di Stazzema, 6-7-8 July. Sagra del Tordello. In memory of the town's patron saints, Pietro & Paolo, & during the Retignano singing competition, with many events & a beautiful mountain panorama. Local cooking including tordelli & grilled meats. Beginning at 7pm; karaoke & 90s music to follow.



Borgo Le Pile (piazza Carducci), Comune di Seravezza, 4-5-6 July. Stordellata nel Borgo. Tordelli, tagliarini co' funghi, stinco di maiale & more. Music & artistic performances. Opening 7.30pm, dj music from 9.30pm. Organized by the Seravezza Pro Loco.

Bientina (Pisa), Campo Sportivo. Festa del Totano (squid) Fritto. Also risotto al mare, penne agli scmapi, gamberoni alla griglia, bacalà alla livornese, grilled meats, pizza.... 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 July beginning at 7pm. On 19 & 20 July is the traditional Palio di San Valentino, when the town center will be closed to traffic. For further information call 347 0806375.

Località Montiscendi, Pietrasanta. Contrada La Cervia, Sagra Gastronomia (organized by the Contrada del Palio dei Micci di Querceta). 11-12-13, 18-19-20, 24-25-26-27 July. With live dj/orchestral music, entertainment, & traditional Versiliese food. To reserve: tel. 348 4728531 or 328 9264419.

Migliarina (Viareggio), Sagra sul Sagrato. 18-19-20, 25-26-27 July from 7.30pm (continuing 1-2-3, 8-9-10 August). At the Parrocchia Migliarina-Terminetto Parish Church. The menu includes fried fish, grilled meats, side dishes, desserts.



Borgo Le Pile (piazza Carducci), Comune di Seravezza, 4-5-6 July. Stordellata nel Borgo. Tordelli, tagliarini co' funghi, stinco di maiale & more. Music & artistic performances. Opening 7.30pm, dj music from 9.30pm. Organized by the Seravezza Pro Loco.

Bientina (Pisa), Campo Sportivo. Festa del Totano (squid) Fritto. Also risotto al mare, penne agli scmapi, gamberoni alla griglia, bacalà alla livornese, grilled meats, pizza.... 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 July beginning at 7pm. On 19 & 20 July is the traditional Palio di San Valentino, when the town center will be closed to traffic. For further information call 347 0806375.

Località Montiscendi, Pietrasanta. Contrada La Cervia, Sagra Gastronomia (organized by the Contrada del Palio dei Micci di Querceta). 11-12-13, 18-19-20, 24-25-26-27 July. With live dj/orchestral music, entertainment, & traditional Versiliese food. To reserve: tel. 348 4728531 or 328 9264419.

Migliarina (Viareggio), Sagra sul Sagrato. 18-19-20, 25-26-27 July from 7.30pm (continuing 1-2-3, 8-9-10 August). At the Parrocchia Migliarina-Terminetto Parish Church. The menu includes fried fish, grilled meats, side dishes, desserts.

FAIRS SPORTS TRADITIONS CINEMA CHILDREN CONFERENCES

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

In July there are no national holidays. The next important date is 15 August, known as Ferragosto, when many Italians go on vacation.

VILLAGE & TOWN EVENTS

Lucca, San Paolino Days 7 to 13 July. Processions, concerts, exhibits, religious celebrations, illuminations honoring Lucca's patron saint (his miracle occurred in 1664). Along with the Luminara of Santa Croce in September, one of the most important events in the Lucca calendar.

Massarosa, Azienda Agricola Lavanda. Lavender fields in bloom. 7 June to 15 July.

MARKETS

Lucca, Piazza Cittadella. Arte e Ingegno in Contrade San Paolino. 5-6 July. 10am to 7pm.

Lucca, Piazza San Frediano. 10-11 July. 10am to 8pm. Ars Manualis. Tuscan handicrafts & artisanship. Tel. 339 6027710. facebook.com/artigianatoartisticotoscano

Lucca, in & around Piazza San Martino. 19-20 July (3rd Sunday & preceding Saturday each month), 9am to 8pm. Mercato dell'Antiquariato. Traditional monthly antique market.

Lucca, Via dei Borghi. Mercatino dei Borghi. 20 July. 9am to 8pm. Handmade, one of a kind objects.

Lucca, Palazzo degli Esposizioni, Piazza San Martino 7. Notti al museo, giovedì di luglio. Free admission. Inauguration 3 July 8.30pm, Disney songs performed by the chorus of Jam Academy will inaugurate Laboratorio following, €5 (to reserve: 333 9676264).

Maggiano, Scuolina Raggio di Sole garden, Via delle Scuole 38. Picnic al Tramonto (sunset), for all ages. 5 July 8pm. €15. per picnic basket. With Magician Matthew X, music, & traditional popular dances. To reserve: 345 7027783 or 331 7728743.

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Friends of the English Bookshop. Monthly book club



Massarosa, La Via delle Erbe e dei Fiori. 5/6 July. A 5km itinerary, free of cost, to visit this natural oasis in bloom. www.laviadelleerbeedefiori.it www.versilaverelago.it

Marlia, Villa Reale, Via Fraga Alta. 18 July 6.30pm, Aperitivo in the park. Visit the 16 hectare park & the apartments of Elisa & museum of Contessa Mimi Pecci Blunt. The villa is open daily from 1 March until 31 October, 10am to 6pm (last entrance 4.30pm). Children under 9 admitted free. Dogs on leashes are welcome in the park. villarealedimarlia.it - info@villarealedimarlia.it

Galliciano, Palio of San Jacopo. 19 & 25 July 9pm. A procession of allegorical floats competing for the cencio.

Fornaci di Barga, Piazzale del Fosso. 27 July 9am to 1pm. Historic re-enactment of a non-competitive motorcycle race.

Lucca, Loggiato of Palazzo Sani, Via Fillungo 121. Meraki Market. Finely crafted objects. 12-13 July, 13-14 September, 4-5 Oct. 10am to 8pm. Tel. 0583 47311.

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

CONFERENCES/COURSES

Marlia, Villa Reale Limonaia, 2 Via Fraga Alta. Villa Reale al Femminile. Cultural encounter (in Italian) dedicated to Elisa Bonaparte Baciocchi & Anna Laetitia Pecci Blunet on 6 July 11am. The series was prepared by Roberta Martinelli & Simonetta Giurlani Pardini. Info: tel. 0583 30108. Tickets: shop.villarealedimarlia.it

CHILDREN

Lucca, Piazza Verdi. Estate Cinema (16 June to 7 September). Wednesday at 9.30pm, films for families & children. 2 July, Elio. 9 July, Lilo & Stitch. See article on page 8 for more information. www.luccacinema.it

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, starting outside Bar San Colombano on the walls.

Conversation in Italian, Stella Polare restaurant on Friday afternoons at 4pm. Contact Georgia Miller on FB for more information.

Markets

General markets	
Lucca, S. Francesco. fruits/vegetables	Wed 4-7pm
Lucca, Piazza Don Baroni	Wed & Sat a.m.
B. Giannotti, Foro Boario	Sat a.m.
S. Maria a Colle	Thurs a.m.
Ponte a Moriano	Tues a.m.
S. Maria del Giudice	Mon a.m.
Pietrasanta	Thurs a.m.
Marina di Pietrasanta	Sat a.m.
Tonfano	Sat a.m.
Castelnuovo Garfagnana	Thurs a.m.
Pescia	Sat a.m.

Books and prints	Lucca, Corte del Biancone	Daily
Antiques		
Lucca	3rd Sunday & previous Sat.	
Altopascio	2nd Sunday	
Montecarlo	2nd Sunday	
Camaione	4th Saturday	
Forte dei Marmi	1st Sat/Sunday	
Pietrasanta	1st Sunday	
Viareggio	4th Sat/Sunday	
Bientina	4th Sat/Sunday	
Pescia	4th Sunday	
Querceta	Saturday mornings	

Arts and crafts		
Lucca, Piazza San Giusto	last Sat/Sunday	
Lucca, Portone dei Borghi	Wednesdays 10am to 7pm	
Lucca, Corso Garibaldi	2nd weekend of the month	
Marina di Pietrasanta	Wednesday afternoons	
Castelnuovo Garfagnana	1st weekend of the month	
Pieve Fosciana	last Sunday	
Plants and flowers		
Lucca, Corso Garibaldi	Friday mornings	
Pietrasanta	3rd Sunday	
Markets in Florence (only the largest ones)		
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	