

As in past years, you can expect to see the streets and piazzas of Lucca's historic center filled with dancing feet throughout the month of June, while of course following Covid 19 prevention protocols. **Lucca Dance Meeting** is an annual event that brings performers from Rotterdam's Codarts program, Zurich University of the Arts Contemporary Dance program, the Dance Intensive Program of the European Dance Association (AED), and of course Italian dancers too, accompanied by musicians from Lucca's Boccherini Institute, with the collaboration of the Teatro del Giglio and town of Lucca.

What a joy for our summer days, watching these delightful performers as they leap and pirouette! The streets will be buzzing with performances on the streets, and shop windows will be decorated for the event.

Look for the dancers at the Teatro del Giglio, Boccherini Auditorium, Palazzo Guinigi, Villa Bottini, Agorà, and in the most beautiful piazzas. Not only the historic center, but also nearby Borgo Giannotti and San Concordio will be involved. Here are some of the highlights:

Opening the Dance Meeting on 2 June at 9 p.m. will be a concert-performance of **Romeo and Juliet** at the Church of San Francesco, with the Boccherini Institute Orchestra directed by Maestro Gianpaolo Mazzoli, and choreography by Valentina Di Pippo. The show will be repeated on Thursday 3 June. Tickets are free but must be reserved at the Teatro del Giglio box office.

On Saturday 5 June, Piazza San Michele will host **Danza che passione**, an open-air performance coordinated by Erika Rocca and Salvo Gianino from the school *Solo danza*.

In collaboration with the Puccini Foundation, two **Pucciniane** dance performances will take place in Piazza Cittadella, on Wednesday 9 June with **La Rondine** and Thursday 17 June with **La Bohème**.

On Saturday 12 June, on the Lucca walls along the pedestrian walkway, sixteen musical groups from the Boccherini Institute, coordinated by Prof.ssa Elena Giannesi, together with dancers from the DIP Intensive Dance program, will present **Incursioni**, brief performances of music and dance of about ten minutes each, for a total of ninety minutes. The performance will be repeated on Saturday 19 June in six piazzas in the town center. In general, **Incursions** of musicians and dancers will take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays after 4 p.m.



At the Teatro del Giglio on 19 June, a career prize for contemporary dance will be awarded to Sylvie Guillem. The international jury consists of: Viviana Durante (Director, English National Ballet School), Gianni Malfer (co-director BA Contemporary Dance ZHdK Zurich), Naomi Perlov (Director, Suzanne Dellal, Centre for Dance, Tel Aviv), Francois Petit (Assistant director, Ballettschule Theater, Bael), Lorella Reboa (Director A.E.D. Italy), and Christiana Stefanou (Director, Vienna Ballet Academy).

Urban dance and hip-hop is scheduled for 23 June, with **Danzando fuori dalle mura** street dance, coordinated by Marialisa Puntoni, in the Sant'Anna neighborhood near the playground at Via De Gasperi.

The Dance Meeting will conclude on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June at Teatro del Giglio and Teatro San Girolamo with the traditional dance competitions and awards.



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