

Via Lingua

SPECIAL EVENTS in FLORENCE in JUNE

June 2 to October 1: multisite contemporary art exhibition (mainly at Forte Belvedere)

For information, see www.theflorentine.net

ITALY: Energy, Thought, Beauty. Everything is connected.

It will showcase the works of 12 contemporary artists renowned on the Italian art scene.

The whole month of June free guided tours at the

RESTORATION site of the colossal Statue of Neptune in Piazza della Signoria.

For reservations see www.nettunofirenze.it

The Ferragamo Fashion House has donated 1.5 million euro for the restoration of the much loved Statue (1560-65) by the Renaissance sculptor Ammannati. Florentines call this statue “il Biancone” (the big white one) because of the strikingly white color of its Carrara marble and because it was criticized by Ammannati’s contemporary artist Cellini. On seeing it, he commented “Ammannato Ammannato quanto marmo t’hai sciupato!” (Ammannati you wasted a lot of marble!).

Until July 23, at Palazzo Strozzi, Piazza Strozzi

www.palazzostrozzi.org

BILL VIOLA: ELECTRONIC RENAISSANCE

A compelling overview of the video artist’s prolific career. Viola explores spirituality, experience and perception to reveal the human factor: human beings confront the natural elements of fire, water, light and dark and the cycles of life. These contemporary, impressive art installations interact directly with the Renaissance architecture of Palazzo Strozzi creating a dialogue between ancient and contemporary art.

June until July 9, Villa Bardini, Costa San Giorgio 2

www.bardinipeyron.it

BLACK ON BLACK

In one of the most fascinating location in Florence, the Bardini Villa and Gardens, this contemporary art exhibition displays more than 30 artworks by internationally renowned contemporary artists whose sole theme is the color black not only in painting, but in sculpture and fashion, too.

JUNE MOVIES IN ENGLISH at the Odeon Cinehall

www.odeonfirenze.com

The Beatles: SGT.PEPPER &BEYOND.