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SAN PAOLO SAYS...CHEERS!

Beat the August heat at Rome's latest summer club opening. Spritz is like a secret oasis, tucked inside the lush green of Ildefonso Schuster Park in front of the majestic Basilica San Paolo. Stretch out on cushions, harem-style, as red curtains billow in the welcome evening breezes, and snack on the sumptuous buffet, along with an expertly mixed cocktail or a glass of wine from the exclusive list. DJs and piano bar add some punch to the evening, and every day of the week is different. They have '70s, '80s, and '90s revival, disco, and live music as well. Viale San Paolo. Tel 3332007278.



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Castel Sant'Angelo After Hours



For the first time, the French Academy in Rome presents a summer festival featuring a film arena, a large exhibition on the villa's history, and a four-concert cycle taking place in Villa Medici's Baroque gardens. From 4-28 August, four prestigious ensembles will explore the musical tradition of the aristocratic courts from the 17th and 18th centuries with the music of Monteverdi, Porpora, Handel, and many more. On 4 August, do not miss the performance by Douce Mémoire, inspired by the court of King Henry IV. Villa Medici - Viale Trinità dei Monti, 1. Tel 0667611. €15.

That's Baroque, Folks

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GET OUT OF TOWN!

3-9 August Tuscan Sun Festival

The charming town of Cortona will once again host the annual Sun Festival, a celebration of classical music, dance, and art in the Renaissance city. The festival also takes place in Napa Valley at the end of August, sealing the international and prestigious feel. For six days, world-renowned musicians like Jean-Yves Thibaudet, Nina Kotova, and Joshua Bell will perform in the Teatro Signorelli and the city's main square. This year also brings Anthony Hopkins and his musical compositions to the festival for a rare look at Hopkins' other talent. Don't miss the opera gala in Piazza Signorelli, starring the world-famous Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu. The American Ballet Theatre will also perform. www.tuscansunfestival.com

1-23 August Puccini Festival

Opera lovers take note: the Puccini Festival, which started in early July, is on through late August. Each year 40,000 spectators flock to the region of Torre del Lago - Viareggio, in a northern stretch of Tuscany, to celebrate Puccini's life and works. Enjoy performances of your favorite Puccini pieces, including *La Bohème*, *Tosca*, *Turandot*, and *Manon Lescaut*. Performances of the ballet *Giselle* will also take place. The open-air theater is

located mere minutes from the Villa Mausoleum, where Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924) lived and produced most of his work. Tel 0584359322. www.puccinifestival.it

21-30 August Ferrara Buskers Festival

The largest festival of its kind, the Ferrara Buskers Festival brings together street musicians from all over the world for a week-long demonstration of unusual and often unexpected talent. The festival began in 1987, and ever since has been attracting 800,000 spectators to take in the inspired performances of hundreds of artists. Enjoy the beautiful Renaissance town of Ferrara, in the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy, as you enjoy the 22nd edition of the festival. Tel 0532249337. www.ferrarabuskers.com



Cinema

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE CINEMAS Films in their original language are hard to come by. With the world's best dubbing system, most Italians would sooner see their films subtitle-less. Check out these cinemas for authentic audio.

ALCAZAR - Via Merry del Val, 14. Tel 065880099. **Map B6**
GRAUCO - Via Perugia, 34 (Pigneto). Tel 067824167.

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NUOVO OLIMPIA - Via In Lucina, 16g. Tel 06680099. **Map C5**
METROPOLITAN - Via del Corso, 7. Tel 063200933. **Map C4**

Concert venues

AUDITORIUM The mega arts complex hosts essential events every month, bringing international performers of varying genres ranging from dance and video art, to classical music and jazz. The prestigious Accademia di Santa Cecilia holds concerts here as well. Viale de Coubertin, 15. Tel 0680241281. www.auditorium.com **Map B2**

ACCADEMIA FILARMONICA ROMANA Teatro Olimpico is generally the venue for the Rome Philharmonic, which offers a vibrant season packed with talented musicians and innovative performances. Teatro Olimpico - Piazza Gentile da Fabriano, 17. Tel 063265991. **Map B2**

ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DI SANTA CECILIA AT THE AUDITORIUM One of Europe's most prestigious music organizations, the Accademia brings world-class performers to Rome all year round, to perform and direct their own renowned orchestra and choir. Auditorium Parco della Musica - Viale de Coubertin, 15. Tel 0680241281. www.santacecilia.it **Map B1**

CAPANELLE HIPPODROME Rome's beloved summer music festivals, 'Fiesta' and 'RomaRock' take place at this massive outdoor venue, complete with food and shopping stands. Ippodromo delle Capanelle - Via Appia Nuova, 1245. By public transport: Metro A to Colli Albani, then bus 664. Tel 067182139. **Off Map**

PALALOTTOMATICA A gigantic sport and concert area in the up-to-standard, slick, modern EUR district. Some of the biggest names and sold-out singers perform here. Palalottomatica Auditorium - Piazzale dello Sport (EUR). Tickets 199128800. **Off Map**

STADIO OLIMPICO AS Roma and SS Lazio hold their home matches at the Olympic Stadium, whereas warm weather brings great performances. Tickets available at authorized ticket dealers (Media Ricordi and Feltrinelli stores). Stadio Olimpico - Via del Foro Italico. **Map A1**

Culture

AMERICAN ACADEMY The American Academy hosts a number of fellows, whose lectures, photography, and literature are often open to the public for a stimulating night out amid the verdant pleasure palace of Villa Aurelia. American Academy - Via Angelo Masina, 5. Tel 0658461. Provide ID at the entrance. www.aarome.org **Map A6**

Theatre, Music, Dance, Opera

TERME DI CARACALLA Teatro dell'Opera and Teatro Nazionale spend the summer season at the breathtaking ancient baths of Caracalla. The spectacular backdrop also offers fine acoustics for music and dance performances. Terme di Caracalla - Viale delle Terme di Caracalla. Tel 064817003. **Map D7**

ENGLISH THEATRE OF ROME Founded by American actress and director Gaby Ford, the English Theatre of Rome continues to intrigue and entertain with visiting performers, as well as a colorful season of in-house talent and new work. Teatro L'Arciliuto - Piazza Montevincchio, 5 (near Piazza Navona). Tel 066879419 (after 4pm). www.rometheatre.com **Map B5**

SANT'IVO ALLA SAPIENZA The beautiful Baroque cloister hosts a number of classical concerts every summer. Corso Rinascimento, 40. Tel 0686800125. **Map B5**

TEATRO DELL'OPERA The spectacular interior of this opera theatre and the talent residing within make for memorable performances. Teatro dell'Opera - Piazza B. Gigli, 1. Tel 06481601. www.opera.roma.it **Map D4**

TEATRO NAZIONALE The Opera Theatre's Ballet Corps performs here. Via del Viminale, 51. Tel 06481601. www.opera.roma.it **Map D4**

TEATRO PALLADIUM A facility of Roma Tre University, the Palladium is a key venue for alternative and progressive works of theatre, music, and dance. Piazza Bartolomeo Romano, 8. Tel 0657067761. **Map C8**

TEATRO VASCHELLO Much of the season is Italian theatre, however the occasional contemporary dance troupes make this a venue to keep an eye on. Teatro Vascello - Via Giacinto Carini, 78. Tel 065881021. **Map A6**

Pubs and Bars

THE ABBEY THEATRE Just around the corner from the Baroque splendor of Piazza Navona, this pub flaunts Irish Victorian-style furnishings in six rooms on two floors. Irish beers on tap: Guinness, Harp, and Kilkeny (other bottled beers are available), and a long list of Irish whiskeys. Happy hour 11 am-8 pm. Open for lunch and dinner. Try the fast menu - a burger, fries, and a beer for €10, or the cowboy menu - a 250 gram (9 oz) steak, fries, salad, and beer for €14.50. Smoking section available. Open Sunday-Thursday 11am-2am, and Friday-Saturday until 3am. Via Governo Vecchio, 51/53. Tel 066861341. **Map B5** www.abbey-rome.com

BULLDOG INN This city-center English-style pub, a stone's throw from Piazza Navona, offers Scottish, Irish and Australian beers on tap (free T-shirt with every five pints!) and a generous lunch buffet (noon-6 pm, €7) with hot and cold Italian specialties and traditional pub fare. From 6-9 pm, to accompany your aperitif, there's a great selection of complimentary snacks, while the separate wine bar, with all the best Italian and international labels, keeps wine-lovers happy. All this, plus live, international music; Fri and Sat are DJ nights. 20% discount for WHERE readers. Free entry. Open daily noon-late. Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 107. Tel 066871537. **Map B5**

CHARITY CAFE This happening club situated in picturesque Monti offers a great atmosphere and an extensive drinks list: with 20 varieties of rum, 52 whiskeys (aged from 12 to 18 years), over 100 wines, and 15 different beers (including lager and bitter on tap), there really is something to suit all tastes. Snacks and cold meals are also available. Entrance is free. Drop by on Sunday for the buffet (with €7 soft drink, or €10 alcoholic drink). Happy hour 2-for-1 on all drinks Mon-Sat 3pm-9pm. The kitchen is open 3-9pm. Via Panisperna, 68. Tel 0647825881. **Map D5** www.charitycafe.it

LE COPPELLE 52 Situated in one of Rome's most picturesque squares, a stone's throw from the Pantheon, this chicer-than-chic open-air lounge is always buzzing. A hip, young crowd flock here from aperitivo hour onwards for an expertly-mixed cocktail (more than 100 to choose from); try the ginger mojito or the melon caipiroska. Beer (on tap and bottled), rum, and cognac also available. The bar also offers a beautiful indoor space with ancient vaulted ceiling and red leather couches. Sky TV. Open daily 6:30 pm-2 am, all year long. Piazza delle Coppelle, 52. Tel 3497404620. **Map B4**

FLUID Strolling along the quiet and quaint Via Governo Vecchio, the sleek modernity of Fluid stands out immediately. The interior seems a cosmic forest, with metal vines along the stairway, and a high-tech, paper-thin waterfall along the back wall. Nightly deejays keep the atmosphere alive with vibes at just the right volume. The aperitif buffet is abundant, and the after-dinner scene is lively. The weekend starts early with Thursdays at Fluid, with DJs Jepy Jey

Guidelines

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MAP LOCATIONS

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and Live Set at the decks from 11pm, live sax, electric violin, and body painting, for an evening that's anything but ordinary. Open daily from 6 pm-3 am. Via del Governo Vecchio, 46/47. Tel 066832361. **Map B5**

HABANA CAFE Welcome to a little corner of the tropics just around the corner from the Pantheon. The front room serves very tropical cocktails such as cuba libre, mojito, and caipirinha, as well as exquisite sandwiches; it's Rome's own corner of South America. If you manage to squeeze through the crowd, hit the back room. Here people go crazy for the variety of events and audience participation every night till late. This pub-wine bar (with great wine-tastings) hosts DJs and live music Tuesday through Sunday. Happy hour from 6-11 pm with €2 Peroni and €3 Heineken, €4 cocktails and long drinks. After 11 pm €5 flat price. Via dei Pastini, 120. Tel 066781983. www.habanaroma.it **Map C5**

HIGHLANDER You may be far from home, but thanks to this pub you can catch all your favorite sporting events with a cold beer and bar food, as tradition holds. Premier League, NFL, NBA, Six Nations, Spanish Lega, and ESPN, draft beers, Guinness, Foster's, Newcastle, and more. Happy hour with 2-for-1 specials goes from 4-6 pm on week-ends. Open Tues-Fri 6 pm-2 am and weekends from 11am-2 am. Vicolo S. Biagio, 9. Tel 0668805368. www.sportpubrome.com **Map C4**

ICE CLUB 20 meters from the Imperial Fora near the Colosseum, 40 tons of ice at a temperature of 23° F surround you at Ice Club, the only bar in Rome constructed entirely of ice, including walls, benches, and tables. Ice glasses are filled with 15 different vodka flavors, Nordic cocktails, grappa, and soft drinks. Roman-style columns, benches and bas-reliefs add to the uniqueness of this locale. Coats and gloves are provided to keep the chill out! Open daily 6pm-2am. Via Madonna dei Monti, 18/19 (parallel to Via Cavour). Tel 0697845581. **Map C5**

L'EMPORIO ALLA PACE Take some time out from sight-seeing and relax at this new bookstore/café. Just steps from Piazza Navona, in front of the beautiful temple Santa Maria della Pace di Pietro da Cortona, is a place that offers low lighting, jazz music in the background, comfortable red and purple velvet sofas and armchairs, and plenty of books to choose from while you sip on something from their bar. You can get a variety of coffee, tea, cocktails, wine, and beer, and if you want something to nibble on, they offer sweet and savoury snacks like croissants, cookies, cakes, mini-sandwiches, mini-pizzas, and panini. On the schedule are regular book presentations, art shows, and film viewings. From 6pm-10pm try the Italian aperitivo for €4.50. Open daily 7am-2am. Via della Pace, 28. Tel/Fax 0668802938. www.lemporioallapace.com **Map B4/5**

THE LIBRARY At this friendly bar/restaurant close to Piazza Navona, you can order food all day long. Hungry sight-seers should drop by for lunch or English-style tea served on fine porcelain in the afternoon. In the evening choose

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from a delicious menu (including pizza) by romantic candlelight, as well as a great selection of cocktails, wine, rum, and Cuban cigars. Live music or special events are on the agenda most evenings (including gender bender Saturdays from 10:30 pm). Call for inquiries. Wireless internet with drink purchase. Open daily 12 pm-2 am. Vicolo della Cancelleria, 7. Tel 3936966639, Cell 3333517581. www.thelibrary.it **Map B5**

MAD JACK'S In a great area for evening entertainment, this pub is decorated in classic Irish fashion, and serves up a wide selection of whiskeys, cognacs, and Guinness beer. English cooking and goulash are some of the specialties, and the beef is cooked with Guinness. Enjoy the discobar on Thursday nights. English spoken. Lunch and dinner available (lunch is served from 12-3pm). Rich aperitivo 7-9pm. Free Wi-Fi zone. Sport events. Open daily from 11am. Via Arenula, 20. Tel 0668808223. Credit cards accepted. **Map B5** www.madjacks.com

NAZCA Located in the heart of the Ostiense-Testaccio nightclub mecca, this bar-restaurant maintains a distinctly "Roman feel" while welcoming patrons from all walks of life. Travelers on the hunt for authentic Roman nightlife with cosmopolitan flair will revel in the "something for everyone" atmosphere. Sample Italian and international cuisine at dinner, and stay on for drinks, or simply hit the bar after work for a plentiful aperitif buffet. Sip to the tune of lounge and exotic music, old favorites and innovative beats. DJs rock the house every night after 10 pm with electronic music to keep you shakin' till 2am. Open daily from 6:30 pm-2 am. Via del Gazometro, 40. Tel 065747638. **Map C7** www.nazcaroma.it

THE NAG'S HEAD Close to Piazza Venezia, this authentic Scottish pub welcomes its guests into the heart of Scotland for lunch, dinner, cocktails, live music, tea time, and happy hour (from 4pm-6pm.) The Nag's Head is also the meeting point of the Forum Pub Crawl, every evening. Fun is guaranteed with a DJ every night, satellite TV for the most important sport events, and acrobatic barman shows. Great beers include Carlsberg, Guinness, Devil's Kiss strong lager, Kilkenny cream, and Strong Bow cider. Special tourist menu. Bring your copy of WHERE and get a complimentary half pint! Open 365 days a year, for breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 12 pm until 3 am. Via IV Novembre, 138b. Tel 066794620. www.nagshead.it **Map C5**

OPPIO CAFFÉ At this futuristic restaurant and bar you can dine early and drink the night away, while sipping cocktails and grooving to the sounds of some of Rome's best DJs. For a fresh finish to the evening, sip an aperitif out on the terrace, (which is comfortably equipped with heat lamps in the winter months), which overlooks the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Via delle Terme di Tito, 72. Tel 064745262. **Map D5**

SCHOLARS' LOUNGE This quintessential Irish-owned pub is situated between Piazza Venezia and Largo Argentina; an ideal place to take a well deserved break from sight-seeing. Serving hot food all day everyday, from a hearty Irish Breakfast, to homemade Irish Stew. The food isn't the only perk, with 12 beers on draught, including Guinness, Kilkenny, Strongbow, and five different lagers, this pub really caters to anybody's fancy. The highlight is the whiskey collection; with more than 250 bottles lining the walls, it's Italy's largest selection. Scholars' prides itself on being a sporting haven, showing every major sporting event on eight colossal screens: soccer, rugby, hurling, American football, you name it. With live music twice a week, karaoke and a pub quiz there really is no excuse to go to bed early! Open daily from 11am-3:30am. Via del Plebiscito, 101b. Tel 0669202208. **Map C5** www.scholarslounge.com

TRINITY COLLEGE MUSIC BAR One of the most cosmopolitan hangouts in Rome. Young people of all nationalities gather in this very popular bar, which is also mentioned in many of the international guides thanks to its extremely unique and friendly atmosphere, great English-speaking bartenders, avant-garde DJs, and pleasant outdoor area in the warmer months. The restaurant is open for you to enjoy lunch as well as dinner. Special brunch served Saturday and Sunday. Open daily until 3am. Via del Collegio Romano, 6. Tel 066786472. www.trinity-rome.com **Map C5**