

NEWS of ACQUALORETO for the Wider Circle

April 2019

Spring has come to Acqualoreto, along with many of our summer residents. For those who complain that spring has been replaced by a sudden switch from winter to summer, there is good news. Since the start of spring, temperatures here have remained midway between winter and summer averages.



Much of the local news emanates from Todi and other nearby towns. Forty years after the historic exhibit of the sculptures of Beverly Pepper in the main square of Todi, four of the Cor Ten steel columns have returned to the piazza for a limited time, after which they and others will be relocated to the park at the apex of Todi. They will remain in the piazza until May 18th.



Other events are about to start. The second edition of Umbria Jazz Spring takes place this weekend in Terni. In keeping with its concurrence with Holy Week, much of the program is devoted to gospel music, as well as a lot of blues. For those more attuned to jazz, I would recommend taking in a concert of the Anat Cohen Tentet or Licaones, featuring Francesco Bearzatti and Mauro Ottolini. The festival kicks off tomorrow Thursday April 18th and runs through Monday the 22nd. Check the program and get tickets online at www.umbriajazz.com.

Another Easter weekend event worth your time is the Easter egg contest in Civitella del Lago. Some of the eggs can be spectacular and can be seen in their Easter Egg Museum.

In Todi a new festival devoted to Jacopone runs from May 1st through May 4th, ending with a major concert in San Fortunato. We'll add the entire festival program on the last page. For the big final concert get your tickets online at www.vivaticket.it or at the Tourist Office in Piazza del Popolo.

On a lighter note, after the sculptures have departed the piazza, on Saturday afternoon, June 15th, there will be a parade of about 100 Vespas in the piazza. It may not be as spectacular as the parade of Ferraris last summer but it should be fun.



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LE GIORNATE DI JACOPONE DA TODI

CONCERTO OMAGGIO A JACOPONE DA TODI
Stabat Mater di G. Rossini
Ezio Bosso Direttore
Europe Philharmonic Orchestra e Coro Filarmonico Rossini di Pesaro - Solisti della Fondazione Paravotti

Sabato 4 maggio 2019 ore 21.00
Todi Chiesa di San Fortunato

Vendita biglietti: su www.vivaticket.it
e presso Ufficio Turistico - Piazza del Popolo, Todi da giovedì a domenica dalle 16.00 alle 19.00

Organizzato da:        

Closer to home, the Malina Brothers Band will be back in Morrucce and Acqualoreto from May 19th through the 22nd. They are frequent visitors to the area but last year's planned visit was canceled. We hope that this year will be more fortunate. If you are in the area and enjoy bluegrass music, contact me or Ruth Gruber for information.



Other local news is about restaurants. In Acqualoreto, Neysa Forbiscioni is still in business and serving wonderful meals at La Cruccola, despite having said more than a year ago that she was thinking of giving up the activity. Enjoy the moment. Have a meal at La Cruccola.

When people here are not eating out at La Cruccola, they are often to be found at Rosa dei Venti in Fiore. With excellent pizza and other good fare served by a delightful staff, the place is hard to beat but there have been one or two defects. It is large and often crowded, especially in the summer months where you often need reservations to get a table outside. This combines to make parking a problem but they are in the process of building a huge

parking lot across the road. We don't know when they will inaugurate the parking lot but watching its development we could only wish that the provincial government would take a lesson from them in the building of roads. It looks like ancient Roman road building, made to last. We hope that its costs will be met by an increased volume of clientele rather than by a parking surcharge.



Here is the complete program of the IUBEL Festival:
IUBEL Festival 2019 – Jacopone da Todi Spring Days
WEDNESDAY MAY 1 ST

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2.00 pm - Church of San Fortunato
Open rehearsal of Rossini's Stabat Mater
conducted by Ezio Bosso 8.30 pm - Church of SSma Annunziata,
via San Biagio, 2

Concert by cellist Raphael Wallfisch: J.S. Bach,
Cello Suites 2,4 & 5. Free entrance

6.00 pm - Foyer of the City Theatre (Ridotto del Teatro)

Mario dal Bello presents his new book:

“Quando un Papa si dimette. La storia di
Celestino V” . A story closely related to
Jacopone. SATURDAY MAY 4 RD

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THURSDAY MAY 2 ND

..... 9.30 am /12.30 pm - Hall of the City Council
- Piazza del Popolo

International Conference (I): Celebrating the
centenary of Jacopone's biography written by
Evelyn Underhill and presentation of its first Italian
translation. Free entrance.

2.30 / 5.30 pm

International Conference (II): Jacopone's mysticism
and the eminent Umbrian mystic women of the XIII
century. Free entrance.

2.00 pm - Church of San Fortunato

Open rehearsal of Rossini's Stabat Mater
conducted by Ezio Bosso

6.00 pm - Foyer of the City Theatre (Ridotto del Teatro)

Lecture by Oana Salisteanu of the University
of Bucharest, translator in Romanian of
Jacopone's lauds

8.30 pm - Church of the SS.ma Annunziata, via San
Biagio, 2

Concert by cellist Raphael Wallfisch: J.S. Bach,

Cello Suites 1, 3 & 6. Free entrance
FRIDAY MAY 3 RD

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PROGRAM

11.00 am - Church of San Fortunato

Open rehearsal of Rossini's Stabat Mater
conducted by Ezio Bosso

(Free entrance for the students of Todi's high schools)

5.30 pm - Cinema Nido dell'Aquila - Via Paolo Rolli, 12

Presentation of the Jacopone Poetry Prize and
conferring of the Lifetime Career Award on
Patrizia Cavalli

6.15 pm - Cinema Nido dell'Aquila

Readings by Patrizia Cavalli

Afternoon - Church of San Fortunato

General rehearsal of Rossini's Stabat Mater
conducted by Ezio Bosso

9.00 pm - Church of San Fortunato

Gioacchino Rossini's Stabat Mater.

Concert conducted by Ezio Bosso - Europe

Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rossini Philharmonic

Choir of Pesaro. Soloists of the Luciano Pavarotti

Foundation: Rino Matafù, Andrea Pellegrini, Floriana

Cicio, Isabel Lombana Marino

Concert tickets sales on www.vivaticket.it and in all
Vivaticket sale points.

Info about ticketing office in Todi on www.iubelfestival.com

SUNDAY MAY 5 TH

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5.00 pm - Todi Cathedral - Piazza del Popolo

Solemn Mass in memory of Jacopone da Todi.

Liturgical music composed by Lorenzo Romagna.

Cantate Domino and Madre Speranza Choirs.

We hope that many of you will be in the area to enjoy some of the many events.
With luck, there will be another newsletter early in the summer to inform you of
the many things going on, including the Festa of Acqualoreto, which traditionally
runs from August 10th through the 15th or 16th. Our Wednesday Happy Hours
continue rain or shine, winter or summer. Happy Easter!