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### ➔ Goodbye, Antonello!

One year ago, the contemporary Italian art world lost one of its most promising and talented stars. Born in the southern Italian city of Taranto in 1960, Antonello Bulgini was at the height of a brilliant career creating vibrant and fantastical paintings at the time of his premature death in 2011. A new exhibit at the Pietro Canonica Museum in Villa Borghese is dedicated to the short but prolific career of this artist who succinctly captured the contradictions between the challenging times of the '80s and '90s.

**Mild News.** Pietro Canonica Museum in Villa Borghese. Viale Pietro Canonica, 2 (Piazza di Siena). Open Tues-Sun, 9am-7pm. €4 (€3 reduced).

### Top Sights

**CASTEL SANT'ANGELO**—Emperor Hadrian's mausoleum, transformed into a fortress centuries later, remained such until the beginning of the 19th century. For the kids, there's also an ancient weapon section. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. Giardini di Castello (Piazza Adriana). €5. **Map C2**

**COLOSSEUM**—Built in A.D. 72, the Flavian Amphitheater originally had a seating capacity of 50,000 and a sail-like roof covering. Piazza del Colosseo. Open daily, 9am-sunset (7:30pm in summer and 4:30pm in winter, ticket office closes 1 hour before closing). €12 incl. admission to Palatine and Forum. **Map F4**

**PIAZZA NAVONA**—One of the most beautiful spots in Rome, this lively square boasts three breathtaking fountains. The central and most famous one, the Fountain of the Four Rivers, was designed by Bernini and encompasses an Egyptian obelisk and an enormous Travertine sculpture of four river gods. **Map D3**

**ROMAN FORUM**—The heart of Ancient Rome. See Septimius Severus' Arch, the Temple of Castor and Pollux, the House of the Vestal Virgins, and more. Tel 066990110. €12 incl. admission to Colosseum. **Map E/F4**

**SAINT PETER'S**—The largest church in the world with works of art including Michelangelo's Pietà and Bernini's Baldacchino. No shorts, short skirts, or bare shoulders. Open 7am-6pm. Tel 0669881662. **Map B3**

**SISTINE CHAPEL/VATICAN MUSEUMS**—Egyptian, Etruscan, Roman, Renaissance and Baroque art, works by Michelangelo, Raphael, Caravaggio and Canova as well as the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel. Open Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm, last entrance 4pm. €15, 8 reduced. Viale del Vaticano. Tel 0669883333. Entrance

free on the last Sunday of each month, 9am-12:30pm. **Map B2**

**SPANISH STEPS**—The most famous staircase in the world is also a nightly meeting place for anyone out and about in Rome. Take a drink from the famous Barcaccia Fountain, climb the stairs for a fantastic view and visit the stunning Trinità dei Monti church at the top. Piazza di Spagna. **Map E2**

**TREVI FOUNTAIN**—Don't leave Rome without throwing a coin in the Trevi Fountain. It will ensure you a trip back to the Eternal City. The majestic late-baroque fountain designed by Nicola Salvi. Piazza di Trevi. **Map E3**

**360° VIEW**—The terrace atop the Vittoriano provides one of the best views in the city. The platform can be reached through two brand-new glass elevators, saving lazy legs the 196 steps leading to the terrace. The 35-second trip costs €7. Piazza Venezia. **Map D4**

### Archaeology

**ARA PACIS MUSEUM**—The Augustean Altar to Peace is housed in Richard Meier's new Ara Pacis Museum, the first work of modern architecture in the Centro Storico since the Fascist Era. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. Lungotevere in Augusta. Tel 0682059127. €11, 9 reduced. **Map D2**

**CATACOMBS**—Miles of underground tunnels contain the remains and the graves of martyrs, saints, and ordinary people, buried in the early Christian era. Via Appia Antica. €Prices vary. **Off Map**

**CRYPTA BALBI**—This recently discovered archeological site offers visitors the unique opportunity to study many different layers of Rome's history. The attached museum contains artifacts found on site and detailed

explanations. Via delle Botteghe Oscure, 31. Open Tue-Sun, 9am-7pm. €7 (3.50 reduced). **Map D/E4**

**OSTIA ANTICA**—16 miles southwest of Rome, this remarkably well-preserved ancient city and gives an excellent picture of life under the Roman Empire. Viale dei Romagnoli, 717. Take metro B line, get off at Magliana, then take train to Ostia Antica. Tel. 0656358036. €6.50. Closed Monday **Off Map**

**PALATINE HILL**—Walk through the ancient city to get a feel of the Imperial days. The Palatine Forum includes the Domus Flavia, the Museo Palatino, the palace and baths of Septimius Severus. Open daily, 9am-sunset (7:30pm in summer and 4:30pm in winter). Via di San Gregorio, 30. Tel 066990110. €12 incl. admission to Colosseum and Forum. **Map F5**

**PANTHEON**—The best preserved Roman monument, it was constructed by Agrippa in 27 B.C. and rebuilt by Hadrian in A.D. 117-125. In A.D. 608 it was transformed into a Christian church. It contains the tombs of Vittorio Emanuele and the great painter Raphael. Piazza della Rotonda. €Free. **Map D3**

**TERME DI CARACALLA**—This monumental bath complex was once the center of Roman civic, social and political life. Learn about the ancient techniques for heating water and imagine how it looked before it was unhappily stripped of its precious marbles and mosaics. Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 52. Open Tue-Sun, 9am-7pm. €6 (3 reduced). **Map F6**

**TRAJAN'S MARKETS**—The recently restored semi-circular market was Ancient Rome's mall and an office building. The site also houses an archaeology museum, and occasional contemporary installations. Via IV Novembre, 94. Tel 066790048. Open daily, 9am-7pm. €11, 9 reduced. **Map E4**

➔ **MIX IT UP!** It's not just about ancient wonders! Rome is a blossoming centre of contemporary art. See for yourself at MAXXI, MACRO and the Ara Pacis museum.



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### Art Galleries & Exhibition Spaces

**CHIOSTRO DEL BRAMANTE**—This important exhibition space is housed in the cloister of Bramante's Santa Maria della Pace church. It hosts exhibitions by the most important international artists, including Basquiat and Warhol. Via della Pace. Tel 0668809098. **Map C/D3**

**COMPLESSO DEL VITTORIANO**—This spacious exhibition site inside the majestic Victor Emanuel Monument has space to hold up to three exhibits simultaneously, as well as a permanent collection. Via San Pietro in Carcere. Open daily, 9:30am-7:30pm, Fri & Sat until 11:30PM, Sun until 8:30pm. Prices vary. **Map E4**

**GALLERIA BORGHESE**—One of the most famous and oldest museums in the city, including works by Bernini, Correggio, Titian, Canova, Raphael, and Caravaggio. By reservation only. Open Tues-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Piazza Scipione Borghese, 5. Tel 0632810. €8.50, 5.25 reduced. **Map F1**

**GALLERIA DORIA PAMPHILJ**—A rich collection of works by major Italian artists from the 1500s and 1600s: Titian, Raphael, Correggio, Caravaggio, Guercino, Reni, Bernini, Velazquez. Open every day 10am-5pm. Check [www.lastravaganzamusica.it](http://www.lastravaganzamusica.it) for occasional concerts in the gallery. Via del Corso, 305. Tel 066797323. €10, 7 reduced. **Map E3**

**GALLERY OF ANCIENT ART AT PALAZZO BARBERINI**—This Baroque palace hosts one of the city's most important art collections, including Raphael's Baker Girl and works by Holbein, Bronzino, Caravaggio, Bronzino, and many more. Open Tues-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Via delle Quattro Fontane, 13. Tel 064824184. €5, 2.50 reduced. **Map F3**

**GALLERY OF ANCIENT ART AT PALAZZO CORSINI**—This building houses part of the national art collection, and is decorated with frescoes and trompe l'oeils. The collection includes works of Guercino, Carracci, Rubens, and Fra Angelico. Open Tue-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Via della Lungara, 10. Tel 066874845. €4, 2 reduced. **Map C4**

**GALLERIA SPADA**—Admire the works of Guercino, and the renowned Borromini Perspective, a fabulous work of trompe l'oeil consisting of a 9m-long corridor that looks much longer thanks to a perspective trick. Open Tue-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Piazza Capo di Ferro, 3. Tel 066874896. €5, 2.50 reduced. **Map D4**

**MACRO**—This contemporary art museum in Rome is located in the former Peroni beer factory. Open Tues-Sun 11am-10pm. Via Reggio Emilia, 54. Tel 0667107900. €11, 9 reduced. **Map G1**. It also occupies a former slaughterhouse (Mattatoio) at Piazza Orazio Giustiniani, 4. Open Tues-Sun 4pm-12am. €5, 3 reduced. **Map D6**

**MAXXI**—The brand-new contemporary art complex houses the latest trends in art and architecture. Open (during exhibitions only) Tue-Sun 11am-7pm, Thur & Sat open til 10pm. Via Guido Reni, 4a Tel 0639967350. €11, 7 reduced. **Map D1**

**MUSEO CARLO BILOTTI**—This exhibition space hosts the masterpieces gathered and donated by generous art collector Carlo Bilotti, and accommodates frequent exhibitions. Aranciera di Villa Borghese - Viale Fiorello La Guardia. Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. Tel 060608. Permanent exhibition. €7, 6 reduced. **Map D3**

**NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART**—The largest Italian collection of art from the 19th and 20th centuries, with works by Boccioni, De Chirico, Modigliani, Van Gogh, Klimt, Klee, Kandinsky, and Miró.



### Italy as seen by the world

It was February 1912 when four journalists from six foreign countries decided to found their own society while sitting at Piazza Venezia's famed Caffè Fara-glia. And so was born Italy's Foreign Press Association. On occasion of the association's 100th birthday, photos and documents will be on display in the evocative setting of Richard Meier's Ara Pacis Museum to celebrate the work of the correspondents who, for the last century, have been dedicated to representing Italy to the world.

**Begins 13 September. Ara Pacis Museum. Lungotevere in Augusta. Tues-Sun, 9am-7pm.**



### Spotlight



### Magical Realism

It sounds like a contradiction, but Italian designer Marika Carniti Bollea has succeeded in taking the basic tenets of artistic realism and reinterpreting them with her own fantastical style to create enchanting, original works of art as well as design objects for the home. A highly versatile artist, with a long career spent designing interiors, costumes, theatre sets, furniture and myriad varieties of objects, Bollea is passionately dedicated to the creation of handcrafted Italian design.

**Magical Realism, on stage and in the home. Begins 6 September. Complesso del Vittoriano. Via San Pietro in Carcere. Open every day from 9:30am to 7pm. €Free.**



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### What's on

The big guns in galleries and exhibitions are at your fingertips. See listings for addresses.

❑ Ogle designer Marika Carniti Bollea's fascinating works of **MAGICAL REALISM** at the Vittoriano. Begins 6 September.

❑ Take part in Rome's **PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL**, at various locations from 20 September. [www.fotografifestival.it](http://www.fotografifestival.it)

❑ Look back at the short but brilliant career of Italian contemporary artist **ANTONELLO BULGINI** at the Pietro Canonica Museum. Begins 15 September.

❑ Celebrate 100 years of the Foreign Press Association at **ITALY AS SEEN BY THE WORLD** at the Ara Pacis Museum. From 14 September to 4 October.

❑ The big new show at the Scuderie del Quirinale presents works of Dutch master painter, **JOHANNES VERMEER**. Opening 28 September.

❑ View the stunning sculptures and installations of **RÓSA GÍSLADÓTTIR** displayed with an ancient backdrop at Trajan's Market until 23 September.

❑ Feel nostalgic for the past at **CIAK AL CASTELLO**, a new exhibition at Castello Odescalchi in Bracciano, dedicated to films shot at the stupendous castle. Until January 2013.

❑ Learn about the mysterious figure of **ANTINOUS** at an exhibit dedicated to him at Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli. On until 4 November.

❑ Check out **ROBERT DOISNEAU**'s iconic black and white shots at PalaExpo. Begins 29 September.

❑ You're almost out of time to take part in a once in a lifetime opportunity to see documents from the infamous Vatican Secret Archives at the exciting new exhibit **LUX IN ARCANA** at the Capitoline Museums until 9 September.

❑ Just two more days to explore the career of **CLAUDIO CINTOLI** at the first ever retrospective of his works. On at the MACRO until 2 September.

❑ Last chance to dive into the fantastical world of **RUSSIAN AVANTGARDE** at the new exhibition space of the Ara Pacis Museum. On until 2 September.

❑ Wander the **PALATINE HILL** while it's bursting with thousands of flowers, until 11 October.

❑ Marvel at ancient **ROMAN GLASS** artifacts at a new exhibit at the Curia Julia in the Roman Forum until the 16th of this month.

❑ View Andy Warhol's thought-provoking **HEADLINE WORKS** at the National Gallery of Modern Art until 9 September.

Open Tues-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Viale delle Belle Arti, 131. Tel 063229821. €10, €8 reduced. **Map E1**

**PALAZZO DELLE ESPOSIZIONI**—This imposing 19th century building was recently restored and hosts high-quality contemporary art displays and exhibitions. Open Sun, Tues-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri and Sat 10am-10:30pm. Via Nazionale, 194. Tel 0639967500. €12.50, 10 reduced. **Map F3**

**PALAZZO RUSPOLI**—The former residence of an old Roman noble family is now an important exhibition space. Times vary. Via del Corso, 418. Tel 0668136598. €Prices vary. **Map D/E2**

**PALAZZO VENEZIA**—A very interesting and varied art collection containing pieces from all eras, from terracotta models by Bernini and Venetian glass, to Medieval decorative art. Tues-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Via del Plebiscito, 118. Tel 0669994243. €4, 2 reduced. **Map E3/4**

**SCUDERIE DEL QUIRINALE**—The former stables of the Quirinale Palace are used as an exhibition space for major art and history exhibits. Open Sun-Thur 10am-8pm; Fri and Sat 10am-10:30pm. Via XXIV Maggio, 16. Tel 0648941212. [www.scuderiequirinale.it](http://www.scuderiequirinale.it) €10, 7.50 reduced. **Map E3**

### Museums

**ART CENTER ACEA MONTEMARTINI**—Over 400 sculptures are permanently displayed in one of Rome's first power plants. The juxtaposition of ancient art and industrial architecture is truly spectacular. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. €5.50, 4.50 reduced. Viale Ostiense, 106. Tel 065748030. **Off Map (see E6)**

**CAPITOLINE MUSEUMS**—One of the most important Roman museums, housing important works of Ancient Rome, and great works by Bernini and Caravaggio. Open Tues-Sun 9am-8pm. Piazza del Campidoglio, 1. Tel 0639967800. €12, 10 reduced. **Map E4**

**ETRUSCAN MUSEUM OF VILLA GIULIA**—Explore the history and daily habits of the mysterious and sophisticated Etruscans, explained through a comprehensive collection. Open Tue-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Piazzale di Villa Giulia, 9. Tel 063226751. €8, 4 reduced. **Off Map (see D1)**

**GOETHE'S HOUSE**—The house where German poet Goethe lived with painter Hans Tischbein is filled with diaries and letters, and hosts concerts and events. Open Tues-Sun 10am-6pm. Via del Corso, 18. Tel 0632650412. €4, 3 reduced. **Map d1**

**JEWISH MUSEUM**—Luxurious crowns, Torah mantles, and a wealth of Judaica objects tell the history of the oldest Jewish community of the diaspora, and of Rome's Jewish ghetto. Open Sun-Thu 10am-5pm, Fri 9am-2pm. Lungotevere Cenci. Tel 0668400661. €10, 7.50 reduced. **Map D4**

**KEATS-SHELLEY MEMORIAL HOUSE**—The house where Keats died is now a museum displaying documents, letters, a massive library, and a small urn holding pieces of Shelley's skeleton. Open Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm, Sat 11am-2pm and 3pm-6pm. Piazza di Spagna, 26. Tel 066784235. €4.50, 3.50 reduced. **Map E2**

**THE MOSAIC MUSEUM**—The Savelli mosaic laboratory has been collecting rare works of micromosaic for decades, and the private collection has now

been turned into a museum showcasing more than 200 pieces. Open 10:30am-4pm. Largo degli Alicorni, 27. Free entry. **Map B3**

**MUSEUM OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**—Over 800 rare musical instruments provide a small tour through the history of Italian craftsmanship. Open Tues-Sun 8:30am-7:30pm. Piazza Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, 9a. Tel 067014796. €4, 3 reduced. **Off Map**

**MUSEUM OF ROME AT PALAZZO BRASCHI**—Paintings, drawings, furniture, photographs, and panels recount the evolution of the city from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. Palazzo Braschi - Via di San Pantaleo, 10. Tel 0667108346. €9, 7 reduced. **Map D3**

**PALAZZO ALTEMPS**—The Renaissance Palazzo Altemps houses the collections of Ancient Roman statues belonging to great Roman families. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7:45pm. Piazza Sant'Apollinare, 46/48. Tel 066833566. €7, 3.50 reduced. **Map D3**

**PALAZZO MASSIMO (MUSEO NAZIONALE ROMANO)**—Important public art collection consisting of Imperial busts, Roman statues, mosaics, sarcophagi, and breathtaking frescoes. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7:45pm. Largo di Villa Peretti, 1. Tel 06480201. €7, 3.50 reduced. **Map G3**

**TRASTEVERE MUSEUM**—The former convent now accommodates Rome's folklore museum, with local interest exhibitions about the history of Trastevere. Open Tues-Sun 10am-8pm. Piazza San'Egidio, 1b. €3, 1.50 reduced. Tel 065816563. **Map C4**

### Kids' Stuff & Outdoor Spaces

**BIOPARCO ZOO**—Piazzale del Giardino Zoologico, 1 (Villa Borghese). Tel 063608211. Open daily (Nov-Mar) 9:30am-5pm, (Apr-Oct) 9:30am-6pm. €12.50, 10 reduced. **Map F1**

**BOTANICAL GARDENS**—This pleasant green spot in Trastevere was established in 1883 with fish ponds, hidden corners, and over 200 fragrant jasmine bushes. Open Mon-Sat 9am-6pm (Nov-Mar), and 9am-7pm (Apr-Oct). Largo Cristina di Svezia, 24. Tel 0649917106. €4, 2 reduced. **Map C4**

**EXPLORA**—The best attraction for children, divided into four hands-on sections including a mini-supermarket, a huge mouth, and a gas station. Open Tue-Sun for 1h45m sessions, at 10am, 12pm, 3pm, 5pm. Via Flaminia, 82. Tel 063613776. €7. Under threes free. **Map D1**

**TIME ELEVATOR**—A virtual reality, multi-sensorial 4-D cinema with a motion-base platform, featuring films on the history of Rome. Open 11am-7:30pm. Via Ss. Apostoli, 12. Tel 0697746243. €12 adults, €9 kids. **Map E3**

**VILLA BORGHESE**—The most beautiful public garden in Rome. Two of the nicer areas of the park are the Giardino del Lago, where you can rent boats, and Piazza Siena, where international equestrian events take place each spring. The park is open daily from dawn to dusk. **Map E1**

**ZOOLOGY MUSEUM**—The museum houses a vast (and dusty) collection of stuffed animals, a section on anatomy, and a new room dedicated to the Lazio wetlands. Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm. Via U. Aldrovandi, 18. Tel 0667109270. €6, 3.50 reduced. **Off Map**