

BALL INVITATION



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HISTORIC HOUSES

The European Historic Houses Association
invites you to the 3rd annual
European NextGen Heritage Ball
at Villa Catignano, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Siena, Italy.
on **Saturday 25 March 2017**
by kind permission of the Marmoross family.

18.30—Tours of the garden;
19.00—*Aperitivo* in the house;
20.30—Substantial buffet supper;
22.00—DJ and dancing in the vaults.

Ticket includes all food and drink, including 'open bar' after dinner.

Dress: Black Tie / National Dress

Carriages at 2am

Tickets: €80 for ADSI members & their guests

RSVP by Monday March 17

ADSI
Associazione Storica Castelli Italiani
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Precise timings are subject to change due to circumstances outside our control.

Our Venue

Villa Catignano dates from the second half of the 16th Century, constructed on the site of a former village which was destroyed by fire. The villa complex owes its current appearance to extensive remodelling in the late 17th Century, commissioned by Claudio Sergardi, the ancestor of the current owners, and built to the plans of famous Siense sculptor and architect, Jacopo Franchini.

Claudio Sergardi was a great and learned man, a lover of the arts and of letters, and the family has a corresponding professional tradition as notaries and prelates; furthermore, they have a passion for supporting the arts, culture and beauty. The villa sits above a beautiful Italian Renaissance Garden decorated with statues representing the four seasons, all the while enjoying the backdrop of Siena's mediaeval towers beyond.

Over the last fifty years, the Sergardi family has developed the villa and converted many of the outbuildings so as to enable visitors and guests to share this beautiful heritage, and consequently support its preservation for future generations.

The European Historic Houses Association exists to support the ongoing preservation and guardianship of heritage in private ownership, and we are most grateful to the Marmoross family for their hospitality in welcoming us to their home for our ball.

www.villacatignano.it

Optional Programme for Ball-only Participants

The Ball programme sits along-side a larger conference programme for Next Generation members of the European Historic Houses Association and its affiliated bodies. For the first time this year we are organising a separate programme for ball participants.

Friday 24th March evening: A restaurant booking will be made in Siena for participants wishing to meet up, following which there will be an opportunity to visit a city-centre bar.*

Saturday morning: No programme.

Saturday evening: Black Tie dinner and dance at Villa Catignano
18.30—Tours of the garden at Villa Catignano
19.00—*Aperitivo* in the house;
20:30—Substantial buffet supper;
22.00—DJ and dancing in the vaults.
02.00—Carriages

Sunday lunchtime: 12:00—Guided city walk around Siena*
13:30—Lunch (individually paid)*

**The additional activities will incur additional cost and will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.*

Accommodation Suggestions

We do not organise official accommodation, but some options are particularly favourable:

Option 1: Stay at Villa Catignano

Villa Catignano has self-catering accommodation for up to 80 people and is hosting the ball on Saturday, so it is a great option if you don't want to travel late. 15 minutes from Siena, it is easily reached by car. Accommodation is in apartments and rooms and prices start at around €50 per person per night (based on shared rooms with a two night minimum stay) including breakfast.

You will need to book directly with Sofia Marmoross: please contact villacatignano@gmail.com for details of available accommodation – and do not delay as it will surely book out quickly.

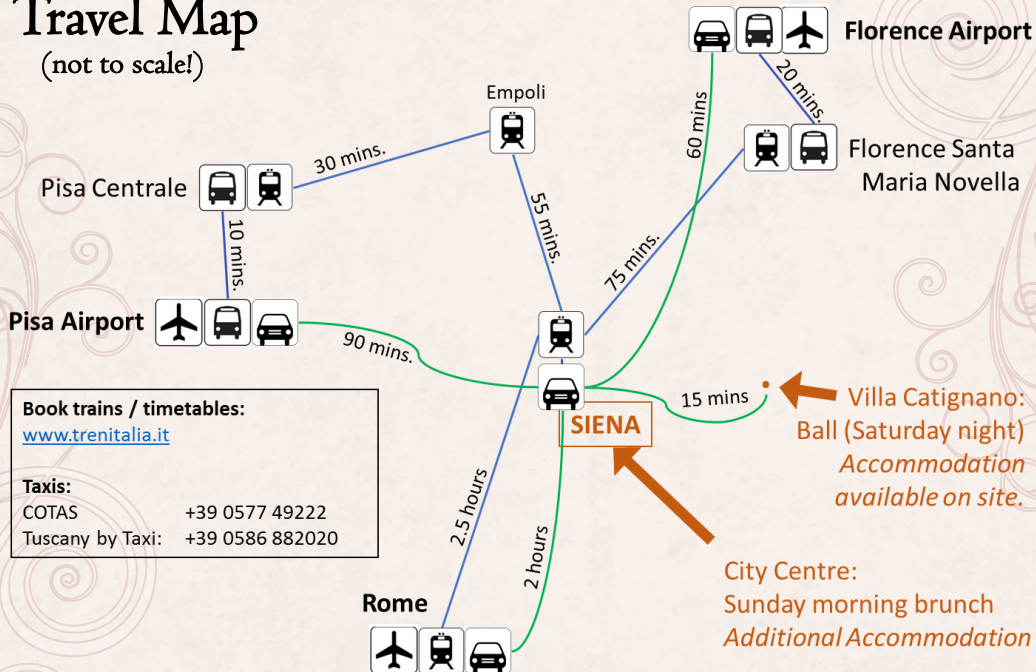
Option 2: Stay in Siena

Siena is packed full of hostels, hotels, grand apartments, palaces doing air-bnb, etc. and of course the surrounding area is home to many villas which are available to rent. Click this link for a range of suitable hotels in the Siena area: [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com)

We can arrange transport from Villa Catignano to Siena after the ball, subject to additional cost (to be confirmed).

Travel Map

(not to scale!)



Book trains / timetables:
www.trenitalia.it

Taxis:

COTAS +39 0577 49222
Tuscany by Taxi: +39 0586 882020

Registration

Please register online here:

<http://bit.ly/Ballo2017>

For any questions, contact:

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Payment Instructions

By electronic transfer to the following account:

Account Name: European Historic Houses Association

IBAN number: BE57 0014 3313 9735

SWIFT: GEBABEBB

Account Number: 001-4331397-35

Reference: "BALL17 [Your Surname]"

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Villa di Catignano