

Rome in the Photographs Collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects



EXHIBITION PORTFOLIO

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Eternal City. Roma nella collezione fotografica del Royal Institute of British Architects

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Project Details

Project Design: Dr Marco Iuliano

Title:	Eternal City. Rome in the Photographs Collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects
Output Type:	Exhibition, catalogues (ITA/ENG) and events at the Vittoriano
Location:	Monumento a Vittorio Emanuele II, Roma (Italy)
Client:	Ministry of Culture, Polo Museale del Lazio
Curators:	Dr Marco Iuliano (PI), Gabriella Musto (Italian Ministry of Culture) and Valeria Carullo (RIBA)
Dates:	28 June 2018 - 28 October 2018
Budget:	280,000 eur
Funder:	Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage
Site:	Sala Zanardelli, an entire wing of the Vittoriano, over two floors
Collaborators:	University of Liverpool, Royal Institute of British Architects, British School at Rome
Visitors:	207,660 (Polo Museale del Lazio data)

Steering Committee	Wouter Bracke, Valeria Carullo, Edith Gabrielli, Marco Iuliano, Stephen Milner, Gabriella Musto, Richard Pare, François Penz, Nicholas Ray
Additional Outputs	exhibition catalogues (in Italian and English), series of events in Rome on architectural photography every other Thursday at the Vittoriano Terrace, part of ArtCity18

Research Questions

Cultural Exchange	Can the Arts contribute towards the cultural exchange between the UK and Italy, particularly during the Brexit transition?
Imagination	Can the Vittoriano, a building that looks out towards the Roman landscape, act as a container to envelop the subjective imagination of its visitors, allowing them to reconsider the gap between their experienced reality of Rome and the perceived one?
Participation	Can an exhibition with a strong scholarly structure be accessible to the general public as well as its specialists?

Visitors' response to the exhibition - more than 200,000 people in four months - has shown the lively interest of scholarly and international public to the British gaze on Rome proposed through the event. The comments in the Livre d'or (see 'Testimonials' section) are only the few recorded out of hundreds that clearly demonstrate how the logic of the exhibition helped them to reconsider their consolidated 'view' of the Eternal City.

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User Experience Simple and direct, despite a scholarly approach



Technology

Printed images, books and projections (of photographs and of two movies) alternate along the exhibition route



Location Based

Exploits the idea being in Rome enhancing the imagination of the visitors and their perceived reality of the city through images



Open

It does not convey a unique message, but it is open to users' interpretations



Adaptable

The different sections can be explored following curiosity, without a predefined fixed route



Scalable

The length of the visit can vary without losing the main content, following users' needs

The exhibition is rooted in my interdisciplinary research, which draws on a background that straddles Architecture and the Visual Arts, focusing on the impact of the image on architectural theory and practice. The relationship between architecture and photography is among the main areas of interest, alongside contemporary architecture, urban mapping and, more recently, problems of perception in architecture. In this perspective I established the University of Liverpool-RIBA partnership, *The Colin Rowe Lectures* on the architectural image, part of the Institute's public programme. Photography is often presumed to serve as a substitute for personal familiarity, yet the choice of composition, lighting and framing of the view create an alternative reality that can be equally (or

more) influential of a direct visit; photography can dramatically influence our imagination and our way of thinking through images. The Eternal City exhibition (2018) summarised these research interests and activities, whereby the British School at Rome (BSR), was a partner of the *Mostra* providing contributions to the catalogue and loans from their library. At the BSR I was elected Faculty member in parallel with the exhibition (2018) and I am rethinking the role of Architecture in the Institution - established in 1912 and still active. Contacts, knowledge and expertise gained via the exhibition will directly feed into this new research project, which analyses the legacy of Rome on British fellows who visited the City in more than 100 years of BSR history.

Exhibition Location

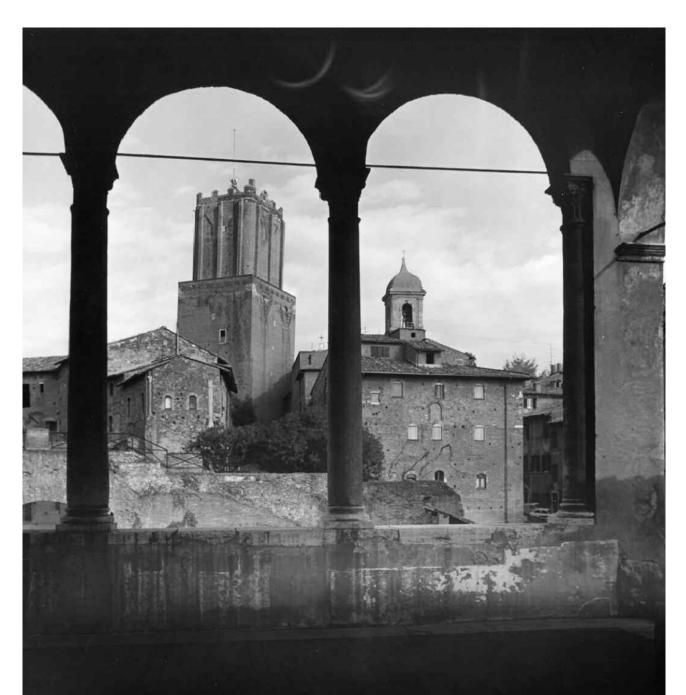
The Exhibition Eternal City. Rome in the Photographs Collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects (28.06-28.10 2018) was held in Rome at the Sala Zanardelli of the **Monumento Nazionale a Vittorio Emanuele II** (*Victor Emmanuel II National Monument*), also known as **Vittoriano**. The Vittoriano is a national monument built in honour of Victor Emmanuel II, the first king of a unified Italy, located in Rome. It sits between the Piazza Venezia and the Capitoline Hill. It is currently owned by the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage. Architecturally it was deviced as an agora on three levels connected by stairways and dominated by a portico characterized by a giant colonnade. The complex process of national unity and liberation from foreign domination carried out by King Victor Emmanuel II of Savoy, to whom the monument is dedicated, has a great symbolic and representative value, being artistically centred on the Italian unification – for this reason the Vittoriano is considered one of the national symbols of Italy. It also preserves the Altar of the Fatherland, first an altar of the goddess Rome, then also a shrine of the Italian Unknown Soldier, thus adopting the function of a lay temple consecrated to Italy. Located in the centre of ancient Rome, and connected to the modern one by the streets that radiate from Piazza Venezia, it is dedicated to a free and united Italy, celebrating by virtue the burial of the Unknown Soldier of the WWI.



The Logic of Exhibition

The Exhibition and the Catalogue follow the same logic. The photographs of Rome, selected from the thousands held by the Royal Institute of British Architects, are divided into five complementary sections: Antiquity, Modernity, Simultaneity, Urban Landscapes and Atmospheres. Each section is introduced by a text that is to be understood as a possible interpretation of the choices made. Obviously, in many cases that certain images could be placed in more than one section. The selection of the photographs and their arrangement in sequences suggested by visual analogies are intended to stimulate appraisal through the construction of a timeless narrative. In the following pages some extracts from the catalogue

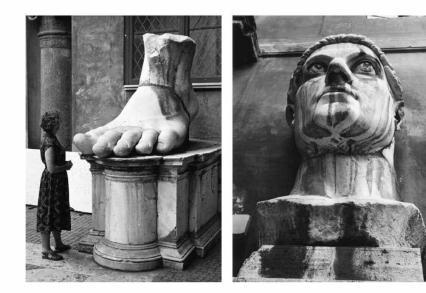
(layout and opening texts).



🗾 1. Antiquity

Roman antiquities may be one of the most popular subjects of all time. In drawings from life and reproductions, they are models to be studied even when contemporary images and icons tend to be produced elsewhere, in New York, London, Beijing or Dubai. In such a shift of those places that iconise reality, photographs of the ancient remains of Rome – such as those of Pompeii or Leptis Magna – are intrinsically part of our contemporary images, part of the contemporary world. They certify our lifestyle, the quality of the places we frequent and in which life is lived. They are the representation of various emotions of the beautiful, sometimes of the sublime, and have been since ancient times. And this is probably why, among the genres whereby photography most often returns to the previous iconographic tradition, Roman antiquity is one of the most stable, from the choice of viewpoints to the inevitable sets of images, which have formed collections of photographs since the second half of the nineteenth century.





2. Modernity

Rome, the Eternal City, was surely a city of continuities: from the antique past through the Renaissance and Baroque period, to its (dimly understood and perceived) modern manifestation. And architectural history at that date had two components. Firstly, in the interpretation of Sigfried Giedion and Nikolaus Pevsner, it was essentially an evolving history of space. But following the perceptions of Wittkower's *Architectural Principles in the Age of Humanism*, and his pupil Colin Rowe in his 'Mathematics of the Ideal Villa', what really counted was the consistency of architectural form, and the manipulation of geometry: interpretations validated by Christian Norberg-Schulz's *Intentions in Architecture*.

And what came after these disjunctions? New reappraisals, and a collection of representative artefacts. During the 1980s and 1990s they were able to look again at the stripped neoclassicism of EUR. With the passage of time, its fascist associations could be discounted, and the differences 'between Pagano and Piacentini, Michelucci and Terragni, Argan and Bartolini', which as early as 1941 Gio Ponti had been accused of smoothing over, could be forgotten. Stripped classicism could be stripped of its associations. At the same time, as other cities had done, Rome could begin to collect representative examples of international architects' work: Meier and Hadid, as well as Renzo Piano.





3. Simultaneity

How is Rome seen today by visitors and by the people who live their everyday lives there? Theirs are images and impressions that reflect one another and reveal a dual city, one that displays both the fascination and the burden of its long history, that continues to attract but can only be lived to the full at the cost of great energy. Contemporary Rome is a multipolar, multiethnic city that presents ever-differing facets in its extraordinary stratification of people and places. Built up in disorderly and contradictory fashion around its historical nucleus, between planned districts and widespread unauthorised building, the capital has proved impervious to the models of urban planning with the complicity of a political class incapable of governing its potential and dynamism. It has thus long remained predominantly tied to its ancient framework of consular roads, a network unable to ensure adequate connections between the different parts.







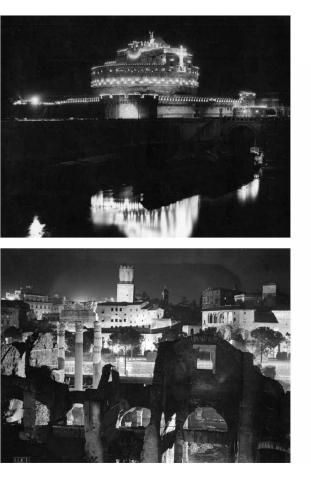
The representation of Rome in the modern and contemporary era has contributed to the creation of a singular visual memory connected with the city. The image of its urban landscape is made clearly distinguishable not only by reproductions of its characteristic monuments, as often happens in other contexts too, but also through its views. Various figures contributed even before the birth of photography to this process of recognisability, of the construction, dissemination and sedimentation of a specific image, including painters like Nicolas Poussin, Joseph Wright of Derby and Jacob Philipp Hackert. In views of ruins, the surrounding countryside, corners of the city and architectural works in chiaroscuro, Rome is poised midway between the reality and the imagination.





5. Atmospheres

Rome's voice is unique, roaring in its singular tongue, with the hoarse baritone of antiquity, warbling fountains or the shrill confidence of Baroque encrustations. But the sense of place and individuation distinguishing Rome are imparted by a range of cues beyond architecture and its historical context. Plays of light, shade and material; affects of geography, climate and topography; or conditions of society, culture and politics, each contribute to how people absorb and understand the individuality of their surroundings. Photography communicates atmospheric climates and affects, which can otherwise dissolve incoherently at the nib of the writer's quill. Using British postwar photographs alongside testimony from visitors, this section goes beyond discrete monuments, to the spaces in-between, to investigate how British eyes responded to Rome's special 'atmospheric skin', demonstrating that Rome's aura is a fundamental component of the city's eternal allure.









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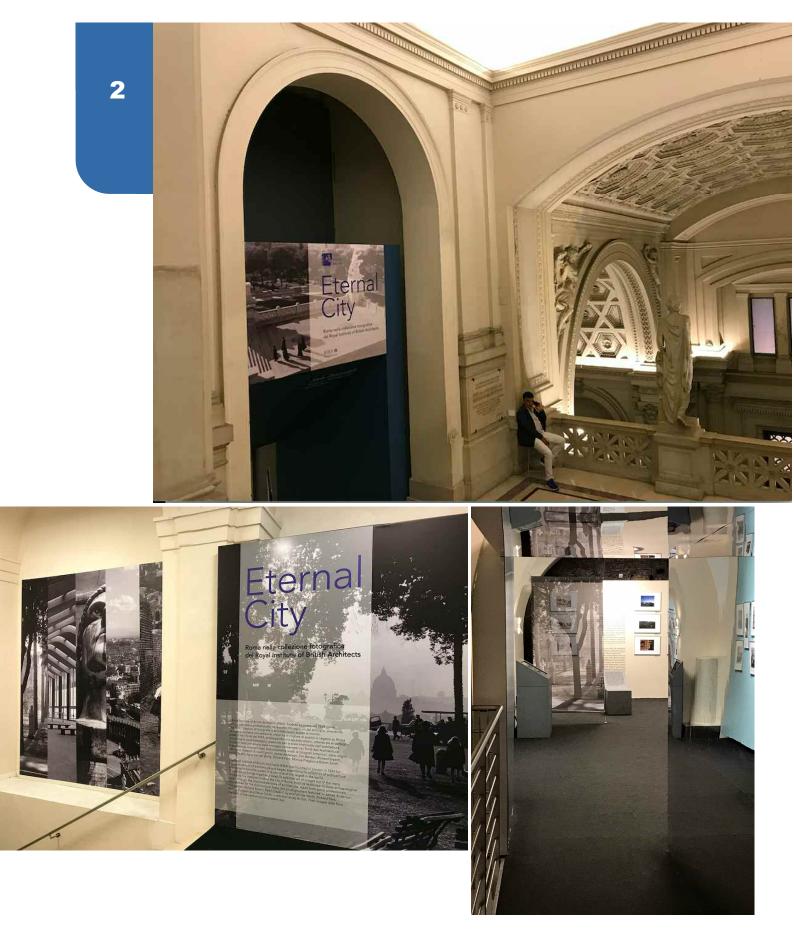


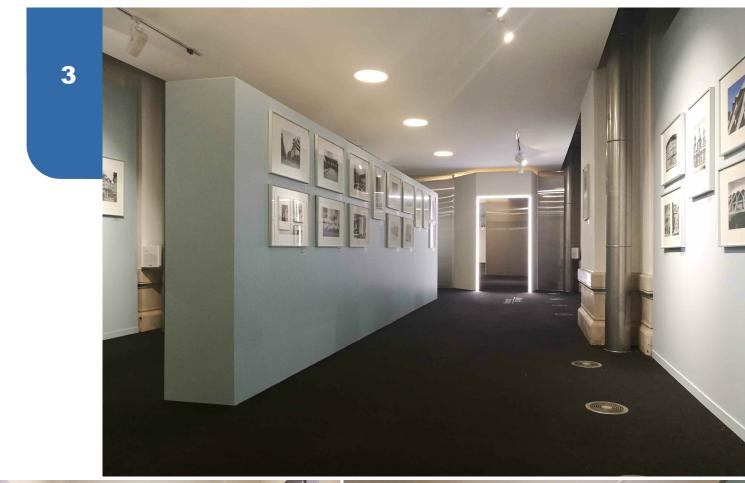




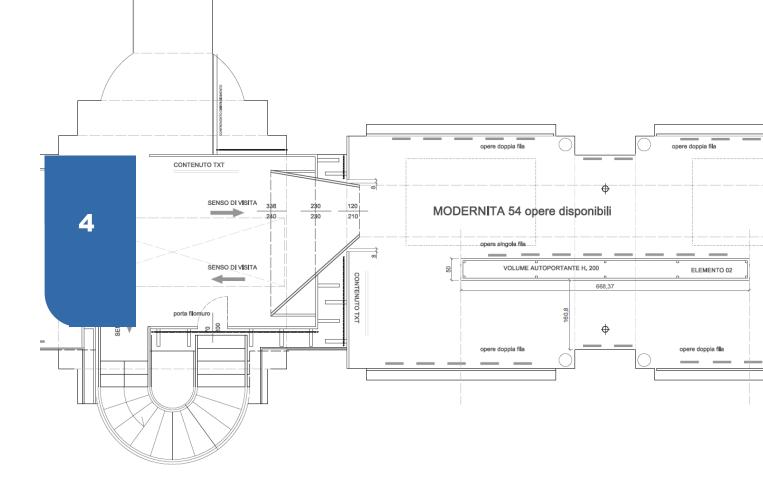
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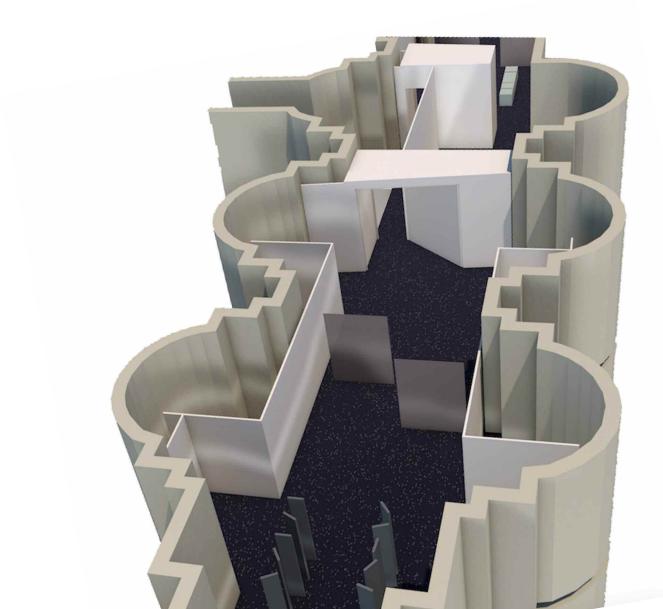














Virtual visit link (Youtube)

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Exhibition Catalogues

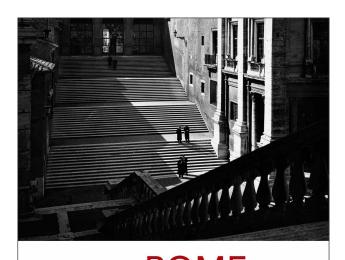
The exhibition catalogues are printed and distributed in two different versions, Italian and English, by Skira (Milan). The publishing house is a firm founded in Switzerland in 1928 and now based in Italy, characterised by Time Magazine as "a perfectionist" for its art publications.

The exhibition and the catalogue feature Rome in the photographs collection of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). RIBA was founded in London in 1834 for the advancement of architecture. It began assemblying its rich collection of architectural photographs from the outset. It is now one of the largest of the world. The catalogues bring together a carefully selected set of images out of the many thousands the Institute holds of the City of Rome, from its landscape to close archeological detail, through the intermediate scale of architecture.

Apart from some professionals who worked for the Architectural Press, the photographs featured – James Anderson, Tim Benton, Richard Bryant, Ralph Deakin, Ivy and Ivor de Wolfe, Richard Pare, Monica Pidgeon and Edwin Smith – are exclusively British. Their images date from the birth of the medium to present day.









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Testimonials

Visitor 1 The triumph of the black and white – only in Rome can be like that! (A.S. 21/07/2018)

Visitor 2 *Rome Caput Mundi!* Beautiful exhibition, beautiful Rome. (S.P. 22/07/2018)

Visitor 3 (child): A fantastic experience. (F.C. 15/08/2018)

Visitor 4 Congratulations for the organization of this exhibition. Really a dive in the past, in the modernity and in contemporaneity. The city is in constant evolution and expansion (perhaps even too much). I was born in Rome and there are aspects of the city in the exhibition that we do not see in the everyday life and only with the necessary calm one can focus. (F.D'A. 31/08/2018)

Visitor 5 Simple and beautiful. (S.B. 01/09/2018)

Visitor 6 For a person of 65 years to recognize himself in the gone Rome it is not at all an awful memory, it is a rebirth. Thank you so much. (S.L.P. 02/09/2018)

Visitor 7 Very interesting compositions; exceptional the photos in the section 'Atmospheres'. Thanks and greetings from Russia. (I.A. & O.L. 02/09/2018)

Visitor 8 Very beautiful images, with a strong sense of nostalgia. (S & G. 02/09/2018)

Visitor 9 Stunning exhibition; please go ahead with these kind of events. (S. & F. 02/09/2018)

Visitor 10 Before going back to work in the desolate periphery, I visited this beautiful exhibition on the sublime legacy of Rome; once again, our Eternal City will resurrect from its ashes as the Phoenix! (M.L. 02/09/2018)



Media Coverage



▲ St Peter's Square, Rome, 1961 Photograph: Monica Pidgeon / RIBA Collections

Dome sweet dome: the glory of Rome - in pictures

Ansa

http://www.ansa.it/canale_viaggiart/it/notizie/speciali/2018/06/27/mostre-da-guido-hararia-liu-bolin_a86ea4d4-5de2-467b-aef8-e5bc45e606a8.html

British School at Rome

http://www.bsr.ac.uk/the-exhibition-eternal-city-roma-nella-collezione-fotografica-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects-opens-at-the-vittoriano

SKY Arte (launch) http://arte.sky.it/evento/eternal-city/

SKY Arte (article)

http://arte.sky.it/2018/07/un-viaggio-fotografico-nella-capitale-al-vittoriano-diroma/?social=facebook_skyarte_link_null#0

Funweek

https://www.funweek.it/roma/evento/eternal-city-mostra-incontri-al-vittoriano/

RIBAJ

https://www.ribaj.com/culture/stazione-termini-italian-capital-railway-station-italy-modernism

RIBA Instagram (more than 2000 likes) https://www.instagram.com/p/BmI4j2ul_Ts/?hl=en&taken-by=riba

Ma se domani

https://www.masedomani.com/2018/09/01/mostra-fotografia-eternal-city-roma/

Europe Journal https://www.europejournal.eu/?p=3021#

Club Fotografia

http://www.clubfotografia.com/eternal-city-nella-collezione-fotografica-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects-a-roma

Exhibart

http://www.exibart.com/profilo/eventiV2.asp?idelemento=177512

The Royal Institute of British Architects has thousands of black and white phototographs of the Eternal City. A new exhibition at the Vittoriano in Rome brings together the best.

The Guardian

Stonewolfe Arts

http://stonewolfarts.altervista.org/artcity-2018-vittoriano-inaugurazione-della-mostra-eternal-city/

Wanted in Rome

https://www.wantedinrome.com/whatson/eternal-city-roma-nella-collezione-fotografica-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects.html

Tablet

https://tabletroma.it/eternal-city/

Orizzonte Cultura

https://orizzontecultura.com/eternalcity-roma-negli-scatti-dei-fotografi-anglosassoni/

Il Giornale di Vicenza

http://www.ilgiornaledivicenza.it/home/cultura/città-eterna-roma-com-era-1.6662789

A journey of memory with emotional and evocative glimpses, made possible through photograms of eight professional photographers to whom are added images selected from the Architectural Press Archive, exceptional resource for architecture

Ilenia Maria Melis, Orizzonte Cultura

Associazione Clara Maffei

https://associazioneclaramaffei.org/2018/08/31/mostre-fotografiche-a-roma-chiude-al-palaexpo-laltro-sguardo-continua-al-vittoriano-eternal-city/

QA editoria

http://www.qaeditoria.it/details.aspx?idarticle=86999

Arti e lettere

http://www.artielettere.it/eternal-city-roma-nella-collezione-fotografica-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects/

Arte e Arti

http://www.artearti.net/magazine/articolo/roma-eternal-city-attraverso-le-foto-del-royalinstitute-of-british-archite/

Turismo.it (La Stampa)

http://www.turismo.it/la-mostra-del-giorno/articolo/art/roma-nella-collezione-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects-id-17949/

Corriere dello Sport

http://m.corrieredellosport.it/news/inroma/2018/09/03-47078915/arte_e_musica_protagoniste_a_settembre

Il Giornale di Sicilia

http://gds.it/2018/06/27/le-mostre-del-week-end-da-guido-harari-a-liu-bolin_875727/

Finestre sull'arte

https://www.finestresullarte.info/flash-news/1830n_artcity-polo-museale-del-lazio.php

News Arte e Cultura

http://www.newsartecultura.it/index.php/eternal-city-al-vittoriano/

Arte go

https://www.arte.go.it/event/eternal-city-roma-nella-collezione-fotografica-del-royal-institute-of-british-architects/

FPMagazine

https://www.fpmagazine.eu/ita/news/Roma_citta_eterna-1781/

The Guardian

https://www.theguardian.com/cities/gallery/2018/aug/09/eternal-city-dome-romemonochrome-photography-in-pictures

Architetti.com

https://www.architetti.com/eternal-city-roma-fotografie-riba.html

Masedomani

https://www.masedomani.com/2018/09/01/mostra-fotografia-eternal-city-roma/

Nugo Magazine

http://www.nugomagazine.it/content/nugotm/en/Wall/The-Eternal-City-on-display-at-Il-Vittoriano1.html

Luxe Magazine

http://www.luxe-magazine.com/en/article/10437-roma_eternal_city.html

How long is Eternity? Centuries, years, days or a moment? Or, perhaps, is it a suspended time? Which city can represent better this concept, if not the quintessential Eternal City, Rome, with its millenary history?

Barbara Donzella, Tablet

Visitors 207,660



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ROMA Eternal City

del Royal Institute of British Architects

a cura di Marco Iuliano e Gabriella Musto

per il RIBA Valeria Carullo

Giovedì 28 giugno 2018 ore 18.00

Monumento a Vittorio Emanuele II Sala Zanardelli Piazza dell'Ara Coeli, 1 Roma

POLO MUSEALE **B_S_R** RIBA

TOTAL	207,660
October 2018	43,532
September 2018	32,494
August 2018	81,841
July 2018	49,793

Source: Polo Museale del Lazio



Additional events

FRI 06.07 2018 - WED 12.09 2018

ArtCity 18: Il Vittoriano

WHEN

WHERE

→ Complesso del Vittoriano Via San Pietro In Carcere, 00186 Roma

Friday 06 July 2018 - Wednesday 12 September 2018

HOW MUCH

ingressi vari

CONTACTS Sito web



Musica, fotografia e incontri nella splendida terrazza del Vittoriano di Piazza Venezia.

IL PROGRAMMA

FOTOGRAFIA/ARCHITETTURA/CITTÀ Conversando sulle terrazze del Vittoriano

LEGGI ANCHE

CULTURE AND EXHIBITIONS La pittura urbana di Giorgio Bartocci per l'ingresso della Zanichelli di Bologna

Approvata la riforestazione di Villa Ada

CULTURE AND EXHIBITIONS Viaggi digitali, mondi queer e altre amenità

MUSIC AND CONCERTS **ZERO MANIA:** Tropicantesimo e il suono del Pianeto

10 Luglio Paolo Rosselli

Paolo Rosselli è uno dei più importanti fotografi italiani del panorama contemporaneo. La sua attività prende avvio all'inizio degli anni settanta, dopo aver frequentato lo studio di Ugo Mulas.

19 Luglio Allegra Martin e Marco Menghi

Allegra Martin, allieva di Guido Guidi, ha un interessante campo d'azione come fotografa indagando "un territorio liberato dal concetto di rappresentazione della realtà".

24 Luglio

Guido Guidi e Andrea Simi

Guido Guidi è uno dei pionieri della nuova fotografia italiana di paesaggio, con forti influenze derivanti dal Neorealismo e dall'ArteConcettuale.

05 Settembre

Marco Iuliano e Gabriella Musto

Marco Iuliano e Gabriella Musto hanno studiato i temi della fotografia d'architettura sin dalle prime ricerche presso la Facoltà di Architettura dell'Università di Napoli Federico II.

12 Settembre

Paolo Mascilli Migliorini e Libero De Cunzo Paolo Mascilli Migliorini si occupa di critica e storia dell'architettura declinata spesso sui temi dell'immagine e della ricerca fotografica.

