



MUSEO LEONARDIANO VINCI

The New Leonardo Museum opens to the public

After a season of major upgrading and transformation, the Leonardo Museum renovation project is coming to completion with the reopening of the Conti Guidi Castle and of the updated and easy-access visitors' route. The project – co-financed by Tuscany Regional Administration and the Municipality of Vinci, with a donation from the Florence Cassa di Risparmio bank – involved both the enhancement of the Leonardo collection and the restoration and upgrading of the ancient Conti Guidi Castle, with the opening of the viewing point at the top of the tower and the installation of a lift which makes the whole museum exhibit fully wheelchair-accessible. The result is an accessible and even richer Museum, which gives added value to the Leonardo machines and models thanks to a presentation within the historical context of the Renaissance which is more rigorous than ever.

INAUGURATION May 22nd 2010, at 5 p.m.

Vinci, piazza del Castello

Presentation of the new Leonardo Museum and cutting of the ribbon

EVENTS

In Search of the Genius

While awaiting the opening of the new Museum, there will be a Treasure Hunt dedicated to Leonardo and his home town, organized for the pupils of the 5th year elementary and first year middle schools in Vinci.

With the collaboration of the “Leonardo da Vinci” area education authority

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May - 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Leonardo Museum and significant places in the town

Homage to Leonardo

Concert for piano by S. Protopopov

and pieces by P. Ituralde, A. Jolivet and D. Milhaud

Organized by the Vinci Musical training and Culture Centre

Saturday 22nd May – at 9.15 p.m., Vinci, Church of the Holy Cross (*Santa Croce*)

Musical greeting from the Vinci “Leonardo da Vinci” Philharmonic orchestra and the Music Group of the Sovigliana Middle School

Saturday 22nd May – from 5 p.m. onwards, in Piazza del Castello and Piazza de' Guidi

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Leonardo Museum, the new **Vinci Pro Loco** (local tourism board) will open its new premises in Via della Torre.

SPECIAL OPENING

The Museum can be visited **free of charge** on **Saturday May 22nd**, from after the inauguration until 11 p.m. and all day **Sunday May 23rd** (from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

During the two days of special opening, there will be **free guided tours**.