

# Persona Sheet for Florence (Italian Peninsula) Circa 1500

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## 1. Names

Late Period Italian Women's Names from Florence <http://medievalscotland.org/jes/Nuns/Florence.shtml>

Italian names from 1364 and 1441 <http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/Confraternities/>

Italian men's names in Rome 1473-1484 <http://medievalscotland.org/kmo/Studium/BynAlphaAnalysis.shtml>

Try the online tax rolls of 1427 at <http://cds.library.brown.edu/projects/catasto/main.php>

General household naming information <http://medievalscotland.org/names/eurohouseholds/> (Information about inn-sign names in Italian can be found in Aryanhwy merch Catmael's "Names from an Early 16th C Census of Rome: Household Names" (<http://www.ellipsis.cx/~liana/names/italian/leohousehold.html>, third grouping). Larger groups of people, equivalent to neighborhoods, also sometimes use inn-sign style names; see Nicholas Eckstein's book *The district of the Green Dragon: neighbourhood life and social change in Renaissance Florence* (gonfalone del Dragho Verde). A list of Florentine *gonfalone* is [also a good place to look].)

Also see my article on heraldry: <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/araldica/>

And <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2014/12/29/impres/>

Pet names are written about here: <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2013/07/15/renaissance-italian-pets-and-pet-names/>

## 2. Clothing

A whole host of Italian city-state fashion information can be found at <http://realmofvenus.renaissanceitaly.net>

Read my article on fashion 1300-1500 at <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2016/04/18/sartoria-storica-historical-tailoring/>

To read about my own gamurra project: <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2016/05/31/my-15th-century-gamurra-project/>

Wardrobe inspiration post: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/04/02/guardaroba-insp/>

### 3. Accessories

See the above article on 1300-1500 fashion as well as the one on accessories at [https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/abbigliamento/accessories\\_and\\_shoes/](https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/abbigliamento/accessories_and_shoes/)

How not to be a brazen strumpet <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/08/12/brazen-strumpet/>

Headwear <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/06/03/italian-headwear/>

### 4. Homes

The *sala* of the home is described here <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/02/26/the-sala-of-an-italian-renaissance-home/>

The *cucina* is discussed here <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/03/19/cucina-the-renaissance-kitchen/>

See “The Renaissance Home In Italy” at <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/02/12/the-renaissance-home-in-italy/>

You can also read about choosing a home here <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2016/07/05/italian-renaissance-househunting/>

### 5. Furnishings

Larsdatter is always a great resource for looking at depictions of or extant pieces of furniture: <http://www.larsdatter.com/sitemap.htm>

I have an article on a very special piece of Italian furniture here: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/09/08/cassone/>

### 6. Food

Recipes from Libro di cucina are listed here: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/07/14/recipes-from-libro-di-cucina-del-secolo-xiv/>

Food from the Ca' d'Oro feast at Gulf Wars (based on Bartolomeo Scappi's book) is explained in this article: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/12/22/italian-feast-at-gulf-wars/>

Other food related information can be found here: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/research/appetito/>

More recipes can be found here <https://italianrenaissancesalon.wordpress.com/2015/03/12/italian-lunch-feast-recipes/>

Information on feast gear at Larsdatter: <http://www.larsdatter.com/feastgear4.htm>

## 7. Past times

Italian games are discussed in this article <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/09/19/gaming-on-the-italian-peninsula/>

Italian dance manuals: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/research/ballare/>

## 8. Medical Tools, Herbal, Apothecary

On the alberello: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2015/01/27/italian-renaissance-apothecary-jar-the-alberello/>

On the apothecary shops in Italy: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/10/23/spezieria-the-italian-apothecary/>

To read about redactions of historical recipes: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/AromatariodelGiglio>

To read about books of secrets <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2013/09/22/isabella-cortes-es-book-of-secrets-and-the-biblioteca-marciana/>

Larsdatter also has hygiene information here <http://www.larsdatter.com/sitemap.htm>

## 9. Important People

On Isabella d'Este <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/research/vita-di-donne/> and <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2016/05/06/isabella-deste-2/>

and <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2016/04/26/songs-for-isabella-deste/>

Female authors: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/research/female-authors/>

On Caterina Sforza: <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2016/06/21/caterina-sforza-the-chemist/>

And <https://fleurdyherald.wordpress.com/2014/06/03/a-beautiful-medieval-mind-caterina-sforza/>

A list of famous Italians on wikipedia is a good starting point for authors and artists: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Italians](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Italians)

Famous Florentines: <http://www.reidsitaly.com/destinations/tuscany/florence/sights/top-10-people.html>

And <http://www.biography.com/people/groups/birth-city-florence>

## 10. Important Events

Interactive PBS Medici timeline: <http://www.pbs.org/empires/medici/timeline/>

Oxford reference "Italian Renaissance" timeline: <http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780191736551.timeline.0001>

European timeline: <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/features/flemish/timeline.html>

Sparknotes Italian Renaissance timeline: <http://www.sparknotes.com/history/european/renaissance1/timeline.html>

## 11. Artists (Paintings)

Patrons and artists in late 15th century Florence <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/features/slideshows/patrons-and-artists-in-late-15th-century-florence.html>

Wikipedia list of Renaissance Artists: [https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Renaissance\\_artists](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Renaissance_artists)

Look at the contents of the book "Art of Renaissance Florence 1400-1600" by Loren Partridge for a list of artists, patrons, and paintings of note: <http://www.ucpress.edu/book.php?isbn=9780520257740>

## 12. Musicians (Songs)

Songs by artists who visited Florence (from nearby Ferrara) are discussed here <https://fleuryherald.wordpress.com/2016/04/26/songs-for-isabella-deste/>

## 13. Armor, Weapons

Arms and Armor in Renaissance Europe: [http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rarm/hd\\_rarm.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rarm/hd_rarm.htm)

Armor and other items from early 15th century Italy <http://archivio1400.blogspot.com>

Arms and Armor in Medieval Europe: [http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/arms/hd\\_arms.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/arms/hd_arms.htm)

Fashion in Armor on the Met Museum site [http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/afas15/hd\\_afas15.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/afas15/hd_afas15.htm)

#### 14. **List of Occupations (Sorted by Class)**

A list of occupations in Renaissance Florence compiled by Mistress Juliana de Luna <http://medievalscotland.org/jes/FlorenceOccupations.shtml>

#### 15. **Recommended Books**

Too many to name. I'll get a list together and post it on the blog.

#### 16. **Other Helpful Links**

If you are developing a persona from the Northern Italian Peninsula please read my article for resources: <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2014/08/01/developing-a-northern-italian-persona-1400-1600/>

To read more about a day in the life of someone in Northern Italy during the 14th century see <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/research/vita-quotidiana/>

My well-researched persona story with references: <https://fleurtyherald.wordpress.com/2015/07/01/giatas-persona-story-living-history-in-the-first-person/>