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Florence, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**The Mini & Moto Maniacs Association**  
is delighted to announce  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual City of Florence & Scandicci Classic Mini Rally**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

With the Patronage of the British Consulate in Florence.

On 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007 the historic city of Florence will be the breathtaking setting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual City of Florence & Scandicci Classic Mini Rally. The rally has become the most important event in Italy for passionate Classic Mini owners and fans, with attendees arriving from all over the country. We are extending this open invitation to Classic Mini owners and fans world-wide, to all those that share our passion for this historic car, that has been a point of joyous reference for over 40 years!

The event is organized by the Florence based association of “Mini & Moto Maniacs” ([www.miniemotomaniaci.it](http://www.miniemotomaniaci.it)), that as well as organizing the past two editions of this event, also arranges other Classic Mini events all over Tuscany and Italy, all attended in huge numbers by both Classic Mini owners and fans.

The previous editions have been an overwhelming success, to such an extent that features and reports were published not only in Italy, but across Europe and in the British specialist Mini motoring press. Please see our web-site for a gallery of images that document the past editions of this joyous two day event.

Today more than ever, the Classic Mini is seen as being timeless, a modern icon made in England but loved world-wide. Participants and the general public are always numerous at our events, and the sense of pleasure, joy and sheer fun that these little darlings bring to both young and old is tangible. Friends are made from all walks of life, discussions pervade amongst the diehards, but the Classic Mini, in all her glorious shapes and forms, is still, and will always be, the undisputed centre of attention.

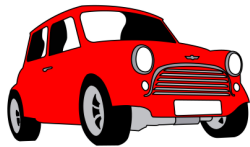
Come and join in the fun! The largest and most important Classic Mini event in Italy! Come and spend the weekend amongst the most passionate fans of the Classic Mini, with a huge number of participating cars. Events will include the cars being on show in stunning locations, a parade through the breathtaking historical centre of Florence, with the Mini's being tested in a series of ability and time trials. All this and more, in the world renowned setting of the city of Florence and the glorious surrounding Tuscan countryside!

We have enclosed a program of events for reference, and hope that this will be of interest. For any further information, details and registration form please visit: [www.miniemotomaniaci.it](http://www.miniemotomaniaci.it) (in Italian) or email our Press Secretary: [claudia@miniemotomaniaci.it](mailto:claudia@miniemotomaniaci.it) (in English or Italian).

Thank you for your attention and we look forward to hearing from you.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Classic Mini Car Show**  
**City of Florence and Scandicci**

**Programme of events.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

- 10.30** Classic Mini's meeting point at Piazzale Michelangiolo, Florence.  
Participant's registration, welcome cocktail and cars on show for the general public.
- 12.30** Buffet lunch served at a characteristic restaurant at the Piazzale Michelangiolo, that also has panoramic views across the valley into Florence.
- 14.00** Classic Mini's leave the Piazzale Michelangiolo in parade for the tour of the centre of Florence, with local Police assistance and escort.
- 14.00 – 17.30** Parade's grand entrance into the city of Florence and cars to be parked in one of Florence's most impressive central Piazza's. (Exact location will be advised in due course once permission is formally granted). Classic Mini's on show for the general public.
- 17.30** Classic Mini's depart from the Piazza. Those participants that have requested hotel accommodation should make their way to the hotel in Tavarnuzze on the outskirts of Florence, for room registration and a little rest and relaxation before dinner.
- 20.30** Dinner will be served in the restaurant next to the hotel.  
All participants are invited to attend.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

- 09.30** Classic Mini meeting point at the hotel in Tavarnuzze. Starting point for both driver ability tests. Firstly, the time trial following a set route, and secondly a gymkhana through cones in Piazza del Mercato in Scandicci. Whilst participants are awaiting the gymkhana, the Classic Mini's are on show to the general public in the same Piazza.
- 13.30** Lunch at a nearby local trattoria, followed by the results of the events with trophies awarded to the drivers that have distinguished themselves.

End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Classic Mini Show, "City of Florence and Scandicci".  
(Timings may be adjusted slightly during the course of events).