



## Gala Dinner

Saturday 14 July 2007

### Palazzo Corsini

Lungarno Corsini  
Florence



The Palazzo Corsini is situated in the heart of Florence on the Lungarno between the two bridges, Ponte alla Carraia and Ponte S. Trinità.



Galleria Aurora



Cortile principale



Scalone d'Onore

The palace was purchased in 1649 by Maria Maddalena Macchiavelli (wife of the Marquis Filippo Corsini) from the Grand Duke Ferdinando II de Medici.

Initially, it was a small house in a large garden which spread as far as the banks of the river Arno where the Lungarno Corsini begins. It belonged to the Ardinghelli family, then to the Medici family, and ultimately to the present owners.

The Corsini family home is a building in late baroque style. This can be seen in the terra cotta statues and vases on the roofs – a novelty for Renaissance Florence – and in the main courtyard which is built in a "U" shape opening out towards the Lungarno.