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THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE OPENS ITS DOORS FOR NOTTE BIANCA

The Archbishop's Palace in Valletta will be opening its doors again for Notte Bianca 2019, on Saturday 5th October. On the day, visitors will be able to visit various rooms in the palace, including the *piano nobile* which includes the throne room, the 18th century library and the garden. The palace is situated at the lower part of Archbishop Street next to Independence Square.

During Notte Bianca, documents showing the history of the building will be exhibited. These include architectural designs by architect Vincenzo Bonello for the restoration of the palace during the episcopate of Archbishop Mikiel Gonzi. Presentations on the current restoration project will also be organised.

A collection of antique paintings will be on display, including the portrait of Bishop Paul Alpheran de Bussan by Francesco Zahra, which has been placed once again in the throne room after it was restored in 2017.

The 'Classique meets Pop Duo' by Lydia Buttigieg and Fiona Cauchi will perform harp and guitar concerts from 7:30 p.m. onwards.

The Archbishop's Palace will be open from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and entrance is free of charge.