

Saint Zita was born in Lucca in 1218. Of poor origins, she worked as a maid (domestica) at Palazzo Fatinelli, next to the **Basilica di S. Frediano**.

One day, she met a poor person and, moved by compassion, ran to the palace to get some warm clothes.

When she returned, an angel was waiting for the young girl with many new clothes.

This is how the legend of the "**Porta dell'Angelo**" was born.

## Festivals

### **Siena:** The Palio Races



Siena is divided into 17 "contrade". Each contrada competes against the others in the Palio. The teams prepare for many months before the event.

Ten contrade are selected for each race, each with a its horse. On the day of the event, the horses compete in "la corsa of Piazza del Campo", which lasts only 2 minutes.

### **Arezzo:** The Giostra

The **Giostra del Saracino** is the main folklore event of the city of Arezzo, and it **takes place twice a year**. Piazza Grande becomes the set of the challenge on the last Saturday of June (in the evening) and on the first Sunday of September (during the day).



The first edition is dedicated to San Donato, patron of the city, and is called the Giostra di San Donato; the second is called the Giostra della Madonna del Conforto.

### **Collodi and Park Pinocchio**