

Sandro Botticelli, *The Birth of Venus* (detail), Uffizi

Breath, Wind, Spirit

SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday 24 November 2026
9.30–16.00

Patrick Burke Memorial Seminar Room
Gonzaga in Florence · Via Giorgio La Pira 11/13

9.45 **Welcome**
Jason Houston and Alessandro Andreini

10.00 KEYNOTE **Alessandro Nova**
The Storm as Natural Phenomenon and Metaphor in the Works of Leonardo da Vinci and Poussin's Pyramus and Thisbe

10.40 Coffee

11.00 **Lenart Škof**
Human Being as Continuous Prayer: The Rhythm of Breathing in Jon Fosse's Septology

11.30 **Rose Byfleet**
Perfume as Prophylaxis: Correcting the Air in Sixteenth-Century Italy

12.00 **Carool Kersten**
The Islamic Notion of Contraction and Expansion: Metaphor and Morphology

12.30 **Francesco Vossilla**
Painting consistently with Nature

13.00 Lunch

14.00 **Heather Webb**
Aura in Dante

14.30 **Alberto Parisi**
The Spirit We Breathe: Krasis, Aer Ambiens, *and the Pneumatology Leo Spitzer Missed*

15.00 **Roundtable** with all speakers

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