



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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A Guided Visit to the Musée Fin-de-Siècle



Join us on Saturday, April 5, for a guided visit of the new Musée Fin-de-Siècle which presents Brussels as the cultural crossroads of Europe at the turn of the century, from 1868 to 1914. This exceptional collection of works by Belgian artists such as James Ensor, Fernand Khnopff, Léon Spilliaert, Victor Horta, Henry Van de Velde or Philippe Wolfers, and by foreign artists such as Paul Gauguin, Auguste Rodin, Pierre Bonnard, Emile Gallé, Louis Majorelle and Alphonse Mucha,... places the art scene at the heart of international creativity.

With the organization of the salons of *Les XX* (1883-1894) and *La Libre Esthétique* (1894-1914), in the very rooms of this museum, Brussels became a unique hub for creative work.

It didn't identify itself with the Impressionist wave but found in the conjunction of **Symbolism**, the **Wagnerian movement** and **Art Nouveau** the emblems of an identity that did, to a great extent, shape the face of the city. "Brussels, capital of Art Nouveau" is not just a matter of architecture. The term refers in the first place to the dynamism of a society. And this society made its mark in every art discipline: literature, painting, opera, music, architecture, photography, and poetry; and through the works of Maurice Maeterlinck, Emile Verhaeren, Jean Delville, Henri Evenepoel, Constantin Meunier, Maurice Kufferath, and Guillaume Lekeu, to name a few.

This is a tremendous opportunity for you to delve into the splendor of the late 1800's and early 1900's!

Our guide will once again be the excellent Lieve De Jonghe. Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Place Royale 3, 1000 Brussels (Gresham entrance)

Price: €25 for members, €35 for non-members.

Public Transportation: Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station or Parc/Park; buses 27, 38 and 71: Royale; Trams: 92 or 94: Royale

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 2, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "fin-de-siècle" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 2. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Dates to Remember

- March 28: Final Friday at Viage – Grand Casino Brussels
 - March 31: Italian Wine-Tasting Dinner
 - April 5: Musée du Fin-de-Siècle Visit
 - April 10: Pasta Cooking Workshop
 - April 25: Final Friday – Sheraton Brussels
 - April 27: American Football Event
 - May 3: Kentucky Derby Celebration
 - May 11: Cinco de Mayo Event
 - May 11: Opening of Brussels International Days, Concert at Bozar for Members
 - May 17: Hôtel Solvay Visit
 - May 23 : Final Friday, moved up a week due to Ascension holiday
 - June 10: Bowling
 - June 17: Joint ACB/AmCham Tax Seminar
 - July 3: Ommegang Dinner
 - July 5: Celebration of July 4 with Army Garrison
 - September 7: Antwerp Tasting Tour
 - September 18: Joint ACB/AmCham Ambassador's Dinner
 - December 12: "Nuts!" Night
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Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, March 28
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**Grand Casino Brussels Viage
Kameleon Sky
Boulevard Anspach 30
1000 Brussels**

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And anyone else that would like to join us...

Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome.

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

The American Club of Brussels Wants You

Would you like to have fun, make new contacts and help the Club? Then become a "Meet and Greet" host at our monthly Final Friday Cocktails.

No experience necessary. Your job definition is to greet attendees and ensure that people feel welcome and meet other people.

Your Club runs on volunteer power, so please volunteer for this essential task. Contact Brian Dunhill at brian@dunhillfinancial.be for further information

A Special Italian Wine-Tasting Dinner

With Alessandro Griccioli from Siena in Tuscany
And Pinto Billen, our ACB Member



Join us for a gourmet evening of Italian cuisine and wine, organized by ACB member Pinto Billen, a specialist in exclusive Italian and Spanish wines. The event will be on Monday, March 31st at the Hôtel du Berger, centrally located at the Porte de Namur/Naamsepoort. Our chef for the evening will be Vincenzo Marino from the restaurant Vini Divini located just next door to the hotel and renowned for its outstanding Italian cuisine. The hotel itself has a fascinating history and is frequented by movie stars and celebrities, including Stromae who spent several days there with his team to work on a special project. For more information on the venue, go to www.lebergerhotel.be. The wines will be provided by our ACB member, Pinto Billen and her company, Saveurs de Toscane, and presented by Pinto's guest of honor, Alessandro Griccioli from Siena.

The menu will be:

Antipasto misto à partager
(premium cold cuts, mozzarella de bufflonne
and vegetables)

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Rigatoni alla Norma
(pasta with eggplant, tomatoes and ricotta)

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Scaloppina di vitello alla Trevisana
(veal escalope, Treviso salad with Taleggio cheese)

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Tiramisu

Included with the meal are the following wines:

1 glass of Arte liquida blanc,
1 glass of Saltimbanco,
1 glass of Primum Vinum,
and 1 glass of Arte liquida rouge.

Additional drinks (wine, water, beer, coffee)
can be purchased from the bar.

All this, a gourmet four-course meal and four types of exceptional wine for the special ACB price of € 50 for members and € 55 for non-members.

Wines can be ordered that evening and free delivery in Brussels is included. Payment can be made at the time of delivery. ACB members will receive a special discount.

Please note that this event is limited to 50 people.

Event Details:

Date: Monday, March 31, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Hôtel du Berger, Rue du Berger 24, 1050 Brussels

Price: €50 for members, €55 for non-members. Note that additional wine and other drinks are extra.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, March 26, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org) or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Wine-tasting" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, March 26. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Pasta Cooking Workshop and Dinner: You Can Pasta!



In the Italian tradition, fresh pasta was made at home every Sunday and on holidays, to be consumed at the family table with a wide variety of sauces. Today, you can enjoy fresh pasta in a wide variety of situations. Why not make your own at home! It's surprisingly simple and invariably delicious! In the workshop we will start by relaxing and getting to know each other with a homemade snack and a drink; then we will prepare the pasta dough with some energy, a pinch of technique and a lot of laughter. We'll roll the dough out (we cheat and use a machine) and then shape it and cut it.

On the menu are two favorites from the region of Bologna: tortellini (meat-filled envelopes) and tagliolini (long thin noodles), both served with traditional homemade sauce. We will sit down together for a dinner worthy of the best restaurant, which will be topped off by a typical dessert from Bologna: mascarpone cream. You will receive all the recipes in pdf form in English and all the ingredients can be bought in Brussels.

In an evening at You Can Pasta, expect to hear a lot about everyone's grandmother, and how they made their own special family meal. Expect to laugh with Jennifer's sumo-aerobics kneading technique. And expect to eat wonderful food and to leave refreshed and excited with

a couple of new phone numbers in your pocket. You'll be greeted with a smile and a selection of homemade snacks and from there the evening will just fly away.

Jennifer Palumbo, an internationally-minded, professional foodie raised in Bologna, Italy, will be your hostess and trainer for the night. She will teach you the difference between grano duro and grano tenero; between spaghetti and tagliatelle; and between ragu and sauce bolognaise.

Website: <http://youcanpasta.eu>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/youcanpasta>

Please note that this visit is limited to 12 people and restricted to members only until April 1st.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.

Place: Central Brussels, details upon registration

Price: €42 for members; €52 for non-members.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, April 8, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Pasta" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Tuesday, April 8. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Cocktails

Friday, April 25

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**Sheraton Brussels Hotel
O-Bar
Place Rogier 3
1210 Brussels**

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American Football, Tailgate and Brews



The Super Bowl may be over, but you can still get your American football fix! Join the American Club of Brussels as we cheer on our official team, the Brussels Tigers, (www.brusselstigers.be) 2002, 2012 and 2013 Belgian Bowl Champions as they battle the Liège Monarchs. Our friends at Bookalokal (www.bookalokal.com) will take care of the food, and our friends from American Beers in Belgium (www.americanbeers.be) will bring our favorite American Microbrews. The price includes food.

Menu for the day

Nachos with Green Chili Queso

Guacamole and Pico de Gallo

Spinach and Artichoke dip with Pita Chips
and Fresh Veggies

Sausage Skewers
Garlic Roasted Cherry Tomatoes,
Thyme Roasted Mushrooms,
Beer Marinated Pearl Onions,
and a Dry Smoked Sausage

Turkey Wraps
Peppered Turkey Breast with a Fig Jam,
Romaine Greens, Gruyère,
Cucumber and Red Onion,
Roasted Garlic Lemon, and Cayenne Aioli

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Evere Sports Complex, Av. des Anciens Combattants 300, 1140 Evere

Price: €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members. The price includes food.

Sign Up: No later than noon on April 25, online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Brussels Tigers" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on April 25. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

If you are late or cannot come at the last minute, please call Brian Dunhill at 0477/201.363 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Kentucky Derby Party



The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports is coming to Brussels! The Metropole will be home to our own "Millionaire's Row" for the first leg of the Triple Crown. The theme song for our Derby party will be Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home," as we enjoy the "run for the roses" with mint juleps in hand. Large hats and seersucker strongly encouraged!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Metropole Hotel, Place de Brouckère 31, 1000 Brussels

Price: €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members.

Registration: No later than April 30 with payment to hold your place. You may register online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Derby" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on April 30. Participants cancelling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

If you are late or cannot come at the last minute, please call Brian Dunhill at 0483/392.695 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Cinco de Mayo



Let's get together and celebrate the arrival of Spring with some margaritas!

Menu for the day

Pico de Gallo, Guacamole, Sour Cream and Cheddar
with Tortilla Chips
Chocolate, Cinnamon Beef Chili
Espresso Black Bean Chili
Mango and Jalapeño Salsa
Jalapeño and Blue Cheese Croquettes
Cornbread

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Ruck 'n Maul, Boulevard du Triomphe 52, 1160 Brussels

Price: €10 for ACB members, €15 for non-members.

Registration: No later than May 5 with payment to hold your place. You may register online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, by e-mail (info@americanclubbrussels.org), or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Cinco de Mayo" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on May 5. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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Recent Event – This is What You Missed!

28 February 2014 - Final Friday



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The American Club of Brussels is one of the oldest American clubs in Europe, founded in 1921 to foster Belgian-American relations. Although our members comprise more than 20 other nationalities from all walks of life, the ACB retains its American flavor. Some of us are long-time residents in Belgium. Many of us are newcomers. We all enjoy ourselves and the club's wide variety of social and cultural activities.

The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.

