



The American Club of Brussels

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An International Club with an American Heart

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Dine-Out at Bleu de Toi



Bleu de Toi means Crazy about You, and that's the way we're going to feel about this restaurant after the ACB's next Dine-Out on Tuesday, October 23. Centrally located in a venerable building in downtown Brussels just steps from the Manneken Pis, Bleu de Toi is noted for its special preparations of the humble baked potato. A house favorite – potato (or *bintje*) filled with mushrooms – is one choice of starters for this evening's meal. Other delicacies to tempt your palate are salmon *tartare* with a Japanese twist, a medley of grilled fish, and duck breast with raspberry sauce. To top it all off, there's a choice of pears poached in red wine or profiteroles with vanilla ice cream for dessert.

MENU

Les Entrées

La Bintje farcie "Archiduc" aux trois champignons à l'huile de truffe blanche
et petite salade colorée

ou

Le Tartare de saumon à la japonaise, algues yakamé et yasabi

Les Plats

L'Assiette de poissons grillées "espadon, calamarettis, saumon" à l'huile d'olive vierge,
ses tagliatelles et spaghettis de légumes

ou

Le Magret de canard rôti sauce aux framboises,
carottes glacées au miel et thym, rösti de pomme de terre

Les Desserts

La poire au vin rouge et cannelle et sa boule de glace caramel maison

ou

Profiterolles, glace vanille, chocolat chaud et chantilly

Bleu de Toi

Rue des Alexiens 73

1000 Brussels

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Event Details

Date: Tuesday, October 23

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Bleu de Toi, Rue des Alexiens 73, 1000 Brussels (center)

Price: €30 for ACB and AWCB members; €35 for non-members, not including beverages.

Please indicate your choice of dishes when you reserve.

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, October 19 by email

(info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.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 "dine-out" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, October 19. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Final Friday Halloween Cocktails



Celebrate Halloween with the American Club of Brussels. Come dressed in your scariest costume and take your chances on winning a prize. ACB corporate sponsor Gosselin Moving will give away two bottles of Champagne – one for the best men's costume and one for the best women's costume.

Friday, October 26
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Renaissance Brussels Hotel
(ground floor near the bar)
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles)
(walking distance from Place du Luxembourg)

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

No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

Dates to Remember

- Friday, September 28: Final Friday Cocktails
 - Tuesday, October 9: Private film preview, *Amsterdam Stories USA*
 - Saturday, October 13: Guided visit to the Cantillon Brewery
 - Wednesday, October 17: Pioneers' Dinner (by invitation only)
 - Saturday, October 20: Guided visit to the Permeke exhibition
 - Tuesday, October 23: Dine-Out at Bleu de Toi
 - Friday, October 26: Final Friday Halloween Cocktails
 - Tuesday, November 6: U. S. Election Night party
 - Saturday, November 10: Guided visit to the Jacob Jordaens exhibit
 - Thursday, November 22: Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sheraton Hotel, Brussels
 - Friday, November 30: Final Friday Cocktails
 - Thursday, December 13: Christmas party
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Private Film Preview

Amsterdam Stories USA



Everyone is invited to attend a private preview of Part One of *Amsterdam Stories USA*, an unusual and engaging portrait of America seen through the eyes of two European filmmakers. Rob Rombout and Rogier van Eck of Saga Film (Brussels) have made a documentary / road movie about the 16 cities and towns in the United States named Amsterdam.

The Amsterdams in the U.S.A. stretch from New Jersey to California. The directors shot footage in Amsterdams as large as New York City (originally Nieuw Amsterdam) and others as small as Amsterdam, Ohio (population 530). Each American Amsterdam has a unique story to tell, and Rob and Rogier are masters at ferreting these stories out. To do this, they met with the towns' mayors, teachers, sheriffs, pastors, waitresses, actors, musicians, farmers, and radio presenters. They interviewed and filmed poets, publishers, B&B hosts, painters, descendants of early Dutch settlers, the son of a priest, inventors, salesmen, hunters, administrative workers, and taxidermists.

The result is a cliché-free and thoughtful chronicle of the crew's 21-week odyssey across the continental U.S. with the spotlight on 16 towns that have nothing in common except their name. Don't miss this screening; it's a totally different and delightful way of seeing America. *Amsterdam Stories USA* will formally open at the International Documentary Film Festival in Amsterdam in November, and will be broadcast on American TV in the New Year.

Amsterdam Stories USA will be shown on a large projection screen in a comfortable movie theater at Studio l'Equipe, one of Belgium's most important post-production filmmaking facilities. Part One lasts 90 minutes and will be followed by a few excerpts from the other three parts. Afterwards, there will be the chance to mingle with the directors over a glass of wine and snacks.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, October 9

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Film House, Studio l'Equipe, Avenue L. Mommaerts 6-8, 1140 Brussels (Evere). Bus # 21, stop Mommaerts. Easy parking

Price: €5 for ACB and AWCB members; €8 for non-members (includes one glass of wine and snacks)

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Friday, October 5 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Amsterdam" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Friday, October 5. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Guided Visit to the Cantillon Brewery



Join the American Club of Brussels for a guided tour of the last active craft brewery in Brussels. Here, in an unassuming Anderlecht warehouse, the Van Roy-Cantillon family continues to brew lambic and its derivatives (gueuze, faro, and kriek) as they were made in the 19th century – using naturally present fermenting agents – and with much of the same vintage equipment: wooden mash tuns, copper-lined kettles, and dark rows of wooden casks, some more than 100 years old.

The master-brewer will introduce us to the various steps in the traditional production of lambic beer – from mashing to filtration, and from spontaneous fermentation to maturation and bottling. The tour lasts about one hour and finishes with a free tasting.

www.cantillon.be

Event Details

Date: Saturday, October 13

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Brasserie Cantillon, Rue Gheude 56, 1070 Brussels (Anderlecht). Metro lines 2 or 6, station Clemenceau

Price: €10 for ACB and AWCB members; €15 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 10 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention “beer” in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 10. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Guided Visit to the Permeke Exhibition



On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the death of Constant Permeke, BOZAR – Centre for Fine Arts presents a major retrospective of 130 works by this important Flemish Expressionist. The American Club of Brussels is offering members and friends a guided visit to this exhibition which gives a contemporary vision of some of the themes explored by Permeke in the course of his career.

Constant Permeke (1886-1952) was a Belgian painter and sculptor, and a leading figure in the Flemish Expressionist movement. This exhibition presents, chronologically and thematically, more than 130 paintings, drawings, and sculptures that reveal the major themes in Permeke's oeuvre.

For Permeke, Expressionism was more an attitude to life than a style. His approach to art was, above all, instinctive. He had no equal when it came to depicting the hard life of ordinary working people, from the fishermen of Ostend to the rural life of a peasant in Jabbeke. The intimate bond that these people shared with the land and the sea fascinated him. Other recurring motifs in Permeke's work include female nudes, the woman as a symbol of fertility, motherhood, the family, and the organic connection between humanity and nature.

In this show, Permeke's works are flanked by those of two internationally renowned artists: Marlene Dumas and Thierry De Cordier. Their work offers a contemporary view on two of the themes that so moved Permeke: the nude and the natural landscape. Marlene Dumas (born in 1953 in Cape Town, South Africa) exhibits 10 drawings of nudes, while Thierry De Cordier (born in 1954 in Oudenaarde, Belgium) presents eight new landscape paintings, created especially for this exhibition.

Note: This visit is limited to a maximum of 15 participants.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, October 20

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: BOZAR – Palais des Beaux Arts, Rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

Price: €20 for ACB and AWCB members; €25 for non-members

Sign up: Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, October 17 by email (info@americanclubbrussels.org), online at www.americanclubbrussels.org, or by telephone to the ACB Office Manager (02/219.58.08). Payment to ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB) will confirm your reservation. Be sure to mention "Permeke" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, October 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

Introducing – Gosselin Moving

This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the ACB's corporate members. We start off with Gosselin Moving, a proud supporter of the club since 1989 and active in the American community in Belgium for decades.



“An international moving, removals, and logistics service, Gosselin has been moving expatriates, families, offices, and cargo around the world for over 80 years. We’ve even been moving the U.S. government since the 1980s. We have teams of professional packers who can save you the burden of packing everything yourself, fine arts specialists who can make sure that Ming vase gets there in one piece, climate-controlled warehouses for long-term or short-term storage, and loads of other customizable services to help you move anywhere in the world.

“We’re also moving with the times: *Go*, our innovative new division, will let you book all of your moving and travel needs hassle-free online. We’re not quite ready to ‘go’ yet, but you can already visit our website to request a free quote for excess baggage, courier services, storage, or a full relocation.

“The best news for ACB members is that we can offer substantial discounts on most of these services, so if you’re looking for a cheaper way to send things to and from the United States, go on and check us out.”

Contact Information

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Advance Notice
Jordaens and the Antique



After the successful exhibition *Rubens: A Genius at Work*, the Royal Museums of Fine Arts are organizing a major exhibition on Jacob Jordaens, entitled *Jordaens and the Antique*. Jordaens (1593-1678) was one of three Flemish Baroque painters, along with Peter Paul Rubens and Anthony van Dyck, to bring prestige to the Antwerp school of painting. As well as being a successful painter, he was a prominent designer of tapestries. Like Rubens, Jordaens painted altarpieces, mythological and allegorical scenes, and after 1640 – the year Rubens died – he was the most important painter in Antwerp for large-scale commissions.

Loans of around 80 paintings and drawings, tapestries, and sculpture from major museums and private collections from Austria, Denmark, Spain, and the United Kingdom, supplemented with key works from Brussels and Kassel (Germany), will offer the public lesser-known yet unexpectedly engaging episodes from Classical sources.

Note: This visit is limited to a maximum of 15 participants.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, November 10

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts, Place Royale 3 (Gresham entrance), 1000 Brussels

Price: €20 for ACB and AWCB members; €25 for non-members

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The US Elections 2012 – what will it mean for Europe?

Join the pre-debate
debate!

Wednesday 3 October 2012
18:00 – 20:00



Join us for a special pre-US election event focusing on what the elections will mean for Europe. It will take place just before Obama and Romney's first televised debate on the same day, so will be a great opportunity to take part in the pre-debate debate! Highlights will include:

- Live debate between Democrat and Republican representatives
- US campaign adverts
- Audience voting
- American-themed food and beverages

Panellists:



James Elles MEP

Chairman,
Transatlantic Policy
Network



**Anthony Luzzatto
Gardner**

(Democratic view)
Former Director for
European Affairs at the
United States National
Security Council



Richard Graber

(Republican view)
Former US
Ambassador to the
Czech Republic



Chris Burns

Journalist and Media
Consultant

Moderated by:

Entry fee is €20 per person.

Visit www.amchameu.eu to register!



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INVITATION

The Bulletin REAL ESTATE IN BELGIUM
OCTOBER 4 AT 18.00 | ING MARNIX ROOM | BRUSSELS

The Bulletin and ING Belgium invite you to a seminar on **REAL ESTATE IN BELGIUM**

- **Frederic de Bueger**,
Trevi Real Estate "The Trevi index and the ten rules of real estate buying".
- **Tim Carnewal**,
Notary Berquin and associates: "What the notary can do for you".
- **Dave Deruytter**,
Head of Expat and non-residents, ING Bank: "Tax, Mortgage and Insurance aspects".

October 4 at 18h00
ING Marnix room | 24 Avenue Marnix, 1000 Brussels (entrance via 1 Rue du Trône)

Free entry. Register by noon on Oct. 1

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Out & About in Belgium with Nancy Kapstein

A link to the October issue will be sent to you soon.

<p>The American Club of Brussels c/o Renaissance Brussels Hotel Rue du Parnasse 19 B-1050 Brussels Tel: 02/219.58.08 info@americanclubbrussels.org www.americanclubbrussels.org</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The ACB is a great way to expand your circle of friends and to discover more of the delights of Belgium. Try us.</p>
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