



# The American Club of Brussels

# News & Events

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### SPECIAL MEMBERS-ONLY EVENT: A Guided Visit to BRAFA



Thanks to a generous offer from the organizers of the Brussels Antiques and Fine Arts Fair, we are delighted to be able to offer to our members a very special event on Sunday, January 20th. Those who sign up will receive: free entry, a special guided tour in English, tea and cake and a glass of champagne, and a catalogue of the fair.

For those unfamiliar with BRAFA, there are some 125 exhibitors from Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Portugal, Spain, the U.S., and Switzerland. Specialties include antiquities, Oceanic art, Oriental art, silver, antique jewelry, furniture and works of art from the Middle Ages to the 21st century, curiosities, ceramics, earthenware and porcelain, drawings, engravings, Old Masters, modern painting, sculpture, carpets, tapestry, antique and modern books, numismatics, contemporary painting and sculpture, and photography.

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 members.

Non-members will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis only in the event that an insufficient number of members register. Non-members should not pay in advance, but should wait until their attendance has been confirmed by the Club office.

Prepare to be impressed!

### Event Details

**Date:** Sunday, January 20, 2013

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86 Havenlaan, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** Free for ACB members; €20 for non-members

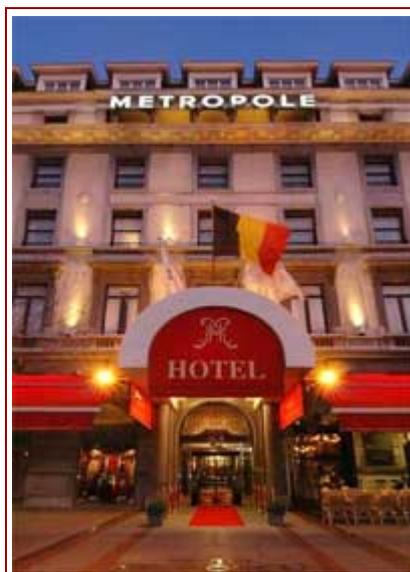
**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Monday, January 14 by email

([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://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 "BRAFA" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, January 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## First Friday Cocktails

**Friday, January 4, 2013**

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



**Metropole Hotel**  
(ground floor near the bar)  
**Place De Brouckère 31**  
**1000 Brussels**

Come join us for the First Friday to see old friends after the holidays and to meet up with newcomers. Cash bar open to all. Newcomers to Belgium and prospective ACB members are especially welcome. No reservation is required. Bring a guest or two.

## A Night Out at Strofilia



Here's a great way to start the New Year – an evening of popular hot and cold mezes and side dishes shared among friends at one of Brussels' most talked-about authentic Greek restaurants located near Place Ste.-Catherine in the heart of the city.

*Mezes* (or *mezedakia*) are best known as the *tapas* of Greece, so come prepared to enjoy your fill of these Mediterranean delicacies.

### MENU

#### **An assortment of hot and cold mezes to share**

*Salade "Strofilia" avec épinards frais, scampis, poulpe*  
*Fava (purée de pois cassés jaunes) aux oignons caramélisés, sauce à la menthe*  
*Taramosalata – tarama blanc naturel*  
*Purée d'aubergine aux amandes*  
*Calamars frits*  
*Boulettes de pois chiches à l'origan*

#### **An assortment of hot mezes to share**

*Petites brochettes d'agneau, marinées au masticha de Chios*  
*Porc mijoté à l'huile d'olive, purée de céleri rave*  
*Spentzofai (saucisses grillées et poivrons)*  
*Haloumi grillé, tomate grillé et courgettes*  
*Boulettes grillées à la menthe*  
*Pommes de terre au four, citron et thym*

#### **Dessert**

*Ravani (cake à la semoule) et coing confit au yaourt*

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 16

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Strofilia, Rue du Marché aux Porc 11-13, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €35 for ACB and AWCB members; €40 for non-members. Note that drinks are extra

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, January 9 by email

([info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org)), online at [www.americanclubbrussels.org](http://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 Wednesday, January 9. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## Dates to Remember

- Friday, January 4: **First** Friday Cocktails
  - Wednesday, January 16: Dine-Out at Strofilia
  - January 20: Guided visit to the Brussels Antiques and Fine Arts Fair (BRAFA)
  - Friday, January 25: Final Friday Cocktails
  - February: Guided visit to the Dossin Barracks Memorial, Museum and Documentation Center on the Holocaust and Human Rights in Mechelen
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## 2013 Individual Membership Dues

Just a gentle reminder that annual dues for 2013 for individual members are due in January. You will shortly receive an invoice and we would hope that you will pay your dues promptly.

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<p><b>The American Club of Brussels</b> c/o Renaissance Brussels Hotel Rue du Parnasse 19 B-1050 Brussels Tel: 02/219.58.08 <a href="mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org">info@americanclubbrussels.org</a> <a href="http://www.americanclubbrussels.org">www.americanclubbrussels.org</a></p>	<p><b>The American Club of Brussels</b> 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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