



# The American Club of Brussels

# News & Events

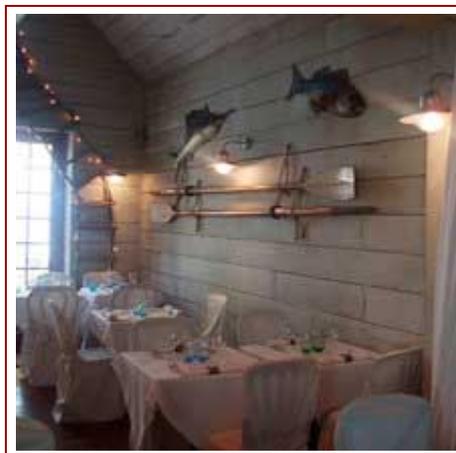
An International Club with an American Heart

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## Dine-Out at Le Crabe Fantôme



For April, your dine-out committee has chosen something a little different – a highly rated French-Thai fusion restaurant that has gained a huge following. Le Crabe Fantôme, nestled on a quiet street near Av. Franklin Roosevelt, offers delicious food in a very cozy atmosphere.

The American Club of Brussels will have a dining room to itself (as pictured) and we are pleased to present the following menu. When registering, please indicate your choice of starter, main course and dessert.

## MENU

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*Les scampis frits sauce gribiche*  
or  
*Les nems (Vietnamese appetizers)*  
*de volaille sauce aigre-douce*

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*Le bar grillé, fondu de poireaux, sauce vierge*  
or  
*Emincé d'agneau au curry massaman*

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*La crème brûlée au spéculoos*  
or  
*La petite tarte Normande*

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*Le café et les mignardises*

### **Event Details:**

**Place:** Le Crabe Fantôme, Av. Bois de la Cambre 17C, 1170 Brussels (Watermael-Boitsfort)

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm

**Price:** €35 for members, €45 for non-members; water is also included in the price of the meal, while all other drinks are discretionary.

**Please indicate your choice of dishes when you reserve.**

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Monday, April 15, 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. Mention your choice of starter, main course and dessert. Be sure to mention "Crabe Fantôme" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Monday, April 15. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Dates to Remember

- April 17: Dine-Out, Le Crabe Fantôme
  - April 20: Yves Saint Laurent Exhibition
  - April 21: Jazz Brunch at the Sheraton Hotel
  - April 26: Final Friday, Renaissance Hotel
  - April 27: Watteau Exhibition
  - May 11: Guided visit to the art collections of Katoen-Natie in Antwerp
  - May 22: Lunch Conference on Expatriation and Dual Nationality, with the American Chamber of Commerce
  - July 2: Annual Ommegang dinner at La Maison du Cygne
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## ACB Active in Social Media

The ACB is proud to announce a re-launch of our Facebook and LinkedIn pages! They will offer our members (and interested friends) a forum to discuss current events, club activities and just share pertinent information with other club members. Please check them out at:



## Yves Saint Laurent – A Visionary



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Join the ACB for a fashion MUST SEE – a guided tour of the visionary designs of Yves Saint Laurent. This exclusive exhibition showcases a large number of creations from the Pierre Berge-Yves Saint Laurent Foundation – most of them never exhibited before!

Highlighted are Saint Laurent's revolutionary designs of the 1960's and 70's, a time of radical change for women. Yves Saint Laurent tapped into the new freedom of the contemporary woman, and gave us pantsuits, jumpsuits, tuxedos and those striking graphic dresses. In addition to the iconic clothing, the exhibit includes a first look at jewelry, accessories and drawings from the Foundation's archives.

Not just for fashionistas – this exhibit will enthrall anyone interested in the modern look – and role – of women. Perfectly envisioned by Yves Saint Laurent!

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2013

**Time:** 12:15 p.m.

**Place:** ING Cultural Centre, Place Royale, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €15 for members, €25 for non-members.

**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 27, 38, 71 and 95; trams 92 and 94.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 17 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 "YSL" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Sheraton Jazz Brunch



Spring has arrived – and it is time for the Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel Jazz Brunch!

Here's the chance to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon enjoying fine food and wine and listening to jazz played by top artists. And while the adults enjoy their brunch, children can participate in the Atelier des Petits Chefs – a hands-on dessert class.

The cheerful sounds of The Dixie Boys Band is the ideal music while savoring an elaborate buffet including a large choice of freshly prepared hot and cold starters, fish, meat and pasta dishes, soup, vegetables, monthly specials and a delicious home-made dessert buffet.

Children between 6 and 12 years of age can participate in an hour and a half class of fun and culinary adventures given by Head Chef Dominique Gaudemer. Note: This class is free, but pre-registration is mandatory.

The Jazz Brunch price includes aperitif, wines, juices, water, coffee and parking. And it is free for children under 12 years

Join the American club of Brussels for this annual tradition - the perfect way to welcome Spring!

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Sunday, April 21

**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Sheraton Brussels Airport Hotel, Zaventem Airport

### **Price:**

60€ for ACB members, 70€ for non members

Free for children under 12 years of age

### **Note:**

Atelier des Petits Chefs: Free, but pre-registration is mandatory

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, April 16, 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 "Brunch" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 17. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Final Friday Cocktails

**Friday, April 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.

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## A Guided Visit to the Watteau Exhibition



Join us on Saturday, April 27, for a guided visit of the fabulous exhibit, *The Music Lesson*, with works by Antoine Watteau (1684-1721).

Nearly thirty years after the last Antoine Watteau retrospective, BOZAR, in collaboration with the Palais des Beaux-Arts de Lille, is organizing an exhibition of this great early eighteenth century French painter. This will be a unique opportunity to rediscover this master along with some of his contemporaries through a hundred or so works, including paintings, drawings, prints and musical instruments. Thanks to the exceptional curatorship of conductor and musician William Christie, and to contemporary artist Michaël Borremans, the exhibition will highlight the multiple and often timeless facets of Watteau's oeuvre. It will try to convey the echoes between painting and music. More than a monographic exhibition or a musical staging of his work, the Watteau exhibition aims to draw attention to the links connecting the various arts. There is music in Watteau and his contemporaries!

Please note that this visit is limited to 15 people.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2013

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** BOZAR, rue Ravenstein 23, 1000 Brussels

**Price:** €20 for members, €30 for non-members.

**Public Transportation:** Metro: Gare Centrale/Centraal Station; buses 38 and 71: Bozar

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, April 24 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 "Watteau" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, April 24. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## A Guided Visit to the Private Art Collection of Katoen Natie



Join us for a guided visit to the private art collection of Katoen Natie in Antwerp for an extremely fascinating experience. Here at the company's headquarters, where company strategy is defined and huge investments planned, you will find a breathtaking art collection. You will discover how entrepreneurship, corporate culture, art and architecture come together in an "art of living and being." The tour covers the various Katoen Natie collections: the Cobra movement; arts from Latin America; contemporary art; contemporary Flemish artists; Belgian modern art; and 3,500 years of textile art.

We will start our visit with lunch in the spectacular private restaurant of Katoen Natie.

### MENU

*Aperitif of Cava*

Medallion of veal stuffed with bacon and nuts,  
mashed potatoes and spinach

Red or white wine

Coffee and *mignardises*

This is a stunning visit that you won't want to miss!

Please note that this visit is limited to 20 people.

#### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, May 11, 2013

**Time:** Aperitif at 12:15; lunch at 12:30

**Place:** Katoen Natie, Van Aerdtstraat 33, 2060 Antwerpen

**Price:** €45 for members, €55 for non-members.

**Sign up:** Reservations are due by noon on Wednesday, May 8 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 "Katoen Natie" in the communications section of the *virement*. Cancellations are possible until noon on Wednesday, May 8. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

# Introducing ETHAN ALLEN Brussels

*This is the fifth in a series of articles highlighting the ACB's corporate members. Ethan Allen is new to Brussels and has already invited club members to a workshop in March.*



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For quality you can depend on, for craftsmanship and dedication, for fresh ideas and inspiration, for complimentary interior design service, for a home you'll love to come home to, visit Ethan Allen at Place du Grand Sablon 37 in Brussels.

Located in a beautiful, historic building, this large, two-story retail space features an inspiring look and state-of-the-art software that allows clients to collaborate with designers to create the rooms of their dreams.

The company chose Brussels for its European debut because the city is truly the center of Europe, and selected Place du Grand Sablon because it is home to a vibrant business and design community.

Ethan Allen is an American brand with global inspiration. The company takes pride in its 80-year heritage of great design and quality manufacturing, and that pride goes into everything they do.

Many products are made to order. Upholstered pieces can be customized from a huge assortment of fabrics, leathers, and finishing details. Wood furniture offers several custom finish options. This level of choice combined with complete interior design service translates into great value.

The Brussels design team wants to help you create a space that's beautiful and functional and can help with everything from space planning, color therapy, and putting a whole room together undefined to just finding that one perfect piece.

Visit the Design Center in Brussels today and experience Luxury Made Affordable<sup>sm</sup> or join them for their next free Style Workshop. During the next workshop, entitled "Windows of Opportunity," the design team will share tips for creating custom window treatments that offer couture style at ready-made prices. It's taking place on June 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and all American Club members are invited to attend.

For more on the design team or to view Design Center information, visit [www.ethanallen.be](http://www.ethanallen.be).

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## Café Theatre

Come to Café Theatre, a fun-filled evening of drama, comedy, music, good food and drinks! First up is "Ted, Rose", a one-act by ATC Playwriting Competition Winner Matthew Snoding. As Rose and Ted clean up after their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary surprise party, more surprises lay in store... After intermission, tune into the sounds of the Brussels Singers and finally laugh yourself silly with the Brussels Improv@the ATC players.

**When:** April 17- 20, 19:00 buffet, 20:00 show

**Where:** Maison Blanche, 506 Chaussée de St Job, Uccle/Ukkel.

**Tickets:** <http://atc.theatreinbrussels.com/tickets/>

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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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