



# News & Events

February 2017

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## Upcoming Events



### Final Friday January

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	<p><b>Final Friday February</b> – venue to be announced soon</p>			
	<p>Friday, February 24 – 6:30-09:00 p.m.</p>			
	<p><b>The Irish Ball 2017</b></p>			
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## A Guided Visit to the Guggenheim Exhibition

(sold out)



Jean Dubuffet, *L'instant propice*

Join us on Saturday, February 4 for a guided visit of the Guggenheim Full Abstraction exhibition. This exhibition traces the origins and development of abstract art on both sides of the Atlantic from the 1940s to the 1960s, through masterpieces from two museums founded by the American collectors Solomon R. and Peggy Guggenheim.

Abstract art is a concept used in many different contexts. This exhibition focuses on its true meaning, how and why it arose and how it spread in the United States and Europe. The artworks tell that story as well as the stories of their unusual collectors, each of whom in turn contributed to the recognition of this artistic movement.

Abstraction is an exciting standpoint adopted by the artist, a direct way to give expression to feelings and visions. It is related to color, gestures, materials and a philosophy of life.

For the visitor, viewing this style of art demands a particular mode of entering into the works in order to see them with "empathy". This is the reason for the specific mise-en-scène, a decor with colorful fabrics intended to take the visitor away from the hustle and bustle of today's society and place him or her within an ethereal setting, face to face with the masterpieces.

After the visit, those who wish to may join us for a drink or a coffee in the neighborhood.

Please note that this event is limited to 15 participants.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Saturday, February 4, 2017.

**Time:** 2:45 p.m.

**Place:** ING Art Center, Place Royale/Koningsplein 6, 1000 Brussels.

**Public Transportation:** buses 27, 38, 71, 95 and trams 92 and 93: Royale/Koning.

**Price:** €20. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €15.

**Reservations** are due by Wednesday, February 1 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2435337>.

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "Guggenheim" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Wednesday, February 1. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

## The Big Game at the Hard Rock Cafe

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**  
**11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.**

**GAME ON!**  
**WATCH THE GAMES HERE**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, FROM 11 PM**

AN AUTHENTIC, UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WITH  
CHEERLEADERS, A DJ, FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND  
LEGENDARY AMERICAN SERVICE & ATMOSPHERE!

BIG GAME PACKAGE: 59.95 € PER PERSON - INCLUDING CHICKEN WINGS,  
A LEGENDARY BURGER OF YOUR CHOICE, 5 BEERS OR 5 GLASSES OF WINE,  
MIDNIGHT SNACKS AND BROWNIE SQUARES AFTER 3RD QUARTER

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**Big Game Package: €59.95 per person**, including chicken wings, a Legendary Burger of your choice, 5 beers or 5 glasses of wine, midnight snacks and brownie squares after 3rd Quarter.

The first 10 persons who arrive dressed up as an American Football Player (jersey, shoulders, helmet), will receive a wristband for "unlimited Carlsberg draft beer" during the entire evening! (Only for personal consumption.)

For information and reservation:  
check the [Hard Rock event calendar](#)  
or contact [brussels\\_sales@hardrock.com](mailto:brussels_sales@hardrock.com).

The Canadian Club of Belgium, The American Club of Brussels  
& The American Women's Club of Brussels  
welcome you to our **Reading Group**  
on the **second Wednesday** of the month  
[7:00–9:00 p.m.]  
(CCB, ACB and AWCB members only)

We ask you to present a book of your choice (American or Canadian authors preferred) that you have read and really enjoyed. This will give all members, passionate about reading, a chance to read and discuss different literary genres.

Even if you have not read the selected book and if you do not have a book you wish to present, please feel free to join us anyway – even at the last minute.

**Reading Group Contact**

(also for venue details)

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**On February 8, Sue Frick will present:**



***The Nightingale***

by **Kristin Hannah** (USA)

Kristin Hannah is the New York Times bestselling author of twenty-one novels, including the blockbuster *Firefly Lane* and #1 bestsellers *Night Road* and *Home Front*. She is a former lawyer turned writer and is the mother of one son. She lives in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii with her husband.

**Synopsis:**

Despite their differences, sisters Vianne and Isabelle have always been close. Younger, bolder Isabelle lives in Paris while Vianne is content with life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. But when World War II strikes, Antoine is sent off to fight and Vianne finds herself isolated, so Isabelle is sent by their father to help her.

As the war progresses, the sisters' relationship and strength are tested. With life changing in unbelievably horrific ways, Vianne and Isabelle will find themselves facing frightening situations and responding in ways they never thought possible as bravery and resistance take different forms in each of their actions.

(from Goodreads)



## Dine-Out at Le Relais St. Job

**February 16, 2017**  
(original date was January 26)



Please join us for our February Dine-Out on Thursday, February 16 at the Relais St. Job, which is a brasserie located on the Place de Saint-Job in Uccle, a busy square whose roots go back to the days of the former 16<sup>th</sup> century castle of the Lords of Carloo. Part of the restaurant was once the local post staging house, hence the name. This has long been a favorite of your Dine-Out committee members, and we are pleased to announce the first ACB Dine-Out at this restaurant.

Dine-outs are a great opportunity to meet old friends and make some new ones. If you have not yet been to a Dine-Out, or are looking to discover new restaurants in Brussels, this is the event for you.

### **MENU**

#### ***Apéritif***

#### **Choice of Starters**

*Fondus au fromage*  
or  
*Carpaccio de boeuf*

#### **Choice of Main Courses**

*Coquelet sauce estragon,  
pommes croquettes*  
or  
*Filet de dorade farcie aux herbes*

#### **Choice of Desserts**

*Crème brûlée*  
or  
*Glace au spéculoos*

**Please indicate your menu choices when registering. Thank you.**



**Event Details:**

**Date:** Thursday, February 16, 2017.

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** Relais St. Job, Place de Saint-Job 1, 1080 Brussels (tel. 02/375.57.24).

**Public Transportation:** Bus 60 (Gare St. Job) Tram 92 (Place St. Job).

**Price:** €50. ACB/AWCB/CCB members receive a discounted price of €45.

Price includes an apéritif, water, and half a bottle of red or white wine per person.

**Reservations** are due by Tuesday, February 14 at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2409895>

**Payment** in advance to ACB account BE55427919588144 (KREDBEBB). Please mention "February Dine-Out" in the reference section of the bank transfer. Online payment with a credit card is also possible (through PayPal, but no actual PayPal account is required); pay when registering or use the link provided in the invoice.

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Tuesday, February 14. Participants canceling after this time, as well as no-shows, are charged the full cost of the event.

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## Game Night



The American Club of Brussels and our friends at CHEZWaWa invite you to join us as we revive that greatest of traditional past times, 'The Game Night'! We're taking it back to the days before the internet and bringing the board games back. Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble...Snakes & Ladders! Hell, weather permitting, we could even try some Twister for the more flexible among us.

If you have any board games at home, please bring them along and join in the fun!

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Event details:**

**Date:** Monday, February 20, 2017.

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

**Place:** CHEZWaWa, Rue Américaine 91, 1050 Brussels (tel. 02/534.63.30).

**Public Transportation:** Bus 54 (Trinité), bus 60 (Washington), tram 81 (Trinité).

**Price:** depending on your own consumption.

**Reservations** are due by Thursday, February 16, at:

<http://www.americanclubbrussels.org/event-2443117>

**Cancellations** are possible until noon on Thursday, February 16.

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## The Irish Ball 2017



**It's that time of the year again!**

Join the members of the [Irish Club of Belgium](#) for its annual Irish Ball, which has been proven to be an outstanding annual event. Lots of great food, great people and fabulous entertainment. The Irish Club of Belgium would like to let you know they'd be honoured if you would consider joining them again in 2017. Perhaps you might even be good enough to put together a table of your friends.

The Irish Club of Belgium's annual Irish Ball will take place on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at the Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel, Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Brussels (Ixelles).

Ticket prices are **€89** for members of the Irish Club of Belgium and for members of the American Club of Brussels, and **€99** for non-members. The Irish Club of Belgium will be very happy to welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

**Booking for the Irish Ball is now open.**

Book early to avoid disappointment. Over 18's only.

**Info & reservations:**

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