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VUB CULTURAL DEPARTMENT/CULTUURDIENST

Cultural activities are organised by the [KultuurKaffee \(KK\)](#). They organise concerts, comedy nights, films, photography, drawing classes etc. on a regular basis. More information: <http://my.vub.ac.be/en/culture>

WHAT TO DO IN BRUSSELS

General websites

- Visit Brussels: www.visitbrussels.be
Website for tourists and visitors that gives both general information about Brussels as well as information on specific events.
- Agenda (out and about in Brussels): www.bruzz.be
Free magazine, published in French, English and Dutch. Distributed on Wednesdays and Thursdays and can be found throughout the city. The magazine provides more information on cultural activities (including an extensive calendar), but also on movies, music, performing arts, exhibitions, shops, restaurants, and cafés.
- City of Brussels: www.brussels.be
Website about all aspects of life in Brussels. It also has an extensive event calendar.

CONCERTS

- Ancienne Belgique: www.abconcerts.be
Various types of Music (international bands)
Cultural centre of the Flemish community (medium/large concert hall)

Address: Anspachlaan 110 (near 'Beurs'), 1000 Brussels
Tickets: between +/- 15,00 EUR and +/- 50,00 EUR

- Botanique: www.botanique.be
Various types of Music (international bands).
Cultural centre of the French speaking community (medium/large concert hall)
Address: Koningsstraat 236 (near metro 'Botanique'), 1000 Brussels
Tickets: between +/- 15,00 EUR and +/- 40,00 EUR
- Vorst Nationaal: www.vorstnationaal.be
Various types of Music (international bands)
Large concert hall
Address: Victor Rousseaulaan 208, 1190 Vorst
Tickets: between +/- 30,00 EUR and +/- 80,00 EUR
- Paleis12: www.palais12.com
Various types of Music (international bands)
Largest concert hall in and around Brussels
Address: Belgiëplein 1, 1020 Brussels.
Tickets: between +/- 40,00 EUR and +/- 100,00 EUR

THEATRE

- Kaaitheater: www.kaaitheater.be
Theatre, dance, performance, music, ...
Shows in English, Dutch and/or French.
Address: Sainctelettesquare 20, 1000 Brussels
Students (-26): tickets at 8,00 EUR
- Koninklijke Vlaamse Schouwburg: www.kvs.be
Theatre, music, dance, expo, ...
Address: Lakensestraat 146 (near metro 'Yzer'), 1000 Brussels
Students (-26): tickets at 9,00 EUR or 16,00 EUR

OPERA & CLASSICAL CONCERTS

- De Munt: www.demunt.be
Theatre, opera, concerts,...
Address: Muntplein (near metro 'De Brouckère'), 1000 Brussels
Tickets: between +/- 15,00 EUR and 150,00 EUR
- Bozar: www.bozar.be
Theatre, opera, concerts, exhibitions,...
Address: Ravensteinstraat 23 (near metro 'Central Station'), 1000 Brussels
Tickets: between +/- 15,00 EUR and +/- 60,00 EUR

CINEMA

- Cinenews: a website to check which movie is playing at which Brussels' cinema.
www.cinenews.be
- UGC (De Brouckère & Toison d'Or) : www.ugc.be
Commercial cinema complex
Address: 2 locations: near Metro 'De Brouckère' and near Metro 'Naamsepoort' (Toison D'or)
Price: 9,80 EUR full price – 8,50 EUR student ticket

- Kinopolis (Heysel) : www.kinopolis.be
Biggest commercial cinema complex
Located at Heysel, near the Atomium
Price: between 9,95 EUR and 10,15 EUR full price. Reduced student ticket with a Kinopolis student card: 7,85 EUR
- Vendôme: www.cinema-vendome.be
Alternative cinema complex
Located near Naamsepoort (Waversesteenweg)
Price: 8,00 EUR full price, 6,75 EUR students (-26)

MUSEUMS

www.brusselmuseums.be offers information on all museums in Brussels, including a list of all museums and information on which museums are free on which days.

RECURRING ANNUAL EVENTS

- Sint Verhaegen (Saint V ) Parade (20th November)
A yearly student parade through the city centre, organised by the students of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Universit  Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in honour of Pierre-Th odore Verhaegen, the founder of the ULB in 1834 (and later of the VUB). The parade is on the 20th of November (unless 20/11 is in a weekend)
- Christmas market: www.winterwonders.be
Temporary shopping chalets (food, clothes, accessories, etc.) and activities for adults and children at the Grand Place and Place St. Catherine's area. The market starts at the end of November and lasts until around New Year
- Brussels Jazz festival: www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be
Festival with jazz, blues, funk and world music
4 outdoor stages on different squares throughout the city (Grand Place, Sablon, Place Sainte-Catherine and Place Fernand Cocq), performances in clubs/bars
All concerts are free of charge
Last weekend of May
- Zinneke Parade: www.zinneke.org
Artistic and social parade through the city streets, by, for and about the inhabitants of Brussels
Around the month of May, every 2 years
- Iris Festival: www.brussels.be/iris-festival-2017
Celebrating the city with the iris flower as the emblem for the Brussels Capital region: concerts, expo, activities for adults and children
Festivities around the city centre
Weekend in the beginning of May
- Brussels Gay Pride: www.pride.be
Annual gay parade through the streets of the city centre
The Belgian Pride is organised for the rights of LGBTQI people. Festivities around the city centre
In the month of May
- Day of the Flemish community
Series of free concerts in the centre and on the Grand Place of Brussels
11th of July
- Belgian National Day
Series of free concerts and activities along the Royal Park and the Poelaert Square to celebrate the independence of Belgium
21st of July

- Couleur Café: www.couleurcafe.be
A festival in the centre of the city with a focus on world and urban music
Mid or end of July
At Thurn & Taxis Near the 'North Station' and Metro station 'Ijzer' ('Yzer').
- 'Zuidfoor / Midi Fair': www.zuidfoor.be
The traditional and large Midi Fair stands along the Boulevard du Midi every year.
Hundreds of attractions for young and old
Between metro stop 'Hallepoort' and 'Zuidstation'
from mid-July until mid-August
- Flower carpet
Beautiful, colourful flower carpet of 1.800m² on the Grand Place
Bi-annual event
Several days mid-August
- Brussels Summer Festival: www.bsf.be
10 days of music and much more...
Located in the royal quarter of Brussels (Place du Musée, Mont des Arts, Place des Palais)
Mid-August
- Brussels Beer Weekend: A multitude of stands offering the opportunity to discover some of the best Belgian beers. Many small, medium-sized and large Belgian breweries will present their best selections of beers.
Entertainment such as jazz bands, brass bands, activities for children will accompany your beer tasting.
Entrance is free and beer prices are very reasonable
Location: Grand Place
End of August - Beginning of September