



# BLOCNotes

## September 2018

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<http://www.bloc-brussels.com>

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BLOC DIARY			Updated: 19-09-2018
Dates	Time	Event	Location
30-09-2018	14:00	Oklahoma: Dance Auditions ***CAST ONLY***	De Bosuil: Grote zaal
22+23+24+25 November 2018	20:00 + 14:30	Oklahoma	CC Auderghem
DD-12-2018	TBC	Oklahoma: After Show Party	TBC
DD-12-2018	TBC	Christmas Event	De Kam
23+24+25+26 May 2019	20:00 + 14:30	The Sorcerer	De Bosuil

## LOVE IN A TEAPOT?



**NOT POSSIBLE!**

**WITH "THE SORCERER" IT IS!**



**COMING TO BLOC NEXT MAY**

**WATCH THIS SPACE ...**

## BLOC's Membership Fee 2018

As a performing member the fee for each person is 40 Euros for the calendar year 2018. In your payment please mention your name and 2018.

If you are a non-performing member the fee is 20 Euros for the 2018 calendar year.

The account is BLOC and the account number to pay to is: BE54 3101 7807 3797.

The fee is for every member of 16 years and older.

**DEADLINE NEXT  
BLOCNotes:  
1st October 2018**

## SEPTEMBER LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Blocnotes Reader!

First of all, best wishes from your devoted Committee for The New Season (*that's left to right, Dennis, Emanuelle, Barbara, Tony, me, Alex and Marie in the lineup*).

La rentrée is upon us. Well, when you read this it will have come and gone. Buying new school uniforms, student items, sorting out massive piles of washing after the holidays, getting over jet lag, clearing up after burglaries (yes at least two BLOC families have been doing that!), finding out what happened to everybody over the long hot summer.....all done. And here we are, already on the other side of the Annual BLOC BBQ, having plunged into rehearsals for Oklahoma! *'where the wind comes sweeping down the plain.....'*.

Dennis Elslander, as usual, organised the BLOC BBQ with his usual understated flair – great caterers who provided us with a beautifully cooked bbq, scrumptious deserts from sweet-toothed BLOC participants, good company, a small army of helpers who set up the courtyard and struck it when most had gone home (many thanks for that), helped run the bar..... and wasn't it a beautiful sunny Sunday in the De Kam courtyard!

We were able to catch up with BLOC friends past and new, able to take a moment to remember those dear to us we've lost this summer – in particular the late Kjeld who passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> July and who will be greatly missed by all his many BLOC friends, able to congratulate Emanuelle on her recent engagement, think about the BLOC members we have said goodbye to this



summer – Bridget, Alan, Alisia, Lilian, Satu, Anna-Rose, Bart to name a few, who have moved to other countries and pastures new. We wish them well for the future.

After months of preparation, Marie faced her chosen Oklahoma! cast this past week and got on with the job of making us all look good on the Auderghem stage in November. The production team is growing with Alex, Jennifer McCoy and me as co-producers. We are now a cast of 78 – we've lost 12 since casting back in June. We've found somewhere to build the set and that will start in the second half of September but have nobody to make the kind of film that Benoit usually creates for us – we're still looking. The BLOC Oklahoma Box Office run by Jennifer McCoy & Alex Just and will open soon – first with the possibility of those Earlybird tickets at great prices for cast and crew.

We can have De Bosuil after all for our Spring production which will be *The Sorcerer* directed by Tony and Angela Lowe. We'll be back at the Auderghem CC in November 2019 as usual. The November show is not yet decided and the Programme & Planning Sub-committee lead by Jeanette Marino is working on available rights to a number of shows. There is still time to make a pitch for November 2019.

For now, it's full steam ahead with *Oklahoma!* Help on the productions teams? All offers gratefully accepted.

See you at De Kam?

DIANA x



The BLOC Committee have appointed **a working group to look over a list of potential future shows for BLOC to perform.** The working group have taken a list that was prepared in 2015, and we are updating the list for 2018 and the coming years.

The working group would love to have **input from all BLOC members** - into which shows you think BLOC could perform in the future, and which shows you would LOVE for BLOC to perform!

Please let us know what you think in our online questionnaire:

<http://bloc-brussels.com/show-questionnaire>

Thank you,

The BLOC working group for potential future shows:  
Jeanette Marino, Steven De Mesmaeker, Vivienne McKay, Tonia Jolly, Helen Krabb

## Memorial service for Richard Northcote Saturday 22 September, 12h

Dear friends,

First of all, I would like to say a very sincere thank you to everyone for your kind messages, calls, cards and practical support at what has been a very difficult time for all of Richard's family. Your warmth and concern have really meant a lot to us.

Richard's funeral took place in Scotland on 18<sup>th</sup> July. For those who would like to pay their respects, we have organised a remembrance service here in Brussels on **Saturday 22nd September at 12h**, at St Anthony's Church, Oudstrijderslaan 23-25, 1950 Kraainem ([www.stanthony.be](http://www.stanthony.be)). We look forward to seeing those of you who can join us.

With best wishes,  
Meabh Northcote

## Some pictures from the Archives



**The Sorcerer 1983** with Tony Malein, Linda Beaumont, Richard Wainright, Diederik Wilbrennik



**H.M.S. Pinafore 1995:** now who is this young lady on the left?



**BLOC's own Chorus First 2004:** do you recognise anybody?



**Christmas Carol 2016**

**BLOCBUSTERS:  
Cabaret 2016**



**RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S**

# Oklahoma!

Music by Richard Rodgers  
Book & Lyrics by  
Oscar Hammerstein II

★  
*Based on the play  
"Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs  
Original dances by Agnes De Mille*



★  
Stage Director: Marie Rousseaux  
Music Director: Steven De Mesmaeker

[www.bloc-brussels.com](http://www.bloc-brussels.com)



*Poster design: Eva Komrad-Just*

**22<sup>ND</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**AUDERGHEM CULTURAL CENTRE**

# OKLAHOMA! 2018

## The Full Cast and Chorus

### OKLAHOMA Production Team

Marie Rousseaux	Stage Director
Steven De Mesmaeker	Music Director
Jean Emmett	Choreographer
Helen Krabb	Stage Manager
Jennifer McCoy, Diana Morton-Hooper, Alex Just	Co-producers

### Principals:

Emily McCoy	Laurey
Pierre Halloy	Curly
Diana Morton-Hooper	Aunt Eller
Jane McBride	Ado Annie
Andrew Pimm	Will Parker
Christine Jones Woods	Gertie
John Baldwin	Jud Fry
Alexander Just	Ali Hakim
Tony Lowe	Andrew Carnes
Alan Gray	Ike Skidmore
George Rahim	Cord Elam

### Ladies and Gentlemen of the chorus:

Amina Skhiri	Filipa Ferraz	Marta Braun
Agustin Martin	Gibran Sanchez	Michael Berrisford
Alice Ferreira	Giulia Quarta	Micol Candoni
Andrea Caniato	Greta Pikutiene	Oliver Wright
Angela Lowe	Hugo Chaves	Oscar Thomas
Arachine Horn Gehrke	Janet Gray	Sam Kenrick
Avril Anderson	Jennifer McCoy	Sam Latriche
Barbara Bauer	Jenny Fischer	Sara LaFuente
Barry Salter	Jeremy Thomas	Sara Paulamäki
Beatriz Ferraz	Jessica Lovett	Sari Saarenpaa
Carol Piquemal	Julia Just	Simon Caisse
Celia Perry	Juliette McCoy	Sophie Caisse
Christine Vedrin	Katy Hudecz-Roman	Sophie Mersch
Clara Barlow	Kenneth Isaac	Sophie Ouzet
Constança Ferraz	Konstantin Wobking	Talita Berz
Denise Wicken	Lara van der Wiel	Teresa Ramalho Ortigão
Dennis Elslander	Lily Scott	Thaïs Fitzgerald Prono
Emma Novak	Lluis Bronsoms	Thomas Arnett
Eric McCoy	Lucy Pimm	Thomas Landsbert-Noon
Éva-Mária Szávuuj	Maitreya Horn Gehrke	Tonia Jolly
Faye Jolly	Marc Tonnon	Vilma Eskelinen
Felicity Raikes	Marco Michelin	Vratko Jaron-Kohari

# Expat Information Fair

ING  Bulletin

 26.09.2018

 12:00 - 20:00

 ING Marnix

**BLOC**  
will be at this  
Expat  
Information  
Fair

**SAVE THE DATE!**



"SING G&S IN BRUSSELS"

INVITES YOU TO A FUN-FILLED SING-ALONG AFTERNOON WITH...



## The Sorcerer

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S

\*\*\* MOST MAGICAL OF OPERETTAS \*\*\*



Ever wondered what a LOVE POTION can do?  
Sing along with THE SORCERER and you'll find out!!

**Sunday, 23rd September 2018 at 14:30**  
(doors open at 14:00)

at De Bosuil Cultural Centre (1st floor)  
Witherendreef 1, 3090 Overijse (Jezus-Eik)

**Vocal scores and libretti will be provided on the day.**  
**Participation: €5 includes scrumptious treat!**

[singgasbru@gmail.com](mailto:singgasbru@gmail.com)

## Green Parrot Musical Productions

Many of you will know that we at Green Parrot put on large musical productions (with lots of kids!) here in Brussels. Since starting up, we have brought to Brussels :

*Annie, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* and *Peter Pan*

Delighted to say that our next production will be the hugely popular ***Shrek the Musical***, in Woluwe, during March 2019.

Christi-Ann Nancarrow (Head of Music at the BSB) is Music Director, with Kathy and Peter Lemerle directing/choreographing.

It will be a big, colourful production, based on the first *Shrek* film - so promises to be loads of fun !!

We are looking for 50-60 adults and teens, and about 50 children. There are lots of named parts and cameos for absolutely *all* ages, including one big scene for singer-dancers.

**Auditions** will be held *between* October 6th and 14th, in the usual Green Parrot, friendly work-shop style, with call-backs over the following week and a half or so.

**Music rehearsals** will start in November, with no rehearsals in December. **Blocking** starts in January 2019

*This means that it is possible to be in both Oklahoma! and Shrek*

All details will soon be on our website. Please spread the word, and hope to see you at our ***Shrek*** auditions!!!

Kathy, Peter and Christi-Ann



de kam

de kam is a cultural organization from the Netherlands

### NEWSLETTER: **UITGE- KAMD**

De Kam has a monthly newsletter: Uitgekamd.

It is published in Dutch but there is an English, French and German version. If you're interested in receiving newsletter electronically, you have to register via de kam's website.

Here is the link: <http://dekam.be/en/newsletter>

**DE KAM** and **DE BOSUIL** have published their programme for the next cultural season 2018-2019: do have a look at their websites...

*Broadway*  
**BABIES**

MISE EN SCÈNE ANTOINE GUILLAUME  
ASSISTÉ DE LAURENCE BASTIN  
DIRECTION MUSICALE JIMMY BONESSO

LE 29 SEPTEMBRE 2018 AU GALA DES 35 ANS DE L'ABCD  
(GRANDE DU CHÂTEAU DU KARREVELD) (SUR INVITATION)

1 - 6 OCTOBRE 2018 À 20 HEURES - 7 OCTOBRE 2018 À 15 HEURES  
CENTRE CULTUREL DE JOLI-BOIS - AVENUE DU HARAS 100 - 1150 BRUXELLES

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