

BLOC

Notes

MUSICALS & LIGHT OPERA

November 2019

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Brussels Light Opera Company

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Kiss Me, Kate

Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter
Book by Sam and Bella Spewack

KISS ME, KATE is presented by arrangement
with TAMS-WITMARK, www.tamswitmark.com.uk

www.bloc-brussels.com 

21st - 24th November 2019
Auderghem Cultural Centre

Stage Director: Diana Morton-Hooper
Music Director: Vivienne McKay

Live Orchestra!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear friends,

Just days now away from opening night, and excitement is mounting. After all the organisation and rehearsals, we're going to do what BLOC does best - put on a great show!

Please use these final run-up-to-show days to push those tickets. We've seen over the past few years that, because of the sheer volume of theatrical events taking place in and around the Brussels area, shows do not sell themselves. Marketing and publicity, along with contact with friends via social media and the good old telephone, are ultra important.

This is by no means a small event. Auderghem seats 670 people and, with a large cast and orchestra, the atmosphere 'in the room' can be incredible. Let's make it so!

Thank you for your commitment, your enthusiasm and your wonderful talents. Here's to 'Kiss Me, Kate' - it will be 'wunderbar'.

In the words of Fred Graham, "You are unique. I love each and every one of you. Break a leg!"

Tony Lowe
BLOC Chairman



Kiss Me, Kate

Thursday 21 November - 20:00

Saturday 23 November - 14:30

Friday 22 November - 20:00

Sunday 24 November - 14:30



Saturday 23 November - 20:00

**COME ONCE, COME TWICE,
BUT JUST DON'T MISS IT!**

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

BLOC SHOWS 2020

The committee has now considered all the proposals received for 2020, and it has been decided!

Spring 2020

In Spring 2020, BLOC will produce
"The Addams Family"
with Stage Director Emanuelle Vergier.

Autumn 2020

In Autumn 2020, BLOC will produce
"Chess"
with Stage Director Rachael Bateman.

Congratulations Emanuelle and Rachael!

It's going to be an amazing year. More information will become available as we work further with the teams for these two shows.

And a bonus (maybe)...

It's an awfully long time between November and May... so the BLOC committee is hoping to give our members a chance to sing, shine or see something a bit before then. But nothing happens without people to make it happen.

If you would like to join the production team for a potential one-night-only variety show to be performed in March-April 2020, please get in touch with Helen Krabb - through the contact form available here:

bloc-brussels.com/webform/contact

Rehearsal pianists

BLOC relies on many volunteers to pull off the shows we stage. One place where it would be very beneficial to have a few more hands on deck would be as volunteer rehearsal / audition / event pianists. If you yourself feel you are able to help in this capacity, or if you know someone else who might be able to help out, please contact Barbara Bauer through the contact form available here:

bloc-brussels.com/webform/contact

BLOC Christmas Party

The BLOC Christmas Party and Kiss Me Kate After-show Party will be held on 6 December, at De Kam. More information further on in this newsletter.

Save the date - info night

The information night for our Spring 2020 show, The Addams Family, will be held on Tuesday 17 December at 20:00, in De Kam.



BLOC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

This December, BLOC members and friends will gather to celebrate the festive season and everything we have created this year.

Join us for our
Kiss Me, Kate Aftershow Party
and **Christmas Party** combined!
All members and their guests are welcome!

At *De Kam*
on *Friday 6 December*,
starting from *19:00*.

Members €5

Non-members €25

This amount covers the catered buffet and one drink.

Sign-up

[To sign up, click here.](#)



Pay

Please pay by bank transfer to the
"BLOC" bank account, number:

BE54 3101 7807 3797

Include your name and "Xmas2019"
in the payment reference.

The bar will be open for you to purchase additional drinks.

Please bring a dessert to share, and
let us know if you can help out during the night.

If you would like to perform an item, please contact Dennis to let him know.

bloc-brussels.com/webform/contact

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE PARTY:
MONDAY 02-12-2019 at 20:00**

WHAT'S COMING UP?

18 November	"China's Grand Strategy"	International Study Group - ISG	Château Sainte-Anne
21-24 November	Kiss Me, Kate	Brussels Light Opera Company	Auderghem Cultural Centre
22 + 23 November	Dvořák Mass in D Major	The International Chorale of Brussels	Eglise Sainte-Alix Eglise des Dominicains
26-30 November	Lessons in Love (English/French - each section subtitled in the other language)	ETCetera	Warehouse Studio Theatre
1 December	The Snowman & Percussion Extravaganza	The Children's Charity Christmas Concert	Auderghem Cultural Centre
6 December	Christmas Party/ Kiss Me Kate Aftershow Party	Brussels Light Opera Company	De Kam
7 December	Songs from the Musicals	Hot Air International Vocal Ensemble	De Bosuil
7 December	A John Rutter Christmas Celebration	Brussels International Singers	Koninklijk Conservatorium
7 December	The Staging Post	The Staging Post	De Kam
15 December	Brussels Carol Concert	Brussels Carol Concert	Koninklijk Conservatorium
17 December	The Addams Family Intro Evening	Brussels Light Opera Company	De Kam
17-19 January 2020	Beauty and the Beast (Pantomime)	English Comedy Club	Auderghem Cultural Centre

BLOC MEMBERSHIP FEE 2019

Have you paid your membership fee for 2019? Performing member fees are 40 Euros. Fees for non-performing members are 20 Euros. The fees are for the 2019 calendar year. Fees should be paid to the "BLOC" bank account, number: BE54 3101 7807 3797. In your payment please mention your name and 2019.

SUBMISSIONS FOR BLOCNotes

Deadline next BLOCNotes:
1 December 2019

The BLOCNotes Archive is available on-line.
See bloc-brussels.com/blocnotes

On the following pages are a selection of shows and concerts we have been asked to share with our members. Many of them feature BLOC members performing.

For some great entertainment - check out these events:

Brussels International Singers

Conductor Philippe Lambert

Pianist Christophe Postal

Soloist Eunice Arias

*Musica Ficta Strings
Brass and Percussion
Ensemble*

*and the Brussels International
Junior Singers*

A John Rutter Christmas Celebration

Saturday 7 December 2019 at 19:30

Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel
Regentschapsstraat 30A - 1000 Brussel

Rotary

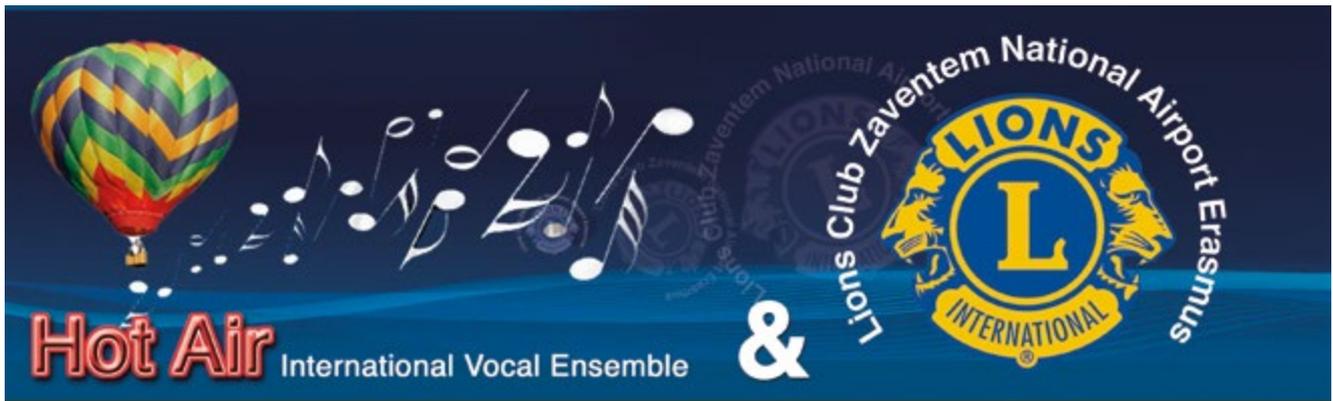


IN AID OF
BRUSSELS SOUTH ROTARY CLUB-SPONSORED CHARITIES



Ticket prices: adults prepaid 15€ - on the door: 18€
under 15s prepaid: 10€ - on the door: 12€

Further information and ticket reservations:
brusselsintsingers@gmail.com - 0497.87.13.63



Are proud to invite you to our annual concert
on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 6.00 p.m.
at de Bosull : Witherendreef, 1
3090 Overijse.

Hot Air - Songs from the Musicals
Featuring Three Darn Hot and live band
Something for Everyone!

Café-Theatre ambiance
Drinks, snacks and meals available.

Bar open : 6.00 p.m.

Concert : 8.30 p.m.

Tombola with great prizes !

Parking available nearby



Tickets :
ticketshotair.lionszaventem@gmail.com

Entrance : € 20,00/pers.

Or payment to : BE55 0682 3396 5744

All profits from the evening will go to our charitable causes.



The next Staging Post will be held on Saturday 7 December at De Kam.

The main act will be **The Happy Gangstas** from Düsseldorf. This extremely talented quartet will be playing a variety of styles to "get you happy", including Funk, Latin, Swing, Jazz, Blues & Tango with singing in a number of languages. More info at: www.thehappygangstas.de
Supporting acts from:

John Smillie singing his original and always humorous songs and promoting his CD, the proceeds from which are donated to the anti-slavery charity, "Oasis".

Laverock. In their own words they are "a Scots singing group, a spontaneous outpouring of the joy of being alive and of the pain and anguish which attend our mortal state." Come and hear their take on the special gift of Celtic song.



www.TheStagingPost.net

Staging Post De Kam
For Good Music in a Café-Theatre Setting,
GC De Kam, 172 Beekstraat, Wezembeek-Oppem.
Tram No. 39, Stop "Louis Marcelis"

In association with PTPI-Europe, presents
a musical evening on
Saturday, the 7th Dec @ 19:30.

featuring
"The Happy Gangstas"
Jazzy fun from Düsseldorf!
www.thehappygangstas.de/

With supporting acts from
John Smillie
Humorous, own songs
and
"Laverock"
Songs of Robert Burns

Followed by a
Free podium in the bar 'til late.

Takings over costs go to charity.
Café-Theatre seating with space for dancing.
Recommended entry donation 15eu, kids for free.
Doors open at 19:00; come early to be sure of a table.

**THE INTERNATIONAL
CHORALE OF BRUSSELS**

**directed by
John Brown**

DVOŘÁK

Mass in D major

and String Quartet No 13 in G major

with the

Karski Quartet

and

Heather Charlton, Organ

In aid of CHS - Community Help Service

supporting our international commitments since 1971

www.chsbelgium.org

20.00, Friday 22 November 2019
Eglise Sainte-Alix
Parvis Sainte-Alix
1150 Woluwe-Saint-Pierre

20.00, Saturday 23 November 2019
Eglise des Dominicains
Avenue de la Renaissance 40
1000 Brussels

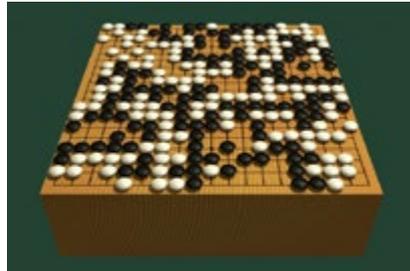
TICKETS: €15 (€10 students/children)

INFO: tel. 0476 074442 or email admin@internationalchorale.com

www.internationalchorale.com

ISG - CHINA'S GRAND STRATEGY

The ISG (or International Study Group) is a Brussels association that offers talks to members and guests on a wide variety of topics. Their next event will be held on Monday November 18, where guest speaker Tanguy Struye de Swielande will discuss China's grand strategy.



China is developing its foreign policy to achieve the role of world leader by 2049. Despite Chinese rhetoric about the Belt and Road Initiative being a project which will benefit the international community and that is in line with the current international order, realpolitik factors inform and drive the project, as China reinforces its exports, increases its sphere of influence, and increasingly sets tomorrow's norms. Come and hear Tanguy Struye de Swielande, (professor at the Catholic University of Louvain la Neuve, senior researcher at the Center for Crisis and International Conflicts (CECRI) and coordinator of the InBev Baillet-Latour Chair, "European Union-China Program") present the Chinese grand strategy based on the logic of the game of Go.

Monday, November 18 - 10:00

CHÂTEAU SAINTE-ANNE
Rue Du Vieux Moulin 103 1160 Bruxelles