

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER 2019

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19:00-01:00 + AFTPARTY
IN 30 BRUSSELS MUSEUMS

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER 1 NIGHT. 30 MUSEUMS. ALL THE FEELS.

Museum Night Fever is a unique Museum Night in Brussels. This year, it takes place on **Saturday 23 February** from 19:00 to 01:00. For its 12th edition, the largest to date, no less than 1000 young creatives, individually or as collectives, take over the programme of **30 museums**.

Contrary to its European equivalents, Museum Night Fever, which had a record attendance of 17.000 visitors last year, aims to offer more than a late-night opening. Museum Night Fever is pointing the spotlight on **young Belgian talents** and getting rid of the often-inaccessible image of museums. Besides tickets at fair prices, Museum Night Fever aims to be **as inclusive as possible through its artistic programme** which adequately represents the diversity of our society.

Museum Night Fever aims for the total experience. On the schedule: concerts, performances, (short) film, animation, glitter, drag, light-sword fights, human-sized table football, cheerleading, electro-gregorian chants, immersive virtual experiences and more. In short, a plethora of options will take you on an adventurous walk through the Brussels museum universe. The stuff of dreams.

The 30 participating museums open their doors from 19:00 to 01:00.

An **afterparty** at **C12** will keep the party going till 08:00 in the morning with the following line-up: DVS1 (Hush - Klockworks), Exium live (Pole Group), Border One (Form and Function), Kafim (C12 - Deep in House) and Antal (Rush Hour).

Free STIB buses run all evening from one museum area to another.

From 20 to 23 February, an information point will be located on Place Royale in the city centre. You can exchange your e-voucher for a wristband in advance, saving you precious the night itself!

Presales already available via www.museumnightfever.be or from **February 1st onward in several presale locations** (see website).

Price: € 12 presale / € 16 at the door / + € 8 for the afterparty

Full programme online on 1 February.

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WHAT TO DO DURING MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER?

Museum Night Fever: leave your comfort zone and look the unknown straight in the eye.

30 museums will participate this year, 7 of them for the first time. This makes this edition the largest to date.

Taking part for the first time: Magritte Museum, KANAL – Centre Pompidou, ADAM Brussels Design Museum, Planetarium Brussels, Halles Saint-Géry, CIVA and MoMuse – Molenbeek History Museum.

Over 100 activities by 1000 creatives are on offer. A few picks:

- **KANAL – Centre Pompidou** with an abundance of choices: dance, music and fashion brought by the students of the **Brussels Art Academy** and human-sized table football by the **Molenbeek House of Cultures**.
- The **Museum of Natural Sciences** provides a game night straight from an American high school series with the **ULB Owls Cheerleaders** and their pyramids, lifts and pompons as well as amazing moves of the break-dancers of **Breakbender**.
- The gripping exhibition by the American-Jewish photographer Leonard Freed (Magnum Agency) at the **Jewish Museum of Belgium** is brought to life by the burlesque arts (drag, pole dance, dandy) of **Cabaret Mademoiselle**.
- At **CIVA**, **Art-T** and the student of **Saint-Luc** pay tribute to Akarova, Brussels avant-garde choreographer. **The Word** takes care of the musical arrangements.
- At the **Planetarium**, the cosmos will inspire Belgian slam poetry champion **Lisette Ma Neza**. The padawans of the **Belgian Light Saber Combat Academy** will show you how to honourably fight The Dark Side.
- Amid the ruins of **Coudenberg**, the graffiti artists of the **Farmprod** collective interpret Pieter Bruegel's exceptional and rare engravings.
- **BOZAR**: a breathtaking five-hour dance performance by choreographer **Seppe Baeyens** and **Ultima Vez**. 100 adolescents from Atelier Quartier, Centre Zonneliéd and various Brussels schools join in.

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER – AN INCLUSIVE PROGRAMME

Museum Night Fever aims to be a place for **open dialogue**, in which the museums reflect the diversity of our society. Museum Night Fever is fully committed to an inclusive discourse with a socially engaged artistic programme:

- The **Tour des Blocs** project of Collectif **Les Meutes** take over the **Boghossian Foundation (Villa Empain)**. This successful concept, developed during workshops with the inhabitants of the Model City in Laeken, includes DJ sets, participatory radio programmes and performances linked to the Foundation's mission: bringing people together through culture.
- **VK Concerts** is welcoming the best of the young Belgian hip-hop, afro and soul scene to the **BELvue Museum**. Prime example: **Blédarte**, a bilingual, feminist and decolonizing collective of 9 women with a migrant background. They strive for the appreciation of minorities through art and culture.
- The **Sur le bout des doigts** collective will perform a legendary Beatles song in sign language as part of the musical exhibition "Revolutions – Records & Rebels" at the **ING Art Center**.
- The non-profit organisation **Passe Muraille**, which promotes the integration of all citizens with disabilities, is raising awareness among **ADAM** visitors with a sensory experience that has you (re)discover the collection's plastic in a new way.
- At **WIELS**, the students of the **IAD (Institution of Diffusion Arts)** will explore the universe of contemporary artist Ellen Gallagher the time of a glance, a dance or a performance. Issues of racial identity, social class and gender are at the centre of her work.

Museum Night Fever is also accessible at a reduced price for people who have **Article 27** or **Paspartoe**.

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER – THE BIG EXHIBITIONS

Museum Night Fever is also the perfect occasion to brush up on your current exhibition knowledge. Exhibitions galore in the 30 museums, a small selection:

- “**Dream Box**” at MIMA. Looking for an immersive and dreamy experience? The in situ installations that make up the new MIMA exhibition offer 5 magical worlds that would even impress the most famous illusionists. The collectives Hell’O, Gogolplex and the artists Escif, Felipe Pantone and Elzo Durt are in charge.
- “**Intergalactic encounters with Serge Delaunay and André Robillard**” at Art & Marges Museum. Best known for his famous guns, André Robillard is also passionate about space exploration! Serge Delaunay has been accumulating thousands of drawings for several years, sketching the slightest details of his internal extraordinary journeys. Prepare for a sparkly encounter.
- **Chocostory Brussels, the museum of Cocoa and Chocolate is moving!** Its brand new 1800 m2 space will still be dedicated to the world of chocolate from its origins to our taste buds, but in a more interactive, complete and delicious version.
- The adequately named “**Night Fever**” in ADAM Brussels Design Museum, fully dedicated to the history and culture of discotheques.
- “**Look At Me**” at ARGOS – Centre for Art and Media. This exhibition alters photo and video and explores the link between portrait photography and image in motion.
- **Experience.Brussels** welcomes a **Bibliotheca Witttockiana pop-up**, the only museum in the world dedicated to bookbinding and book art.
- “**Back Side – Fashion from behind**” at the Fashion and Lace Museum is dedicated to that body part of ourselves only others can admire. Enough inspiration for a dazzling evening outfit!

Do not hesitate to contact us in case you need more information, would like to meet one of our artists or need specific visuals.

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