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28 Brussels Museums shake up the city during Museum Night Fever

Museum Night Fever returns for its thrilling 17th edition on October 19. From 7 PM to 1 AM, visitors can rediscover the collections and exhibitions of 28 museums in a fresh new way.

More than 100 emerging artists and collectives will deliver a unique programme, inspired by the museum settings. Expect everything from opera to wheelchair dancers, intimate performances to extravagant circus acts, and participatory karaokes and 'choreokes'. C12 and Botanique will once again host two electrifying afterparties featuring big names from the Belgian and Brussels party scene.

Museum Night Fever primarily targets young Brussels residents but increasingly attracts an international audience thanks to its diverse programming and affordable ticket prices. Tickets are 16 euros (or 26 with afterparty) and grant access to all 28 museums, as well as an additional museum visit until November 24, and free use of shuttle buses, trams, and Noctis buses between venues. Museum Night Fever also works with Article 27 and Paspartoe to offer social rates.

Once again, inclusivity is a key focus. In collaboration with accessibility experts in Brussels, such as Access-i, AccessAndGo, and Esenca, a systematic analysis of the participating museums' accessibility was conducted. Thanks to these accessibility profiles, all visitors have the information they need to plan their museum route with confidence. New this year

is "MNF on Wheels", an adapted route for people with reduced mobility, featuring six accessible museums in close proximity, offering a wide range of activities.

The participating museums are: Archives and Museum of Flemish Life in Brussels (AMVB), Autoworld, Belgian Beer World, BELvue Museum, Schaerbeek Beer Museum, Bozar, Brussels City Museum, CINEMATEK, CIVA, La Monnaie, D'Ieteren Gallery, Fondation Thalie, Geopolis, House of European History, ISELP, La Loge, Royal Military Museum, MedexMuseum, MIMA, Fashion & Lace Museum, Crossbowmen's Museum, Museum of the National Bank of Belgium, Museum of Spontaneous Art, Musical Instrument Museum, Sewer Museum, Halles Saint-Géry, Comic Art Museum, and Train World.

La Monnaie and the Fashion & Lace Museum are returning, while newcomers Belgian Beer World, MedexMuseum, and AMVB are also joining the event.

Museum Night Fever is an initiative of Brussels Museums, the federation that brings together more than 125 museums in Brussels. For over 25 years, Brussels Museums promotes museum accessibility for all audiences, notably through projects such as Museum Night Fever, Nocturnes, Brussels Card, Art Nouveau Pass or the awareness-raising projects Open Museum and Green Museum. More info: www.brusselsmuseums.be.

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SELECTION OF THE 2024 PROGRAMME:

Check the full programme here

A fashionable journey through time

- The Museum of the National Bank Of Belgium and the House of European History transport you back to the Roaring Twenties with swing dancing, cabaret, jazz music, and even a historical dress-up session.
- At the Crossbowmen's Guild House, enjoy mini-concerts by Brussels band Valium, while admiring period costumes and attending live crossbow shooting demonstrations from 6 and 10 meters away.
- At La Monnaie, get a behind-the-scenes look at the opera's workshops and at the Fashion & Lace Museum, you can admire a custom-designed outfit created by artist Sosucks in collaboration with a fashion designer, complementing the current exhibition.

Ecology and social criticism as sources of inspiration

- At **CINEMATEK**, the focus is on connection, with performances and films from collectives SPAM and Puissance, as well as a 'bal des folles', where you can experience the connection between bodies, ropes, and dance poles.
- War, resistance, and peace inspire the Royal Military Museum, Geopolis and the MedexMuseum through dance workshops, textile printing, poetry performances, and even culinary tastings.
- The Sewer Museum will teach you everything about sustainable rainwater management, accompanied by dance performances by Mylène Monjour, while at Fondation Thalie, you'll stroll among natural materials of organic origin.

Participation: When the audience and performers become one

- At the Comic Art Museum, you can take the mic yourself during a 'drawing karaoke', becoming the muse of professional comic artists who will immortalize your performance. At the Halles Saint-Géry, show off your moves during the 'Grand Choréoke'.
- At Belgian Beer World, BELvue and the Schaerbeek Beer Museum, you can taste our national pride in a lively and upbeat setting

PRACTICAL:

MUSEUM NIGHT FEVER

Saturday 19 October 2024 - 28 Brussels museums

Museums open their doors from 19:00 till 01:00.

The afterparties take place from 23:00-07:00 at C12 and from 22:30-05:30 at Botanique.

Prices

Presales - 30.09 > 18.10

Standard ticket €16

Combi ticket: standard + afterparty C12 or Botanique €26

On the day - 19.10

Standard ticket €20

Combi ticket: standard + afterparty C12 or Botanique €30

There are social discount rates available through Article 27 (€1,25 a ticket) and Paspartoe (€2 a ticket or a €6 discount via Cultuurbon).

Points of sale

Online: museumnightfever.be.

+ Fnac Belgium shops + website, visit.brussels tourism information desks & visit.brussels

website, Muntpunt + various participating museums (BOZAR, Comic Strip Museum, CIVA, MIMA, and Train World)

Full programme on www.museumnightfever.be.

Contact us to organise your coverage, and we'll put you in touch with the museums.

The launch of the event will take place from 18:00 to 20:00 (reception at 17:30) at the Comic Art Museum. There, you can find out more about the project and the programme. On-site interviews with the project leaders will be possible. Please confirm your attendance in advance via mnf@brusselsmuseums.be.

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