

Museum Night Fever 2023 - The programme is now online

Block the Saturday 21 October: Museum Night Fever sets 33 Brussels museums ablaze!

Museum Night Fever returns on 21 October with a richer and more diverse programme than ever. For this 16th edition, the 33 participating museums are setting the standards high. From digital installation to circus, concerts of all styles to acrodance, drag shows to brick-building, over a hundred artists and collectives are bringing the creative effervescence of Brussels to life. Two afterparties, at C12 and Le Botanique, will keep the party going into the early hours.

Whether you're familiar with museums or not, whether you're from Brussels or elsewhere, Museum Night Fever offers a unique experience. The programme, the fruit of collaboration between the museums and young artists and collectives, is different every year.

The inspiration provided by the collections and temporary exhibitions forms every kind of extravagance.

This year, the event emphasises on inclusion and accessibility. First and foremost, in the programming, you can enjoy performances by LGBTQIA+ artists and lesser-known disciplines such as performances in sign language.

Brussels Museums, the event's organiser, is working with a number of partners, including the non-profit organisation Access-I, to make the event accessible to all. Tickets include a single pass at a democratic rate (€15 in pre-sales) giving access to all the museums and their programming, to the STIB shuttles buses linking the museums during the evening, and to the NOCTIS network. Museum Night Fever has also teamed up with museumPASSmusées: holders of the Museum Pass receive a €9 discount on the ticket.

Museum Night Fever wants to break the mould and overcome any reluctance to entering museums: that's why this year Claudi is guiding you through the event. This friendly figure will be offering advice and practical information, as well as a few surprises.

The participating museums are: Art and History Museum, Art et Marges Museum, Autoworld, BELvue museum, Boghossian Foundation - Villa Empain, Botanique, CINEMATEK, CIVA, Comic Strip Museum, Coudenberg Palace, GardeRobe MannekenPis, Halles Saint-Géry, House of European History, ISELP, KANAL-Centre Pompidou, La Loge, Maison des Arts, Brussels City Museum, MIMA, Royal Museum of the Armed Forces and of Military History, Museum of the National Bank of Belgium, Belgian Museum of Freemasonry, Museum of Crossbow Archery, Sewer Museum, Natural Sciences Museum, Train World, and WIELS.

Some museums are back after a few years' absence: Bozar and the Musical Instruments Museum.

The Autrique House, Charlier Museum and Beer Museum of Schaerbeek are taking part for the first time.

The **Tram Museum** will not be opening its doors during the evening but will be offering **historic shuttle buses** to link the museums, as well as a lively historic bus on the Place des Palais.

Our selection in the programme

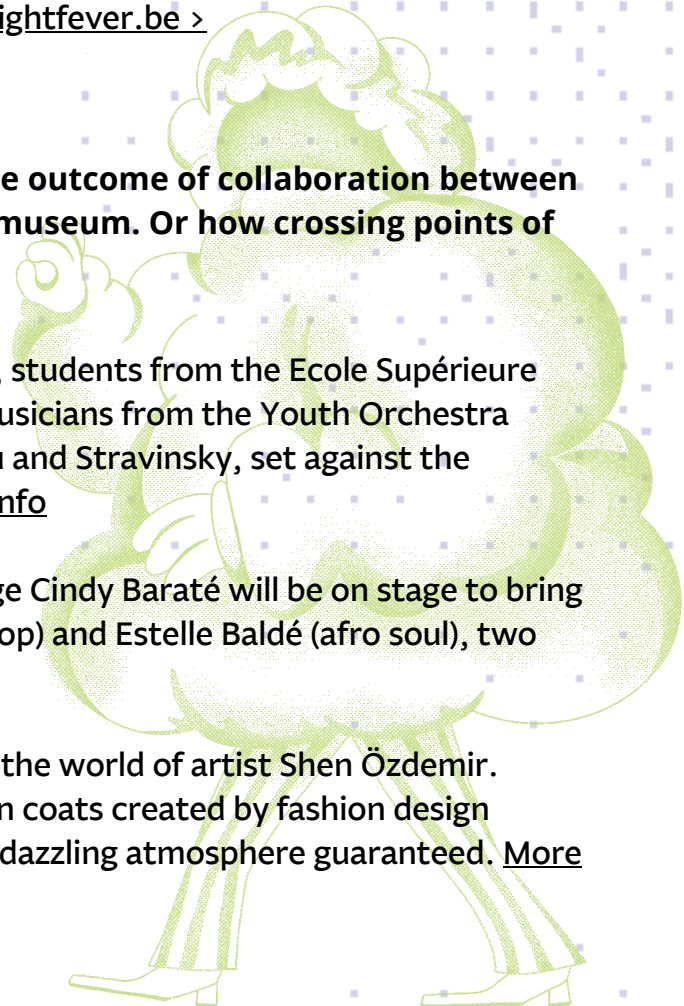
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Some of the proposals in the programme are the outcome of collaboration between several artists and collectives within the same museum. Or how crossing points of view can give rise to something unique.

At the **Museum of Natural Sciences**, for example, students from the Ecole Supérieure des Arts du Cirque (ESAC) are collaborating with musicians from the Youth Orchestra Flanders on a remarkable show inspired by Rameau and Stravinsky, set against the backdrop of the museum's ancestral giants. [More info](#)

At the **BELvue museum**, performer in sign language Cindy Baraté will be on stage to bring a different vibe to the concerts by DAV ID (urban pop) and Estelle Baldé (afro soul), two artists programmed by Aperohit. [More info](#)

At **Art et marges museum**, the drag scene meets the world of artist Shen Özdemir. Performers from the Crash Test collective parade in coats created by fashion design students from the Haute Ecole Francisco Ferrer. A dazzling atmosphere guaranteed. [More info](#)



Museum Night Fever is also an evening of surprises. Here are a few suggestions for those who like the unexpected.

At **Bozar**, the Gilbard collective and its many partners are taking over the Hall Horta with a real television set. The 'SOUPER SHOW' programme, organised like a 4-course menu, will feature performances, talk shows with experts and musical interludes. For each 'course', a dish will be cooked live. The show will also be available to stream throughout the evening. [More info](#)

Architecture centre **CIVA** is setting up a real construction site with its partner BC materials. You'll be invited to produce a real brick from local earth and build a wall. [More info](#)

At the **House of European history**, the exhibition Throwaway. History of a modern crisis, is giving rise to a workshop that is particularly useful at a time of energy crisis: low-tech cooking. Or how to learn to cook without using gas and electricity. [More info](#)

The **Sewer Museum** teaches us all about rats. The more adventurous can take a look at rat skulls in the curiosity cabinet of naturalist Jean Goossens. [More info](#)

All styles of music and dance can be found in museums this year. Impossible to list them all, here are just three proposals.

At the **MIM**, the Orson Claeys Quintet, led by Ghent pianist Orson Claeys and oud virtuoso Akram Ben Romdhane, offers us a conversation between different cultures and musical languages. [More info](#)

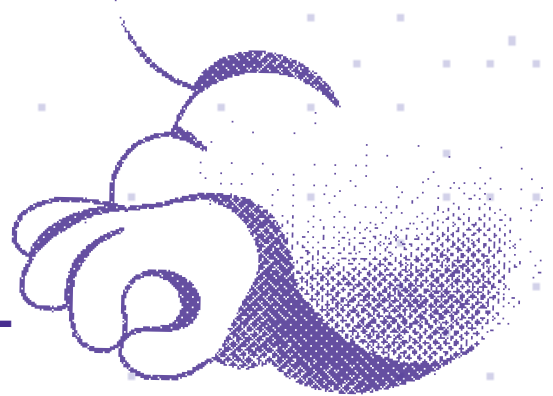
At **CINEMATEK**, you'll be immersed in cult musical films. Dance Culture asbl will show you the dances from Grease, West Side Story, Dirty Dancing... You'll then be able to perform the choreography yourself. [More info](#)

ISELP invites you to enjoy an intimate, sensory experience with Isabelle Sainte-Rose's Respire. This sound and visual composition linking sound and drawing is an invitation to take your time and connect with yourself and others. [More info](#)

The **Museum of the National Bank** is hosting a silent disco. Before entering the dance floor, you can have your face painted with fluorescent patterns. They will appear in the light of UV lamps, the same ones used to check banknotes! [More info](#)

Museum Night Fever is an initiative of Brussels Museums, the non-profit association that brings together more than 120 museums in Brussels. For 25 years now, Brussels Museums promotes accessibility to museums of the capital for all audiences. From Museum Night Fever to Nocturnes, via the Brussels Card, the Art Nouveau Pass or the awareness-raising journey Open Museum, Brussels Museums co-constructs projects with the museums, the public and numerous partners. More info: www.brussel museums.be

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Museum Night Fever
Saturday 21 October 2023 - 33 Brussels museums

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

The afterparty takes place at C12 and at Botanique as from midnight.

Points of sale

Online: museumnightfever.be
+ Fnac Belgium shops & fnac.be, visit.brussels tourism information desks & visit.brussels website, Muntpunt, PointCulture ULB + various museums (see website)

The full programme and practical information are available online on www.museumnightfever.be.

Prices

Presales – 02 > 20.10

Standard ticket €15

Ticket + afterparty C12 or Botanique €25

On the day - 21.10

Standard ticket €19

Ticket + afterparty C12 or Botanique €29

People with a Museum Pass (museumPASSmusées) receive a €9 discount. The participation rates for people with low-income Article 27 (€1.25) and Paspertoe kansentarief (€2) apply.