



Antwerp

Fotomuseum

Waalse Kaai 47; 03.242.93.00
Until JUNE 7 Erwin Olaf: EyeCandy 1984-2009, retrospective
Until JUNE 7 Yang Fudong: East of Que Village, video installation
Until SEP 13 Photography in Belgium during the Interbellum

Modemuseum (MoMu)

Nationalestraat 28; 03.470.27.70, www.momu.be
Until AUG 16 Paper Fashion, the use of paper and related materials in modern and contemporary fashion and 1960s paper dresses from the Atopos collection

Royal Museum of Fine Arts

Leopold De Waelplaats; 03.238.78.09
Until MAY 10 Camiel Van Breedam: Collages 2002-2008, recent works on paper by the contemporary Belgian artist
Until JUNE 14 Goya, Redon, Ensor: Grotesque paintings and drawings

Bruges

Arentshuis

Dijver 16; 050.44.87.11
Until SEP 27 The Museum of Museums 2009, installation by contemporary Flemish artist Johan van Geluwe

Groeningemuseum

Dijver 12; 050.44.87.43
Until JULY 21 Charles the Bold. The Splendour of Burgundy, Flemish Primitive paintings, armour, tapestries, manuscripts, fine gold and silverware

Brussels

Argos Centre for Art and Media

Werfstraat 13; 02.229.00.03, www.argosarts.org
Until APR 11 Language Works: Video, Audio and Poetry, works by Vito Acconci
Until APR 11 I'm With You in Rockland, video work by Karl Holmqvist

Atomium

Atomium Square; 02.475.47.72, www.atomium.be
Until MAY 24 Bi-Polar. From South to North, scientific exhibition on current research and expeditions in the Arctic and Antarctic

Belgian Comic Strip Centre

Zandstraat 20; 02.219.19.80, www.stripmuseum.be
Until MAY 17 Czechicum Vitae, Czech history and legends in comic strips by contemporary Czech artists
Until JUNE 7 20 years of Manga in Europe, Japanese comic strips

Bozar (Paleis Voor Schone Kunsten)

Ravensteinstraat 23; 02.507.82.00, www.bozar.be
Until APR 19 Robbrecht & Daem: Pacing through Architecture, works by the Ghent-based architects
Until MAY 3 A4 - Louise Herlemont: Sans object, installations and photographs
Until MAY 17 Monumental installation by contemporary Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan (part of Turin Festival)
Until MAY 17 United Artists of Italy, 150 portraits of Italian artists by 22 photographers
Until MAY 24 From Van Dyck to Bellotto: Splendour at the Court of Savoy, paintings from Turin's Galleria Sabauda, with works by Flemish masters, including Brueghel, Rubens and Van Dyck (part of Turin Festival)

CCNOA (Centre for Contemporary Non-Objective Art)

Boulevard Barthélémylaan 5; 02.502.69.12, www.ccnua.org
Until APR 19 Things 1. # 3/4, works by contemporary artists from the Hisk in Ghent: Ruth Sacks, Bastiaan Schevers, Joris Van De Moortel and Frederik Van Simaey
Until APR 19 Paintings, murals and installations by Esther Stocker
Until APR 19 Paintings by Gracia Khouw

DON'T MISS

The world of Roger Raveel

Until 13 June
Flemish Parliament - De Loketten

Works by the Flemish artist Roger Raveel are being exhibited at the De Loketten in the Flemish Parliament building. This is a chance to discover an artist with a quirky take on reality. In one of his most striking works, he included mirrors and a live canary in a cage. That one unfortunately isn't part of the show, but you can see paintings rarely seen before along with some works he has done in cooperation with the writers Hugo Claus and Rutger Kopland.

→ www.vlaamsparlament.be



De Elektriciteitscentrale European Centre for Contemporary Art

Sint Katerijneplein 44; 02.279.64.35
Until MAR 29 Moet elke wreedheid wel gezegd? (Should Every Cruelty Be Said?), work by 102 artists on the theme of Belgium today

Design Flanders

Kanselarijstraat 19; 02.227.60.60, www.designflanders.be
Until APR 26 Zilveren Sterckhof opdrachten 1996-2008, silver works by 13 Flemish designers commissioned by Antwerp's Zilvermuseum
Until APR 26 Krehky, design uit Tsjechië, works in glass and porcelain by contemporary Czech designers

Espace Architecture La Cambre

Flageyplein 19; 02.642.24.50
Until MAY 31 Tel Aviv's White City, early 20th-century architecture in the Israeli capital, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site

Flemish Parliament - De Loketten

IJzerenkruisstraat 99; 02.552.40.43
Until JUNE 13 The World of Roger Raveel, paintings by the contemporary Belgian artist

Fondation pour l'Architecture
Kluisstraat 55; 02.642.24.80,

www.fondationpourlarchitecture.be
Until OCT 18 De tijd van de boetiek (The Time of the Boutique), window shopping from 1800 to today

Jewish Museum of Belgium

Minimenstraat 21; 02.512.19.63
Until APR 19 Robert Capa, retrospective of the work of the Jewish-Hungarian photo reporter (1913-1954) and founder of the Magnum agency

Koninklijke Musea voor Kunst en Geschiedenis - Jubelparkmuseum

Jubelpark 10; 02.741.72.11, www.kmkg-mrah.be
APR 3-AUG 30 Vegetal City, how to reconcile city and nature, the vision for a sustainable future by Belgian architect Luc Schuiten

Natural History Museum

Vautierstraat; 02.627.42.38
Until AUG 30 X-treme, surviving in the most extreme climates and environments

Royal Army Museum

Jubelpark 3; 02.737.78.33
Until MAY 3 Tribute to Pierre de Caters, first Belgian aviator, who flew over Belgium 100 years ago

Royal Museum of Fine Arts

Regentschapsstraat 3; 02.508.32.11, www.fine-arts-museum.be
Until JUNE 30 Brussels Comics: Frames of Reference, 20 contemporary Belgian comic strip artists and works by those who have influenced them

Sint-Gorikshallen

Sint-Goriksplein 1; 02.502.44.24
Until APR 5 Archeologie om de hoek (Archaeology around the corner), 20 years of archaeological finds in Brussels

Stadhuis

Grote Markt; 02.279.43.50
Until MAY 10 DeKadence: The Bohemian Lands 1880-1914, paintings, drawings, sculptures and photographs

Tour & Taxis

Havenlaan 86C; 02.549.60.49
Until APR 26 It's our Earth! Interactive exhibition on sustainable development, with interventions by Belgian and international artists

Deurle

Museum Dhondt-Dhaenens
Museumlaan 14; 09.282.51.23
Until MAY 31 Wade Guyton, monochrome images on canvas by the contemporary American artist
Until MAY 31 Peter Buggenhouts, sculptures and installations by the Belgian artist
Until MAY 31 00 Picture This! Francesco Gennari, installation by the Italian artist

Ghent

Design Museum

Jan Breydelstraat 5; 09.267.99.99
Until JUNE 1 Connections, a selection of 100 textile objects from the 15th century to the present day
Until JUNE 1 Cool Dozen+, 13 chairs and 13 textile objects by Finnish designers
Until JUNE 1 Henry van de Velde, book designs by the Belgian architect (1863-1957)

Dr Guislain Museum

Jozef Guislainstraat 43; 09.216.35.95, www.museumdrguislain.be
Until APR 12 The Game of Madness: On Lunacy in Film and Theatre, representations of madness in films, plays, paintings and contemporary art

Museum of Fine Arts

Fernand Scribbedreef 1 - Citadelpark; 09.240.07.00, www.mskgent.be
Until JUNE 21 Emile Claus and Rural Life, paintings by the Belgian Impressionist artist (1849-1924) shown alongside works by some of his contemporaries, Alfred William Finch, Léon Frederic, Constant Permeke,

Constantin Meunier and Henry Van de Velde

Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst (SMAK)

Citadelpark; 09.221.17.03, www.smak.be
APR 4-AUG 2 Dara Birnbaum. Retrospective: the dark matter of media light, video installations redefining what it can mean to be a woman in a fast evolving world
APR 4-AUG 23 Beyond the Picturesque, interpretations of landscape in contemporary art with works by Marcel Berlangier, Damien De Lepeleire, Jan Kempenaers, John Timberlake and Mungo Thomson
APR 4-MAY 31 Kunst Nu: Where I'm likely to find it, installation by Satoru Eguchi

Witte Zaal

Posteernestraat 64; 09.267.96.77, www.francekunststart.be
Until APR 4 Juliaan Lampens: architectural projects photographed by Jan Kempenaers
Until APR 4 Pieter Vanden Broecke: graphic works

Knokke-Heist

Cultuurcentrum Scharpoord
Meerlaan 32; 050.63.04.30, www.fotofestival.be
Until MAY 3 International Photography Competition
Until JUNE 7 Marcel Broodthaers: Texte et Photos, photographs and documents by the Belgian artist (1924-1976)

Mechelen

Speelgoedmuseum (Toy Museum)

Nekkerspoelstraat 21; 015.55.70.75, www.speelgoedmuseum.be
Until SEP 30 Cowboys and Indians

Ostend

Kunstmuseum Aan Zee
Romestraat 11; 070.22.50.05, www.beaufort03.be
Until OCT 4 Beaufort 03 - Art by the Sea: Third edition of the contemporary art triennial, with works by 29 Belgian and international artists as well as outdoor installations and sculptures in various locations of the Flemish coast

Tervuren

Royal Museum for Central Africa
Leuvensesteenweg 13; 02.769.52.11, www.africamuseum.be
Until AUG 31 Omo: People & Design, Hans Silvester's photographs of south-western Ethiopia's nomadic tribes and objects from the museum's collection



Ars Musica 2009: 20th edition of the contemporary classical music festival featuring emerging musicians and composers, plus tributes to established modernists Ligeti, Dufourt and Pousseur
Until APR 10 at venues across the country
02.641.10.20, www.arsmusica.be

Beaufort 03 - Art by the Sea: Third edition of the contemporary art triennial, with works by 29 Belgian and international artists
Until OCT 4 at Ostend's Kunstmuseum aan zee as well as outdoor installations and sculptures in various locations on the Flemish coast
070.22.50.05, www.beaufort03.be

Antwerp

Trance Festival: Festival with trance music from around the world. Also films, readings, performances and photo exhibition looking at Gnawa, Sufi, Voodoo, Zen and other practices
Until APR 5 at Zuiderpershuis, Waalse Kaai 14
www.trancefestival.org

CAFE SPOTLIGHT

REBECCA BENOOT

Dancing Chocola



Kloosterstraat 159 2000 Antwerpen

Don't get excited. The name is a remnant of a previous life and in fact there is no dancing and not a lot of chocolate in sight. Yet the interior of this intimate retro cafe is worth the trip even if there's no dancing to be done.

Close to Antwerp's Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Dancing Chocola has a summer terrace that is almost as famous as some of its customers. During the day, it's a quiet place where you can eat typical Belgian dishes (anyone for *frikadel-lenkoek met kriekskes?*), drink a beer and while away the night. After the eating is over, it becomes a packed hotspot aimed at the twenty-something and thirtysomething crowd and the patrons are as diverse as the lively music. Under the warm glow of dozens of light bulbs, each accompanied by its own personal lampshade, you can enjoy the view from the intimate mezzanine or stay down below close to the old-fashioned wooden bar. Everything is perfect except the beer, which quickly loses its head.

Vibrant Tangram and Gaudi-inspired mosaics can be found all over the place while the route to the toilets is indicated by a mermaid's protruding breasts. Decorated in warm and inviting colors, Dancing Chocola is filled with books and antiques to create an intimate atmosphere. What more could you ask for, apart from a dance floor and some chocolate maybe?

