

Jan Breydelstraat 5; 09.267.99.99, <http://design.museum.gent.be/>  
**Until OCT 11** Yrjö Kukkapuro, retrospective of the Finnish designer, from the late 1950s until the present day  
**Until OCT 11** Ceramics by Raoul Dufy 1877-1904, works by the French artist on loan from private collections and museums  
**Until OCT 11** Schoonhoven Silver Award: Poetry in Silver, silverware competition with 55 international artists

**Dr Guislain Museum**  
Jozef Guislainstraat 43; 09.216.35.95, [www.museumdrguislain.be](http://www.museumdrguislain.be)  
**Until SEP 13** Burland Toyland, works made from recycled materials by Swiss outsider artist François Burland  
**Until SEP 13** Unknown Secrets, paintings by Serbian artist Goran Djurović  
**Until SEP 13** Mens: Andere culturen als amusement (People: Other Cultures as Amusement)

**MIAT**  
Minnemeers 9; 09.269.42.00, [www.miat.gent.be](http://www.miat.gent.be)  
**Until AUG 1** Turkish Textile Workers in Ghent, text and photographs  
**Until AUG 23** Felt: From Tradition to Modern Art, work by István Vidák  
**Until OCT 18** Ghent on porcelain cards from 1840-1865

**Museum of Fine Arts**  
Fernand Scribbedreef 1 – Citadelpark; 09.240.07.00, [www.mskgent.be](http://www.mskgent.be)  
**Until JULY 31** Jan Janssens, paintings by the Flemish master (1590 - 1650)  
**Until SEP 20** Raoul de Keyser, Artist in residence, works on paper (1964-1979) by the contemporary Belgian artist

**Sint-Pietersabdij**  
Sint-Pietersplein 9; 09.243.97.30, [www.gent.be/spa](http://www.gent.be/spa)  
**Until SEPT 6** Walder De Mulder, photos of conductors, photographers and other artists from the 1960s to the 1990s by the Ghent-based photojournalist  
**Until SEPT 6** Walter De Buck Verbeeldt, sculpture and drawings by the Ghent artist, singer and founder of the legendary Gentse Feesten

**Stedelijk Museum voor Actuele Kunst (SMAK)**  
Citadelpark; 09.221.17.03, [www.smak.be](http://www.smak.be)  
**Until AUG 2** Dara Birnbaum: The Dark Matter of Media Light, retrospective of the American contemporary video artist  
**Until AUG 2** Navid Nuur: The Value of Void  
**Until AUG 23** Beyond The Picturesque: Interpretations of Landscape in Contemporary Art  
**Until AUG 23** Meteoriti, sculptures by Bizhan Bassiri

## DON'T MISS

### Mayumana

9-19 July  
Kursaal Ostend

This Israeli foot-stomping, barrel-banging fusion of music, theatre and dance is back in an all-new show. It's most often compared to *Stomp*, but its bizarrely visual humour and allusions to religion and secular life make it truly a product of its homeland.

→ [www.kursaalooostende.be](http://www.kursaalooostende.be)



**Until AUG 30** Carl De Keyzer: Trinity, photographs on power and violence by the Flemish Magnum agency photographer

**Hasselt**  
**Modemuseum**  
Gasthuisstraat 11; 011.23.96.21, [www.modemuseumhasselt.be](http://www.modemuseumhasselt.be)  
**Until OCT 31** In Her Shoes, trends and evolution of women's shoe design, from 1900 to contemporary designers

**Kemzeke (Stekene)**  
**Verbeke Foundation**  
Westakkers  
03.789.22.07, [www.verbekefoundation.com](http://www.verbekefoundation.com)  
**Until NOV 15** Artificial Nature, outdoor sculpture and installations by contemporary Belgian and European artists

**Mechelen**  
**Speelgoedmuseum (Toy Museum)**  
Nekkerspoelstraat 21; 015.55.70.75, [www.speelgoedmuseum.be](http://www.speelgoedmuseum.be)  
**Until JAN 3** Thirty-five years of Playmobil

**Tervuren**  
**Royal Museum for Central Africa**  
Leuvensesteenweg 13; 02.769.52.11, [www.africamuseum.be](http://www.africamuseum.be)  
**Until AUG 31** Omo: People & Design, functional objects made and used by the Omo people of southwestern

Ethiopia  
**Until JAN 3** Persona: Ritual Masks and Contemporary Art, masks from the museum's collection and other European collections, shown alongside works by contemporary African artists

**Ypres**  
**Lakenhallen**  
Grote Markt 34; 057.23.94.80, [www.acci.be](http://www.acci.be)  
**JULY 10-OCT 4** What remains, retrospective of assemblages on war and violence by Flemish artist Camiel Van Breedam



**Roller Bike Parade:** Four months of rollerblading in the streets with staff on hand to help with equipment rental and maintenance  
**Until SEP 26** in Brussels (every Friday), Antwerp (every Saturday), Koksijde (every Sunday) and Hasselt (every Monday); all parades confirmed or cancelled by 16.00  
[www.belgiumrollers.com](http://www.belgiumrollers.com)

**Palm Parkies:** Series of concerts in city parks, including BBQ and drinks  
**Until AUG 26** 19.00 across Flanders  
[www.parkies.net](http://www.parkies.net)

**Vlaanderen Feest:** 11 days of activities in celebration of the 11 July Flemish holiday  
**JULY 11-22** across Flanders  
[www.vlaanderenfeest.be](http://www.vlaanderenfeest.be)

**Antwerp**  
**ABCA BBQ:** The Antwerp British Community Association's annual barbecue and summer party; free for members, €12.50 for non-members  
**JULY 21** 16.00-21.00 at FOS Sea-scouts Clubhouse, Beatrijslaan 41  
[www.abca-antwerp.be](http://www.abca-antwerp.be)

**Jackyland:** Live concerts every Thursday by local talent, followed by after parties  
**JULY 9-SEP 10** at Magiq Spiegelent, Oosterweelsteenweg (Noordkasteel)  
[www.jackyland.be](http://www.jackyland.be)

**Zomer van Antwerpen:** Annual summer arts festival features concerts, circus acts, open-air film screenings, sunset barbecues and a woodland bar; most events free  
**Until AUG 30** across Antwerp  
03.224.85.28, [www.zva.be](http://www.zva.be)

**Bruges**  
**Cactus Festival:** Outdoor music festival, featuring Tracy Chapman, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Bunny Wailer, Selah Sue, Paul Weller, Novastar, Black Box Revelation, Joss Stone, Lamb, Caexico and more  
**JULY 10-12** at Minnewaterpark, Bargeplein, Bruges  
[www.cactusfestival.be](http://www.cactusfestival.be)

**Brussels**  
**Bozar family events:** In Search of Sophie Calle: Family Kit. Follow the clues in the exhibition by French artist Sophie Calle (In Dutch and French). Also summer workshops in contemporary art for ages six to 12 in Dutch and French  
02.507.82.00, [www.bozar.be](http://www.bozar.be)

**Brosella Folk & Jazz:** Annual free outdoor festival with concerts and family entertainment  
**JULY 11-12** 15.00-23.00 at Théâtre de Verdure, Ossegem Park  
[www.brosella.be](http://www.brosella.be)

**Bruparck:** Four themed family weekends including music and dance activities, acrobatics, pirate shows, comic strips, Knights of the Round Table and more

**JULY 12-AUG 23** at Bruparck, Eeuwfeestlaan 20, Heysel  
[www.bruparck.com](http://www.bruparck.com)

**Bruxelles fait son cinéma:** Open-air cinema in a different location every night reviving the old tradition of traveling cinemas in the Mediterranean. Reception with Mediterranean snacks precedes all screenings. On 13 July, watch the French film *Entre les Murs* (The Class) in Verzetplein  
**12-21 July** 21.00 across Brussels  
[www.liberationfilms.be](http://www.liberationfilms.be)

**De Gulden Ontsporing:** Free music and theatre programme organised by Ancienne Belgique in celebration of the Flemish Community holiday. Kicks off in the city centre with t Groot Muziek and continues with brass bands, street theatre and children's activities. Concerts on the Grote Markt feture Yevgueni, Lady Linn, Gabriel Rios and more  
**JULY 11** across the city centre  
[www.deguldenontsporing.be](http://www.deguldenontsporing.be)

**Midi-Minimes Festival:** Classical music festival with short, lunch-time concerts grouped according to historical period. Festival guest: Cellist Sigiswald Kuijken  
**Until AUG 28** 12.15 at Miniemenkerk, Miniemenstraat 62, and Royal Conservatory, Regentschapsstraat 30  
02.512.30.79, [www.midis-minimes.be](http://www.midis-minimes.be)

**Royal Museum of Fine Arts family events:** The Magritte Mystery at 14.00 on 7 July, plus workshops for children ages six to 13 in Dutch all summer  
02.508.33.33, [www.fine-arts-museum.be](http://www.fine-arts-museum.be)

**Ghent**  
**Ghent Jazz Festival:** Blend of young talent and world-renowned musicians at this annual international festival, featuring BB King, Dianne Reeves, George Benson, Christian Scott, Joe Jackson, Marianne Faithfull, Lady Linn & Her Magnificent Seven and more  
**Until JULY 19** at De Bijloke, J Kluyskensstraat 2  
[www.gentjazz.com](http://www.gentjazz.com)

**Hasselt**  
**Hasselt Danst:** Learn a dance, then practice is to live music every Tuesday on an open-air stage. On 14 July, is the cha-cha.  
**Until September 12** 19.00 across Hasselt  
[www.hasselt.be](http://www.hasselt.be)

**Muscadet – Aperitiefconcerten:** Outdoor live music ensembles, choirs and orchestras every Sunday morning  
**Until AUG 30** 11.00 at Het Stadsmus, Guido Gezellestraat 2  
011.23.98.90, [www.hetstadsmus.be](http://www.hetstadsmus.be)

**Leuven**  
**Zomer van Sint-Pieter:** Classical music festival with short, lunch-time concerts grouped according to historical period. Sister festival to Brussels' Midi-Minimes  
**Until Aug 28** across Leuven  
016.23.84.27, [www.zomer-van-sint-pieter.be](http://www.zomer-van-sint-pieter.be)

**Mechelen**  
**Parkpop:** Concerts by pop, rock, blues, salsa, reggae, disco or soul groups every Thursday evening  
**Until AUG 27** 20.30 in de Kruidtuin, Bruul 129  
015.29.78.68, [www.parkpop.be](http://www.parkpop.be)

**Ostend**  
**Momentum:** New show by Israeli group Mayumana, an acrobatic fusion of dance, theatre, drumming and offbeat humour  
**JULY 9-19** at Kursaal (Casino), Monacoplein 2  
070.22.56.00, [www.momentumtheshow.be](http://www.momentumtheshow.be)

## CAFE SPOTLIGHT

REBECCA BENOOT



### Het Elfde Gebod

Torffbrug 10, Antwerp

Basking in the shadow of Antwerp's majestic cathedral is a café that combines everything we Belgians consider sacred: the Virgin Mary and beer. Het Elfde Gebod (The Eleventh Commandment) takes the religious kitsch theme to a whole new level: it is literally filled from top to bottom with statues of saints and other holy artefacts.

Hundreds of eyes gaze upon you in a place where glut-tony is too easily indulged due to the wide variety of Belgian beers on offer, not to mention the incredibly tasty ribs. The atmosphere is simply divine, quite literally, and exudes all the grandeur of a medieval fortress, aided by the robust wooden furniture and large circular chandeliers with (alas) fake candles.

The building that houses this devout pub, an oxymoron if there ever was one, actually dates back to the Middle Ages, but only the arches in the basement are original features – all that could be salvaged from a terrible fire hundreds of years ago.

In 1979, Irene and Jan opened this unique café, reminiscent of Antwerp's artistic Renaissance that was predominantly inspired by Catholicism. In the presence of the most famous saints in history, you only have to keep one thing in mind: "Thou shalt enjoy" (aka the eleventh commandment).

**Ronse**  
**Bruul 2009:** Free outdoor music festival with performances every Friday, featuring Raymond Van Het Groenewoud, Sons of Queen, Sois Belle, Paul Severs and Freddy Birsset  
**Until AUG 21** 20.00 at Bruulpark  
055.23.27.94, [www.bruulronse.be](http://www.bruulronse.be)

**Zottegem**  
**Rock Zottegem:** music festival featuring Curvy Cuties Fanclub, Apocalyptic, Alice Cooper, Jasper Erkens, Michael Franti & Spearhead, The Pretenders, The Neon Judgement, Echo and the Bunnymen, Shameboy and more  
**JULY 10-11** at tent complex, Bevegense Vijvers  
[www.rock-zottegem.be](http://www.rock-zottegem.be)

**Zulte**  
**Hoeverock:** Free rock and blues concerts every Tuesday  
**Until AUG 25** 19.30 in Het Gouden Hof, D'hoyestraat 32, Olsene  
<http://hoeverock.wordpress.com>

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