

For Six Month Period Ending June 30, 2007  
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

Belgian Tourist Office

(b) Registration No. 529

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

220 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, suite 3402  
New York, NY 10017

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- |                       |                              |                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Residence address | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

- (b) If an organization:
- |                          |                              |  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices       | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position Date connection ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position or connection Date terminated

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?  
Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period?  
Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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Grasmark 30  
Brussels 1000  
Belgium

10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No   
Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No  N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

## III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

The Belgian Tourist office in New York promotes travel to Belgium to individuals; we talk to trade representatives who cover Belgium and Europe. In the press as well as travel agents on behalf of the Belgian Tourist office in Belgium

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

<sup>5</sup> The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

### IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies<sup>6</sup>

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
31/1/07	Belgian	Operational	\$ 75,000 -
28/2/07	Tourist	expenses	\$ 17,500 -
28/2/07	Office		\$ 137,281 -
31/5/07			\$ 100,000 -
31/5/07			\$ 90,100 -
11/6/07			\$ 70,000 -
			\$ 80,184 <sup>65</sup>
			Total
			\$ 570,065 <sup>65</sup>

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D<sup>8</sup> to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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<sup>6, 7</sup> A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

<sup>8</sup> An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

<sup>9</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes  No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
1/1/07 - 6/30/07	staff	salaries	\$ 324,626 <sup>20</sup>
1/1/07 - 6/30/07	various vendors	Administration office	\$ 152,519 <sup>66</sup>
1/1/07 - 6/30/07	various vendors	Public relation marketing	\$ 54,113 <sup>78</sup>

\$ 531,259<sup>64</sup>  
Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
11/1/07	Staff		\$ 324,626 <sup>20</sup>	
6/30/07	Various vendors		\$ 152,	

(c) DISBURSEMENTS - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials <sup>12</sup>?  
Yes  No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

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19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public Officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature )

(Type or print name under each signature<sup>13</sup>)

6/27/07

F. Raeymaekers

Frederique Raeymaekers

13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.





U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: F. Raymond Date: 6/27/07  
Title: Director

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## ATTACHMENT

Trade Show	Place	Date
New York Times Travel Show	New York	February 23-25,2007
International Market Place	New York	March 10-13, 2007
Sea Trade	Miami	Mar 12-15, 2007
PRSA	Los Angeles	May 19-23, 2007

ATTACHMENT  
Press Releases

Enews January 2007 issue  
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**US Airways to fly direct from Philadelphia to Brussels** : Exciting news from US Airways! Taking into account Philadelphia's growing role as an international gateway for business and leisure passengers US Airways announced new flights to Europe. Just in time for your next summer vacation, the daily service to Brussels starts June 1. For information and bookings visit US Airways.



**The Forbidden Empire**: BOZAR, the Brussels Center for Fine Arts is delighted to present The Forbidden Empire, Visions of the World by Chinese and Flemish Masters from February 2 through May 6. Drawings and paintings by, among others, Van Eyck, Breughel, Rubens, Van Dyck, Jordaens, Ensor, Mellery, and Spilliaert confront works on paper and silk from the Ming and Qing dynasties. Not to be missed. **MORE**



**Brussels Year of Europe in 2007** : March 25, 2007 will mark 50 years since the signing of the Treaty of Rome. It is only fitting that Brussels, home to the European Union, will celebrate this milestone with a year-long program of exhibitions, firework displays, sound & light shows, and vibrant festivals organized in cooperation with the 25 EU member states. **MORE**



**Murder in the Museum** : This special exhibition at the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Science is going to make your children ask for more time at the museum. Guaranteed! In addition to the fine permanent collection with its famous dinosaur wing, families can now discover in eight laboratories, the scientific techniques used in crime laboratories all over the world. Get involved, take part in interviews, form your own opinion and solve the case. Through September 2, 2007. **MORE**



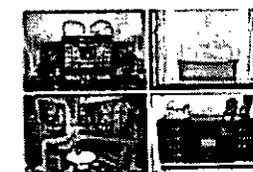
**Views on Europe** : Europe and the German painting in the 19th century is the focus of this exhibition held at BOZAR from March 8 through May 20, 2007. An exceptional exhibition dedicated to 19th century art and art history in Germany. The exhibition is part of the Brussels Year of Europe celebrations. For more information contact BOZAR, the Brussels Center for Fine Arts.



**Marriott Hotel opening in Ghent** : A stylish downtown retreat is slated to open March 2007 in the historic center of Ghent. Situated on the Korenlei this hotel combines charming canal-front setting, sleek design with all the modern amenities expected by today's traveler. For information and reservations contact Marriott Hotel directly. Come and discover medieval Ghent, visit the many museums and historical buildings and make sure to view Jan and Huber van Eyck's masterpiece "The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb" in St. Bavo Cathedral.



**First Ever Non-Stop Service between Detroit - Brussels Flight** : As of May 7, 2007 Northwest will offer nonstop service to Brussels five days per week and after June 15, 2007, the service will be offered on a daily basis. The flights will be carried out with a 757-200ER offering 144 seats in Economy and 16 seats in Business Class. With Detroit Airport serving as Northwest's gateway, passengers will be able to conveniently change flights to many American cities in the airline's domestic network. For more information and bookings contact Northwest Airlines.



**Eurantica**: If you think furniture has been dethroned, think again. The 25th Eurantica Brussels, with its 150 antique dealers and gallery owners focuses this year's exhibition on the theme "Furniture, an eternal revival". It is a show not to be missed. From 23 March to 1 April 2007, Eurantica Brussels - fine art & antiques fair creates a meeting place for 30,000 fans and collectors of art and antiques. The show is held at Brussels Expo and

the entry price for the fair is 12 €, For more information contact Eurantica directly.

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**Bruges the Nirvana for Chocolate Lover's:** Don't miss **Choco-Laté**, a five day fun event taking place in **Bruges** April 6 through 10. Experience exotic new flavor pairings, spa & wellness products containing chocolate and chocolate body painting. Chocolate demonstrations and a culinary competition round up the offer. Kids too will get their sweet share at Choco-Village and at the **Choco-Story Museum**. For a special Choco-Laté package contact **Hotel Heritage**. Other, special off season packages for a stay in Bruges area available [here](#).



**Portraits:** For its new exhibition, the MAC has chosen to invite the Belgian artists Marianne Berenhaut and Angel Vergara Santiago to occupy its halls with their touching and unexpected works. The exhibit is held at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC) near Mons from February 18 through May 6, 2007. More information on the exhibition is available [here](#). The museum, which in 2006 received the coveted title of "**Best Museum in Wallonia**", is an outstanding example of industrial architecture.



**New Brussels Card:** With options for 24, 48 or 72 hours, the card provides free access to 25 museums, discounts in more than 30 restaurants, shops and tourist attractions; and unlimited travel on public transport. The Brussels Card comes with a city map and a guide with all the practical information on the participating museums and discount partners, as well as info on opening hours, location, and website addresses. **MORE**



**Where Cooking Meets Art:** A stunning new culinary attraction, the **MuseumCafé** and **MuseumBrasserie** have opened earlier this month at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts in Brussels. The kitchen is under the gastronomic direction of the famous 3\* Michelin chef Peter Goossens of the Hof van Cleve restaurant, interior design is by Antoine Pinto and on the menu: Belgian specialties! Information on opening hours is available [here](#).



**Black Pharaohs:** From March 9 through September 2, the **Royal Museum of Mariemont** is devoting an original exhibition to the other kingdom of the pyramids, that of Sudanese **Nubia** and the western desert of the **High Valley of the Nile**. Following one of the most mythic caravan routes in history, the "**Darb al Arba'in**", or "**The Forty Days Road**", the light dawns on prestigious archaeological discoveries telling of five millennia of history, from the Neolithic Period to contemporary times. **MORE**

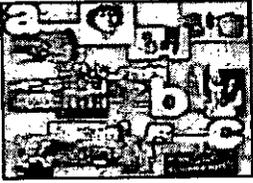


**6+ Antwerp Fashion at the Flemish Parliament:** Organized in cooperation with MoMu, the Fashion Museum of the Province of Antwerp, 6+ describes the international success story of Antwerp fashion. A great exhibition held at the information and visitors center (Loketten) of the Flemish Parliament in Brussels through June 23, 2007. MoMu has invited Geert Bruloot, who has been keeping up with the Antwerp fashion scene since the beginning of the 80s, as guest curator of the exhibition. **MORE**



**BRXLBRAVO:** A three day festival entirely devoted to the arts - witness an explosion of music, dance and theatre in venues throughout Brussels. One pass will give access to all events, allowing a glimpse into a bold city bursting with creativity and laughter. The three day pass costs 10 € and includes free access to bus, tram and metro. No admission is charged for children under the age of 12. Three days, 200 events at 100 venues. March 2 through 4, 2007 in Brussels. **MORE**

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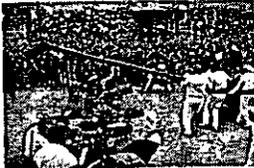
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**ARTBrussels:** Yearly this European platform for contemporary art attracts 30,000 art enthusiasts, including a considerable number of collectors, critics, and curators. 150 galleries, nominated in accordance with a rigorous quality-based selection procedure, offer an outstanding choice at Brussels Expo from April 20 through 23, 2007. Emphasis is put on the work of young creatives in contemporary art. **MORE**



**The Battle of the Lumecon :** On June 3, 2007 the battle will take place at 12.25 pm on the Main Square of the City of Mons. On the morning of the same day a historical and religious procession takes place in the streets of the town of **Mons**. The procession starts at 10 am at the Collegiate Church of Saint Waudru and ends two hours later, having followed an itinerary that has not undergone any considerable changes since 1804. **MORE**



**In Bruges:** Like so many visitors before him Director Martin McDonagh fell in love with Bruges and decided to have his next movie set in this historic city. *In Bruges* is a darkly comedic tale starring Colin Farrell (*Tigerland*, *The War Zone*), Brendan Gleeson (*Mission Impossible II*, *Gangs of New York* and *Artificial Intelligence: AI*) and Clémence Poésy of Harry Potter fame (Fleur Delacour in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*). Stay tuned, *In Bruges* is coming to a theater near you in early 2008. **MORE**



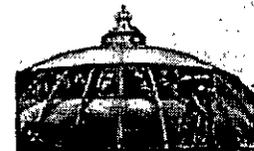
**The World of Franquin :** Discover the exciting world of Belgian cartoonist Andre Franquin now through April 15, 2007 at **Autoworld** in Brussels. Franquin is the spiritual father of Marsupilami, the corky monkey-like cartoon and Gaston Lagaffe, the main character in his series Spirou. This exhibition is a must for all comic strip aficionados. **MORE** Belgium is known for its love for the 9th art and no visit to Brussels would be complete without a stop at **Belgian Center for Comic Strip Art**.



**Prayers and Portraits:** Don't miss this show at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts (**KMSKA**) of Antwerp. The exhibition runs March 3 through May 27, 2007. The temporary reunion of "Madonna and child" and "Philippe de Croy" by Rogier van der Weyden will be one of the highlights of this exhibition. The imposing museum building, a romantic temple of art, houses an outstanding collection of paintings, sculptures and drawings from the fourteenth to the twentieth centuries. **MORE**



**The Holy Blood Procession:** On May 17, 2007 the city of Bruges invites you to one of the oldest and most beautiful historical and religious processions in continental Europe. For eight centuries the relic has been venerated by a mile-long procession of 1,500 Bruges citizens, many in colorful medieval garb. Places along the route of the procession are cherished and need to be reserved in advance. **MORE** For information on the history of the procession see [here](#).



**ROYAL GREENHOUSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Each year for a very short period of time only the Greenhouses of the Royal Palace at Laeken are open to the public. From April 18 through May 6 visitors can enjoy the outstanding display of flora inside this Art Nouveau jewel in Brussels. Built in 1874 by King Leopold II, the Royal Greenhouses contain one of the largest and finest private botanical collections in the world. **MORE**



**The Ommegang Pageant:** Don't miss this colorful medieval festival taking place every year on Brussels Grand' Place. Brussels' Ommegang Pageant is an historical evocation of the festival held in 1549 for Charles the Fifth, his son Don Philip, infant of Spain and Duke of Brabant, and his sisters, Eleanor of Austria, Queen of France and Mary of Hungary. In 2007, the Ommegang Pageant will be held on July 3 & 5, 2007.

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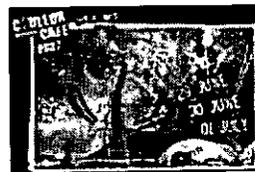
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**Belgium Rocks!****April 2007**

**Werchter Rock Festival:** Famous rock groups perform alongside young and new faces. So far the line-up includes: Faithless, Beastie Boys, Muse, Bjork and Metallica. June 28 through July 1, 2007. The new **Youth Hostel Blauwput**, located right outside the train station of Leuven and in walking distance from the shuttles to the festival grounds offers 2, 4 & 6 bedded rooms, delicious meals, and a cosy garden at reasonable prices. **MORE**



**Dour Music Festival :** During 4 days **over 200 bands** coming from all over the world [**32 different countries were represented in 2006**] will be strutting their stuff on the Dour stages. Looking for Alternative rock, Ambient, Electro Dumb, Eurocrunk. Glam Punk, New Wave, Psychobilly, Tekstep and UK Garage? Dour has it all and much more. The 19th Dour Festival will be held from July 12th until July 15th 2007. **MORE**



**Couleur Café:** If you are deep into Ska, Dub, Reggae, R n' B, Funk, Soul, World, Hip Hop, Salsa, Afro, Raï, Rock or any sub currents or crossovers of the preceding list, Couleur Café is for you. This highly atmospheric, multicultural music festival on the magnificent Tour & Taxis site in Brussels is held June 29th through July 1, 2007. Four music marquees cohabit with an art exhibition, 50 world kitchen stalls, a flea market and dance classes. **MORE**



**Verdur Rock:** Namur is the host of this annual free Rock Festival and Competition. Founded in 1985 and in its 23rd year the competition welcomes all newcomers, non-professional rock, pop and electro bands and their fans. Verdur Rock is held June 30th at the Verdure Theater at the Citadelle of Namur. Shuttle busses run between Namur train station and the Verdure Theater. **Namur**, the capital of **Wallonia**, the French speaking part of Belgium, is only a short train ride away from Brussels. **MORE**



**Cactus Festival:** Held at the Minnewaterpark (Lake of Love Park) in **Bruges** this festival embraces Rock, Reggae, Rap, Roots, Raï and R&B in this three day outdoor festival. Since over 20 years the festival programme consistently offers up unusual and interesting bands. The one stage concept of Cactus Festival offers fans a relaxed timetable and ensures that each band gets a chance to play their best. In Bruges, July 6 through 8, 2007. **MORE**



**Pukkelpop:** Annual alternative music event held on the Kiewit Festival Grounds near the town of Hasselt. The 22nd edition of the festival will be held August 16 through 18, 2007. Seven stages will offer a sparkling cocktail of the most diverse genres. Last years lineup included: Radiohead, Placebo, Arctic Monkeys, Scissor Sisters, Massive Attack, Daft Punk and Keane to name a few. Hasselt is an hour and twenty minutes away from Brussels and direct trains run every half hour. **MORE**



**Lokerse Feesten:** Thirty-three years ago a handful of people in Lokeren decided that the town was way too quiet during the summer. The festival lasts ten full days from August 3 through 12, 2007. Rock, Pop, AOR, Hip-hop and Techno fans will converge once again in this small town near Antwerp. Direct train service connects Brussels with Lokeren hourly and the festival grounds are in 5 minutes walking distance from the train station. **MORE**



**Brussels Jazz Marathon:** Mark your calendar for this huge jazz party which makes the capital of Europe swing with more than 450 musicians performing on the main squares in Brussels as well as in 50 venues/clubs/hotels. May 25 through 27, 2007 in Brussels. **MORE** Other Jazz venues not to be missed: **Festival de Jazz in Liege** on May 5 & 6, the **Belgium Rhythm 'n' Blues Festival in Peer**, July 13 through 15 and the

**Brosella Folk & Jazz** Festival in Brussels, July 14 & 15, 2007.

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**BAAF - Brussels Ancient Art Fair** : Participating galleries on the Sablon Square and adjoining Watteu and Minimes street will open their doors for the annual Ancient Art Fair to be held in Brussels June 8 through June 13. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to view and buy some of the finest objects the past has to offer in one of the most stylish parts of town. **MORE**



**Leonardo Da Vinci - The European Genius**: In the magnificent setting of the Basilica of Koekelberg from August 17, 2007 through March 16, 2008. The exhibition will show original documents, scale models, notebooks as well as several of Leonardo's inventions. The exhibition celebrates the 50th anniversary of the signature of the Treaty of Rome and is coproduced by « Europa 50 » and the European Commission. **MORE**



**Queen Elisabeth Music Competition**: Since its foundation, the Queen Elisabeth Competition is considered the world over to be one of the most prestigious competitions. It features competitions for violin, piano, composition and singing on a rotating basis. The 2007 edition is devoted to the piano. Over the past 50 years laureates of the competition include Leon Fleisher, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Gidon Kremer, Vadim Repin, Mitsuko Uchida and, most recently, Nikolaj Znaider and Marie-Nicole Lemieux. **MORE**



**Tintin Goes to Hollywood**: Fans of the boy reporter will finally see their wish come true. None other than Steven Spielberg and his company DreamWorks have committed to produce a movie about one of the many adventures of Tintin and his dog Snowy. Nick Rodwell, head of Hergé's Moulinsart Studios, which holds the rights to Tintin confirmed that the film could be in the theaters in two years. Meanwhile, Tintin fans can find out all about Tintin and his friends **HERE**.  
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**Grand Prix of Belgium**: The event of the year, the Formula 1 Race is held in Spa-Francorchamps on September 16, 2007. Tickets can be ordered **HERE**. For eight centuries the town of Spa, which has subsequently given its name to all similar health resorts in the English-speaking world, has been renowned for its healing waters. After the excitement of the race indulge yourselves and take the waters at The Thermes de Spa. Spa is a good place to stay for visitors wishing to explore the eastern Ardennes. Contact us for a guide to Spa and the Ardennes.



**90th Anniversary of the Battle of Passendale**: Ceremonies will be held throughout 2007 to commemorate the different phases of the offensive. Starting on June 7th and spreading over five weekends different locations will commemorate the fallen of the Great War. But no visit to the area would be complete without seeing the museum "In Flanders Fields" or to attend the sounding of the last post in Ieper. For more information on the commemorations see **HERE**.



**Belgian Beer Weekend**: The Belgian Brewers' association and the 'Chevalerie du Fourquet des Brasseurs', in collaboration with the City of Brussels organizes the annual Belgian Beer Weekend on the Grand'Place. Don't miss the 2007 edition to be held August 31st through September 2, 2007. Many small, medium-sized and large Belgian breweries will present their best selections of beers. Beer aficionados should also check out our Beer\_Lovers guide. **MORE**

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