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“If a million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing”
(Anatole France, French poet, 1844-1924)

March 3rd @ 19:00 (Wed)

Stammtisch

every month together!

at “ La Piazza Ristorante” (Brandt Passage 33 Odense C)

Once again in friendly company to enjoy a really warm international table.

Please do not forget to sign up for the activity by sending an email to sgg@sdu.dk.

March 4th @ 13:30 – 16.00

(Thu)

Seminar for the spouses of international staff: “How to apply for a job in Denmark?”

A free course for jobseekers at Fynsk Erhverv, Albani Torv 4, 5000 Odense C.

For more details send an e-mail to sgg@sdu.dk

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In March Newsletter’s Spotlight Project we welcome Ms Lorna Campbell who is Irish and works part-time as a research assistant at the Institute of Clinical Research and freelances as a translator. She moved to Denmark 3.5 years ago. Lorna has been a student

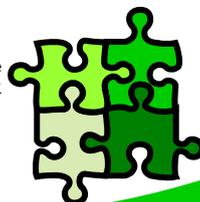
of Lishi for many years and has taught it in the UK and Denmark for over 14 years.

B. Pivot asked her 10 questions for Spotlight:

- What is your favorite word?
Qi (vital internal energy).
- What is your least favorite word?
Can’t.
- What turns you on?
Feeling my qi as I try to ‘swim in the air’.
- What turns you off?
If I’m ill my energy is switched off.
- What sound or noise do you love?
A trickling stream.
- What sound or noise do you hate?
I try not to hate but if I have to pick one, then it’s the sound of my own complaining.
- What is your favorite curse word?
Feck – it’s Gaelic for ‘to see’!
- What profession other than your own would you like to attempt?
To be a language consultant – it’s hopefully on the way
- What profession would you not like to do?
I admire doctors and nurses but would not like to work as one!
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates?
Heaven is here and now, if only we have the eyes to see it. In Chinese culture, God is not a person but is Dao – not a religion but simply ‘The Way’.

How does Spotlight work?

You just email us at icnewsletter.odense@yahoo.com a name and contact details of a person in mind and explain why you think he or she is worth the spotlight. Simple as that!



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March 11th @ 19.00 (Thur)

Art + Coffee

We meet at Brandts culture center (Brandts Torv.1, 5000 Odense C), the biggest culture and exhibition center in Denmark, where we will visit the current Danish and International exhibitions. This fantastic three-floor building used to be an old textile mill.

The entrance will be free. Afterwards we will stop by the well-known Café Biografen to have a cup of coffee, a piece of cake, more fun and more International Club!

March 19th @ 18.00 (Fri)

Lishi and Chinese dinner

We will meet to try Lishi, an ancient and yet super-modern playful system of movement from China. It develops your qi (energy) = it develops you!

The activity will be held at SDU's Bevægelsessalen.

After the session we will have dinner at the Asian Wok House, Østre Stationsvej 40 ,5000 Odense C.

More details to follow soon.

What is Lishi?!

Lishi is a playful system of movement from China – totally unique in Denmark. It develops your qi (energy) = it develops you! Lishi is an ancient Daoist (Taoist) exercise, very special, very powerful, very exciting. It's a real gem to be able to access this practice outside of China. It is soft, light, dancelike, flowing, fun! And yet it can be as resilient as steel.

Lishi is not a martial art, but it does include a dynamic form of soft, internal self-defence. It also includes Tai Chi, Qigong, Daoist Yoga, breathing, fun pairs exercises, improvised movement and much more!

When you practise Lishi you feel both energised and relaxed. It's all about flowing – in your body, in your mind, in your life! So, if you want to be less stressed, more at peace, have more energy and learn to take life as it comes, come and try Lishi.

Music is your life



Music is one of the best ways to enjoy the present. It's not much fun to look forward to hearing music or to remember what a song sounded like last week, but music right now absorbs you and places you in the present moment.
-Sonnets Branche

Opera-Musical *Eleven Minutes*

by Stig Norgestgaard, Christian Dyrst & Christian Lange;
based on novel by Paulo Coelho

World Premiere on the 12th of March @

Den Fynske Opera, Teaterhuset,
Filosofgangen 19, Odense C;
www.denfynskeopera.dk

*Do follow posters
around the town
for more dates
and details!*



"Despite her apparent freedom, her life consisted of endless hours spent waiting for a miracle, for true love, for an adventure with the same romantic ending she had seen in films and read about in books. A writer once said that it is not time that changes a man, nor knowledge; the only thing that can change someone's mind is love. What nonsense! The person who wrote that clearly knew only one side of the coin. Love was undoubtedly one of the things capable of changing a person's whole life, from one moment to the next. But there was the other side of the coin, the second thing that could make a human being take a totally different course from the one he or she had planned; and that was called despair. Yes, perhaps love really could transform someone, but despair did the job more quickly."

~ Paulo Coelho, Eleven Minutes

Can you sing? Do you love Choir songs?

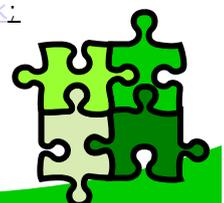
Be part of this new International Fyn and South Denmark's Regional Choir.

The initiative consists of creating a Choir of 24-30 people from different cultural backgrounds than Danish, and perform Danish songs, among others Carl Nielsen's works under the conduction of Saul Zaks (please see links below).

To take part in this project you don't need to go through a musical exam or fulfill other requirements than to be willing to sing and participate in the Choral group's activities.

If you are interested, please contact: Mr. Saul Zaks, Conductor of Syddansk Universitets Kammerkor and Syddansk Universitets Symfoniorkester

www.sdu.dk; www.kapelmesterforening.dk;
www.saulzaks.com





MASTER'S COURSE: MUSIC, MEANING & GESTURE

Will be held on March 22-26 in U77 at SDU. The Course is part of the Nordic Network for the Integration of Music Informatics, Performance and Aesthetics along with partners from

The Sibelius Academy, Helsinki

University of Tampere

The Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm (KTH)

University of Oslo

Aalborg University Esbjerg (AAUE)

Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts/Syddansk Musikkonservatorium & Skuespillerskole (SMKS) – [The product of the merger of Vestjysk Musikkonservatorium/Academy of Music and Music Communication, Esbjerg, Denmark (VMK); the Carl Nielsen Academy of Music Odense/Det Fynske Musikkonservatorium (DFM) and The School of Dramatic Arts Odense/Skuespillerskolen ved Odense Teater (SkO)].

Hans Christian Andersen Guest Professor William Westney

(http://www.soundmusicresearch.org/HCA_Prof.html) will be one of the instructors.

Please see <http://nnimipa.org/MMG.html> and

<http://www.soundmusicresearch.org/NNIMIPA2.html>

for more information, which is steadily being updated, including a

Google calendar with course schedule, information about accommodation for out-of-town participants, etc.



our time is but a breath
so we better breathe it.

Breathe in

by Evelina Kvartunaite

It seems that spring is just around the corner and the sun comes out more often, which brings out smiles and freckles. It is indeed an amazing time - watching all the snow melt away and the trees blossoming, giving a new idea of *new*.

Life is full of surprises and miracles, and little unknown details. I hope you will always remember to wish

for the best things because good things come to the ones who believe in it. You deserve all the best, all the most amazing and wonderful things!

Don't be afraid of challenges or obstacles! Life always waits for some crisis to occur, before revealing itself in its most brilliant and fabulous shape.

