



# SDU International Club

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## October Calendar

"I did not fail, I just found out 1,000 ways it won't work"

Benjamin Franklin, American writer, politician, scientist (January 17, 1706 - April 17, 1790)

### **October 1<sup>st</sup>**

#### **IC does Lindy Hop**

Have fun dancing! Get a short introduction of Lindy Hop. Fun, music and nice people are guaranteed. Price: 25 kr. incl. social dancing until 22:00

More info at

<http://www.swingtheshoes.dk/>

### **October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 19.00**

#### **IC Dinner of the Month**

Join us for our monthly dinner at Simoncini Restaurant, Vestergade 70, 5000 Odense C.

Simoncini's is centrally located in Odense and offers homemade Mediterranean cuisine using organic ingredients. Have dinner with your fellow internationals and make some new friends. Sign up as soon as possible to enjoy the dinner of the month at [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk)

Price: 150 kr.

(one course and a glass of wine)

### **October 4<sup>th</sup>**

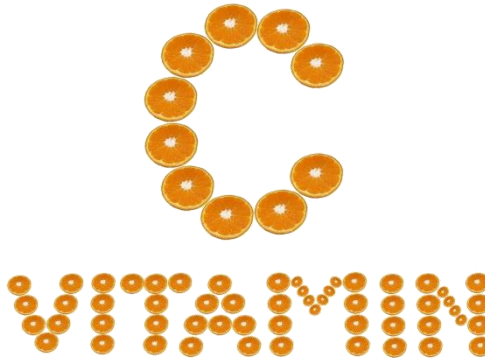
#### **SDU Fest**

The greatest party of the year!

SDU's anniversary and commencement party will be held on October 4th.

Buy your ticket for the Annual University Festival and meet your colleagues for dinner, live music, dancing and lots of

**Fun!**



## for the soul

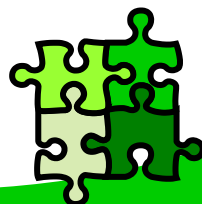
by Evelina Kwartunaite

Do you ever think about masks? I love masks. Facial masks. Body masks. Thermal baths and salt solution baths. They say only salt water helps – sweat, tears and ocean ... I love being able to inject my body with something it's lacking. Something that instantly makes it remember how to be better. How to shine more and be more luminous, how to avoid city hazards and sun pollution. I think it's magnificent how we learned to box and bottle such things. However, it's less easy to do that for our souls, for mind and for thoughts. Simple as that. A bottle of instant soul beautifier with orange seed power for vitamin c, anyone?

Is it easier to manage bodies even if we know that all comes from the inside? It's not the rain that washes away our tears, it's the tears that wash away the heavy thoughts, the rocks on our soul that have been crowding the insides too much.

And on the same train of thought, I think it's sad that people lost the beauty of the word. Mask. Is it to hide, or to cover? How quickly we misunderstand. How would you see an invisible man if he didn't wear a mask? In Japan, one theatre style works only with masks. Otherwise, you wouldn't know the emotion. Does this mean our world often drowns with assumed emotion? Did the smile become the best and most perfectly working mask of the day? And what if someone wears masks that are completely the same as their faces?...

So many thoughts and so little time to apply them in one evening ...



## **October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 20.00**

### **After dinner drinks**

Nelle's Coffee & Wine,  
Rosenbaek Torv 1, 5000 Odense C.

There is something for everyone at Nelle's. During the day, freshly baked bread and juice are on offer. However, in the evening they serve simple plates of great cheeses and charcuterie along with delicious wines from all over the world. Join us for an evening of sampling in a cozy atmosphere.

## **October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 16.00**

### **For moms-to-be:**

### **Preparation for childbirth**

Odense University Hospital offers an evening course in English.

We will talk about what to expect when you are going to give birth in Denmark.

The training and preparation is for you and your partner!

Meeting point : OUH, Entrance 1,  
the hospital "hotel" 1st floor

If interested, please write an e-mail to the midwife Christine Tranberg

[christine.tranberg@rsyd.dk](mailto:christine.tranberg@rsyd.dk)

## **October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 18.00**

### **SDU Ladies Night Out**

### **Vegetarian pot-luck**

After the last great evening, we invite you again to a fun vegetarian potluck dinner.

Katharina has been so kind as to invite us to her house, where we can discuss work/life balance while eating delicious vegetarian food!

Please bring a dish to share for 4 people and your drink.

Hostess: Katharina Maute

Address: Gartner Haven 6, st. (ground floor),  
5000 Odense C.

### ***For families and Children:***

### ***"Wooooh!"***

### **Halloween Party on**

### **November 1<sup>st</sup>**

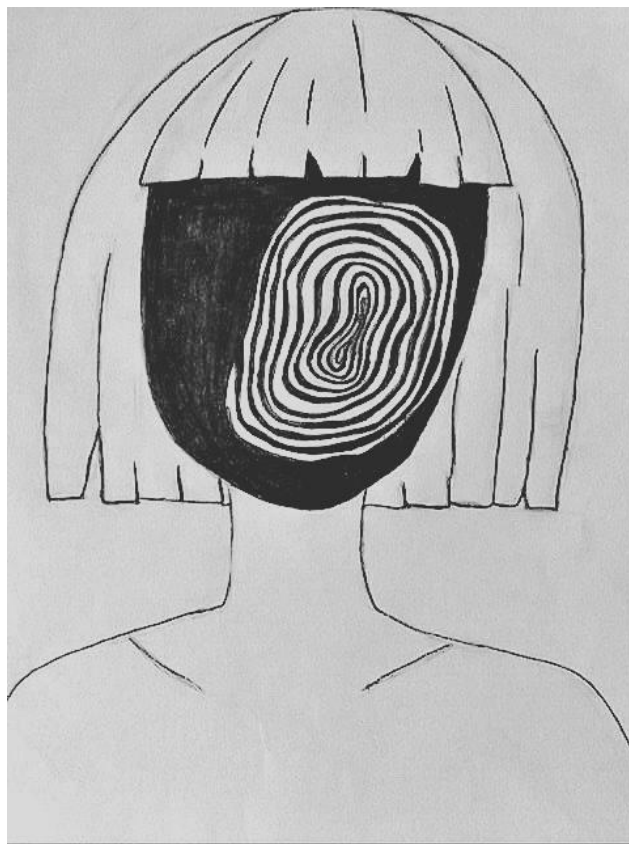
It is autumn again and Halloween is sneaking up on us. We would like to invite you all to come to our house for a Halloween celebration.

We will have the requisite pumpkin carving contest. Halloween is, of course, a costume event. If you are foolhardy enough to show up without a costume, you will be subject to a face-paint makeover.

The party will begin at sundown, 4:30 (yes, that is the official sundown time for November 1st). We will continue until all pumpkins are carved and all candy collected.

Please bring children, friends and of course your own pumpkin.

More details will follow!



*by Evelina Kvartunaite*

How many things do we take for granted? How for granted is actually granted?

Sometimes, I feel that most of the things in life we are given are actually not to be kept, not to be held. They are there to show us the limits, the beauty, the moments, the simplicity. And yet it takes a lot of life to see it. And I am not even talking about the unconditional love we get from our families or chances and opportunities, or even the HDTV and mobile phones and chances to meet your long lost friends on Facebook or other social media. I am not even talking about the "Oh yes" moments. I am talking about the everyday, little things. Little things that actually make up lives ... Make up what we are, make us whole - sometimes with a few holes - but, eventually, we learn to handle that too, it seems.

And it's not about the drama value. Nor it is about living with the least we can. It is about making peace with how non-permanent everything is. How insignificant in the bigger sense it was, actually, to miss that train this morning, or spill the coffee or accidentally misspell a word in a very important letter. I want to live my life as if everything in the end falls into place. I want to know that no matter what happens, I will be OK. And I will be a better version of myself.

