



SDU International Club

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August Calendar

A scientist in his laboratory is not a mere technician: he is also a child confronting natural phenomena that impress him as though they were fairy tales.

Marie Skłodowska Curie (7 November 1867 – 4 July 1934), Polish-French physicist-chemist

August 12th @ 11.00 **The International Moms' group meeting Café Biografen**

(Brandts Passage 39, Odense C)

Being a mother is one of the most rewarding experiences in life.

Let's share our experiences of motherhood, expectations, doubts and other feelings with other moms in the same circumstances.

Come with your questions or comments to the next moms' group meeting. We support you!

August 14th @ 15.00 **Open air concert at the Meadow ('Engen'), Fruens Bøge 12**

Come to the largest open air concert in Odense and hear a classical music repertoire by Odense Symphony Orchestra.

This landmark annual event has been running in Odense since 2002. Every year hundreds turn up to listen, picnic and enjoy the beautiful green surroundings of the Meadow.

Price: free

The event is also for children!

There will be a children's tent where they can get a free "face painting", hear a fantastic music performance and have some fun!

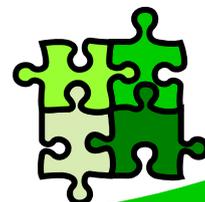


It's said that life teaches us who we are. And I do believe it never ceases to surprise. It also questions our reality. At least I do. Reality of what? Love is usually the best way to see how little reality means to us. That never ceases to amaze me. "Has it ever struck you . . . that life is all memory, except for the one present moment that goes by you so quickly you hardly catch it going? It's really all memory . . . except for each passing moment."
~ Tennessee Williams

Jack Kerouac once said that all of life is a foreign country. Every day is a gift. Every day is a beautiful discovery. And sometimes bad things happen; things that make your shiny surface break a little, or splinter. Yet if you keep it and if you keep breathing, you won't fall into pieces... "Yes, terrible things happen, but sometimes those terrible things – they save you." (Chuck Palahniuk). And just like Søren Kierkegaard said, things only make sense in retrospect: "One day, in retrospect, the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful." (S. Freud)

The more I try to understand how fabulous life is and how many unexpected and magical things it has in store, the more I realise that the best we can do is to let it go and just watch it as a river flowing. All the encounters, all the details, midnight walks and talks till dawn, all the fire we can make and enjoy, the more full we become!

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August 16th@ 19.00 **Monthly Stammtisch**

After the summer break we recommence our popular monthly International Club dinners.

This year the Stammtisch will be held at

**Alfred and Kamilla,
Rudgårdsvej 103, 5000 Odense C**

This is a non-traditional restaurant serving both food of Danish origin and Italian and French food. In this spacious and convivial, completely renovated restaurant you can enjoy a very relaxed and informal atmosphere while tasting fresh and exciting dishes.

Everyone most welcome!

Please see their link:

<http://www.alfredogkamilla.dk/stedet.html>

Join the Stammtisch and enjoy the experience!

Sign up NOW at sgg@sdu.dk

Price: 120 kr. incl. main dish and a glass of wine.

August 17th, 20th, 24th & 27th **@ 11.30**

Series of four free classical music concerts Grøntsagerskoncert

(Concert of Vegetables!!)

Carl Nielsen Sal (Hall), Odense

**The Odense symphony Orchestra
will perform works by**

17/8: Andersen, Beethoven, Donizetti, Dukas,
Haydn and Tjajkovskij

20/8: Andersen, Beethoven, Donizetti, Dukas,
Haydn and Tjajkovskij

24/8: Lutoslawski, Mussorgskij, Nordgren and
Sibelius

27/8: Debussy, Mozart and Ravel

August 19th @ 11.00

The International Spouses' and Partners' Group meeting at Cuckoo's Nest Cafe

The International Staff Office would like to invite you to a meeting of the International Spouses' and Partners' group on the **19th of August!!!** Once again it is an opportunity to meet interesting people, have a cup of coffee, exchange experiences and also discuss issues important to you.

During this meeting we wish to share with you some important information about 'Work in Denmark' and what they can offer all of you!

**SO COME JOIN THE FUN
AND GET SOME USEFUL TIPS AND INFO!**

Having a coke with you

*is even more fun than going to San Sebastian, Irún,
Hendaye, Biarritz, Bayonne
or being sick to my stomach on the Travesera de Gracia in
Barcelona
partly because in your orange shirt you look like a better
happier St. Sebastian
partly because of my love for you, partly because of your
love for yoghurt
partly because of the fluorescent orange tulips around the
birches
partly because of the secrecy our smiles take on before
people and statuary
it is hard to believe when I'm with you that there can be
anything as still
as solemn as unpleasantly definitive as statuary when
right in front of it
in the warm New York 4 o'clock light we are drifting back
and forth
between each other like a tree breathing through its
spectacles
and the portrait show seems to have no faces in it at all,
just paint
you suddenly wonder why in the world anyone ever did
them
I look
at you and I would rather look at you than all the portraits
in the world
except possibly for the Polish Rider occasionally and
anyway it's in the Frick
which thank heavens you haven't gone to yet so we can
go together the first time
and the fact that you move so beautifully more or less
takes care of Futurism
just as at home I never think of the Nude Descending a
Staircase or
at a rehearsal a single drawing of Leonardo or
Michelangelo that used to wow me
and what good does all the research of the Impressionists
do them
when they never got the right person to stand near the
tree when the sun sank or for that matter Marino Marini
when he didn't pick the rider as carefully as the horse
it seems they were all cheated of some marvellous
experience
which is not going to go wasted on me which is why I am
telling you about it
~ Frank O'Hara*

