



Once you label me you negate me.

Søren Kierkegaard,
Danish philosopher, 1813-1855

3rd May @ 10.00, SDU room 097

Spousecare-SDU course: Job search and Starting your own business

After the first course: General Information and Danish work Culture held on April 12, we are glad to invite all the SDU international staff's spouses to be part in this interesting and useful upcoming activity.

**7th May @ 17.00,
SDU Auditorium U100**
Piano concert

at the International Club
Giacomo Di Tollo the Italian piano player from the Pescara Conservatory will perform for us a very attractive program that includes Tosti, Bellini, Verdi, Puccini, Liszt among others. Please read about him and the program of the night in this Newsletter.

You cannot miss it!

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Jewels of Life

by Evelina Kvirtunaite

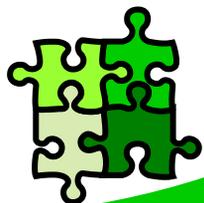
People sometimes say that the way things happen in the movies is unreal, but actually it's the way things happen to you in life that's unreal.

The movies make emotions look so strong and real, whereas when things really do happen to you, it's like watching television — you don't feel anything. ~ Andy Warhol

Do you ever remember to step back and look at your life as if it was a river – always surprised by its unfolding. Do you ever remember to give yourself a gift. An idea of one or a real beautiful something. Life is what you make of it and is as beautiful as you manage to accessorize it. Don't forget that! And don't forget to smile since a smile is the most beautiful curve on your body! ☺

...And, as Benjamin Button said, for what it's worth: it's never too late or, in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, stop whenever you want. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. And I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people with a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of. If you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start all over again.

Accessorize your life with happiness!



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11th May @ 19.30, "Da Filippo", Italian restaurant, Buchwaldsgade 11, Odense C
Stammtisch

We meet once again to enjoy an international table and excellent Italian food.

Price: 100 Kr. incl a glass of red wine and a main dish.

Please sign up for this activity at sqq@sdu.dk

19th May @ 19.00, Theater Momentum, Filsofgangen 19, Odense
Arabian Night at the International Club

Amnesty Odense organizes the "Arabian Night" focus on human rights during the current uprisings in the Middle East. A debate, music and poetry will be part of the event.

Naser Khader, Lars Normann Jørgensen among others will be guests of the evening, please read more about the event in this Newsletter.

A very interesting activity hope to meet you there!

21st May @ 19.00:
Bus departure from Dannebrogsgade (close to the Main train station)
Trip to Silkeborg

The International Club invites all of you to this wonderful excursion around Jutland. We are visiting Aqua, an aquarium and an animal park in Silkeborg, please see

<http://www.feriskvandscentret.dk/aqua/velkommen/>

If you prefer you can choose to visit the Museum Jorn, have a look at <http://www.museumjorn.dk/da/museumjorn.asp>

We plan to enjoy the good weather and the fantastic nature of the surroundings. See

<http://.himmelbjerget.dk/hovedside-eng.html>

IMPORTANT: Aquarium entrance price: 95Kr adults/ 50Kr.children

You have to pay the entrance to the Aquarium or Museum and the International Club pays for the bus :0)

Remember to bring your own drinks and food for the trip.

More info and details for the trip later on.



You Are

—anonymous Jewish Commentary

You are strong when you take your grief and teach it to smile.

You are brave when you overcome your fear and help others to do the same.

You are happy when you see a flower and give it your blessing.

You are loving when your own pain does not blind you to the pain of others.

You are wise when you know the limits of your wisdom.

You are true when you admit there are times you fool yourself.

You are alive when tomorrow's hope means more to you than yesterday's mistake.

You are growing when you know what you are but not what you will become.

You are free when you are in control of yourself and do not wish to control others.

You are honorable when you find your honor is to honor others.

You are generous when you take as sweetly as you can give.

You are humble when you do not know how humble you are.

You are thoughtful when you see me just as I am and treat me just as you are.

You are merciful when you forgive in others the faults you condemn in yourself.

You are beautiful when you don't need a mirror to tell you.

You are rich when you never need more than you have.

You are what you are and that is enough for anyone to be loved.





Interview with Giacomo Di Tollo

The IC Newsletter is pleased to welcome a former member of our International Club, who has decided to come back to Odense this year: **Giacomo di Tollo**. Giacomo di Tollo works as a PostDoc researcher at the University of Angers in France, but this is not really what this interview is about...

«I arrived at Odense last year, in this very same period of the year, since I was the recipient of a scholarship from the Italian Foreign Affairs Department. It was a nice experience: I am still in contact with members of the International Community, and more in general, of the City of Odense. I am back to continue working on some research topics, and I was prompted to make an «appearance» to show my side-interests».

When talking about «side-interests», Giacomo refers to his musical activity: other than being a researcher, he is indeed a concert pianist and he has performed all over Europe. He will perform a concert at SDU on May 7 at 5pm in the Auditorium U100.

«Actually, I will be glad to perform here, also because there is a message I want to convey to the audience: this year (2011), represents the 150° anniversary of Italy as a unified nation: in the program I will perform music from the greatest Italian tradition: Opera. I will play transcriptions and fantasies on Opera arias and choirs, made by eminent composers from the past as Liszt, Raff etc. These were a homage given by them to our musical tradition, even when Italy was not unified. I think it is important to show that the musical world has always shown admiration and respect for our products...»

Do you perform your own music as a sort of musical homage to Italy (as a unified nation) as well? (Smiles)

«No, not at all. I have rewritten the Overture from Semiramide for piano, transcription for organ, but I wouldn't say that this is my composition. Indeed, I am also interested in composing, but the music I write is generally related to my interests in research and it is not really appropriate for this happening»

So, do you try to combine your main interests in music and your scientific research?

«Not at all....to me, they are separate entities, it is true that some methodologies acquired along my scientific work have helped me to «decode» better the musical text, but the analogies end there. Musical objects are too subjective to be applied to the scientific experimental analysis. However, we still need something irrational and magic to fill the gaps created by the Scientific Society...and Opera has a real power in this direction: to stimulate imagination...and to impose at once the Italian Language as a language of music to a great audience, from Tokyo to Madrid, and from Oslo to Johannesburg».

Then, just a few notes to remind us that Italy is the «patria del Belcanto», and that this year is its Anniversary: join us at the Auditorium U100 at SDU on May 7 at 5pm.

