



JULY & AUGUST 2010

SUMMER OF ANTWERP CONCERTS, MOVIES, PARTIES

For more than a month, there's music, movies, stunts and parties all over Antwerp's hidden corners, like an industrial site in the harbor where everybody watches the sunset (and nothing else) from a wooden stage, or Royal Deluxe's giant dolls making the city into the decor of their fairytale-like street theatre. In the first three weeks of August, a big screen is set up near the river and some temporary sand-dunes are spread out under a large hangar – open at the sides to allow the breeze to blow through. Just bring a bottle of wine and an oversized beachtowel. No cinema will ever beat this. But watch out: the 'Summer' is so popular that the bigger concerts and acts are sold out in no time. Never mind if you don't get to those, because you can always catch free jazz or tango on a little square. Prices vary, but movies and outdoor concerts are usually free.

www.zomervanantwerpen.be

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OPEN AIR CONCERTS RIVIERENHOF

In a big park on the outskirts of town we have an open-air amphitheatre with a stage surrounded by a fountain. We just use it in summer, and only international acts are invited to play. This year, big international artists and bands like Dj Shadow, Paolo Nutini, the Original Wailers and Beirut come to rock the amphitheatre. Free exotic partybands on Friday.

www.openluchttheater.be

4 SEPTEMBER 2010

LAUNDRY DAY FESTIVAL

The Laundry Day Festival started as a small street festival that didn't even have a stage. Today it's a giant electronic music festival that has 13 stages and over 60.000 visitors each year. It may be a little less cosy these days, but that also means that there's just more people having fun at the same time.

www.laundryday.be

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2010

FASHION STOCK SALES

Crazy for Dries van Noten and Veronique Branquinho but always short on cash? We know the routine! The stylish but poor might want to know that stocksales are organised twice a year spread over the North of town. In order to create some space in their warehouses, Antwerp's most famous designers sell their leftover stock at reduced prices: you might walk out fully dressed for the money normally spent on underwear (fashionable underwear, that is). Dates and locations per designer: www.ffi.be/en/mod_news

5 MARCH - 20 NOVEMBER 2011

ANTWERP EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL

In 2011, Antwerp will be the capital of young Europe. Opening party on 5 March on a top-secret location. Rest of the program will be presented later.

www.aeyc2011.be

APRIL 2011

FASHION STOCK SALES

same thing as in November

12 JUNE - 17 JULY 2011

SINKSENF00R FAIR

One of the largest carnivals in Belgium. You know the drill: cheap entertainment, boxcars and arcade games, eating fat sweet food (like the local 'smoutebollen') and being sick afterwards in the spinning attractions. Definitely not the most tasteful event in Antwerp, but a good way to get an idea what the Antwerp Joe Average looks like when he's having fun.

JUNE 2011

(date not confirmed yet)

ANTWERP PRIDE

Antwerp has a proud gay community. There's gay bars, bookshops, clubs, ... all over the city. But the Antwerp Pride is not your regular gay parade, with booming music and purple feathers though. One weekend in June we just do that little extra: a guided hysterical city bus tour, underwear or even goldenshowerparties, free photo-shoots, gender-transformation theatre... There's something for everyone's taste.

www.antwerppride.com