

MAY 2017
EUROPE MONTH
IN SAUDI ARABIA



الشهر الأوروبي
في المملكة العربية السعودية

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CONCERT

CLASSICAL
MUSIC CONCERT

Austrian violinist, Gernot Winischhofer, German cellist, Kerstin Feltz and Zoltan Füressary, piano, play works of Beethoven, Brahms and Haydn.

By Invitation Only

GERMANY



MAY 2

20.00PM

VENUE=====

Residence of the German Ambassador



CONFERENCE

A CENTURY AFTER SYKES-PICOT AGREEMENT, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF STATES AND FRONTIERS IN MIDDLE-EASTERN COUNTRIES?

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Almost in secret, on May 16, 1916, the Sykes-Picot agreements were signed between the British and French, dismembering the Ottoman Empire.

Slimane Zeghidour, writer, researcher, journalist, will explain how a century later, the region, plunged in total chaos, raises the question of a redesign of borders that have become more unstable than ever.

Language: French

FRANCE



MAY 4

20.00PM

VENUE=====

Embassy of France



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EUROPE DAY

CELEBRATION

EUROPEAN UNION



MAY 9

19.30PM

VENUE=====

Tuwaiq Palace (Diplomatic Quarter)

CONTACT

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On the occasion of the celebration of Europe Day 2017, H.E. Ambassador Michele Cervone D'Urso, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Riyadh, will officially launch a series of public cultural events which will take place during the month of May. The singing of the European Union anthem by the Choir of the Swedish School of Riyadh will be followed by a reception.

9MAY 2017
OPEN DAY

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EXHIBITION

EUROPEAN CULTURAL IDENTITIES THROUGH THE PRISM OF TRADITIONAL CLOTHING

EUROPEAN UNION



MAY 10-17

12.30PM

VENUE=====

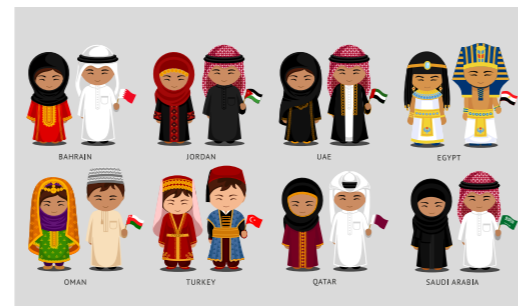
Kingdom Centre (Almamlaka Shopping Centre, ground floor)

CONTACT

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In the framework of Europe Month celebrations, H.E. Ambassador Michele Cervone D'Urso, Head of the Delegation of the European Union in Riyadh, will inaugurate a traditional clothing exhibition organised in co-operation with the Kingdom Centre, the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage and the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The launching of the exhibition <>European cultural identities through the prism of traditional clothing>> will be followed by a performance of Saudi folklore dancers and a light reception.

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CONCERT

CLASSICAL PIANO CONCERT

EUROPEAN UNION



MAY 10

20.00PM

VENUE=====

Residence of the Ambassador of the European Union

Martin Hršel is a graduate of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. Among his first successes, Martin won the 1st prize in Smetana International Competition in 1976 and Prague Academy Competition in 1981, and represented the Czech Republic in XI Chopin International Competition in Warsaw in 1985. Martin has devoted his life to teaching piano. Since 2008 till today, Martin has been working as musical expert at the Piano Center Abu Dhabi, under the Ministry of Culture Youth & Community Development. His Emirati students regularly participate in concerts across the U.A.E. and have been awarded in many U.A.E. piano competitions. Since 2014, Martin has been also teaching at the New York University in Abu Dhabi. Martin has participated as a jury member in a number of international and Czech national piano competitions. Since 2013, Martin has been the Artistic Director of International Schubert Competition for Piano Duos in Jeseník, Czech Republic.

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FILM

COLONIA DIGNIDAD (2015)

GERMANY



MAY 10

20.00PM

VENUE=====

Embassy of Germany (pool area)

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Inspired by true events, Colonia tells the story of Lena and Daniel, a young couple, who become entangled in the Chilean military coup of 1973. Daniel is abducted by Pinochet's secret police and Lena tracks him to a sealed off area in the South of the country, called Colonia Dignidad. The Colonia presents itself as a charitable mission run by lay preacher Paul Schäfer but, in fact, is a place nobody ever escaped from. Lena decides to join the cult in order to find Daniel. Colonia is a marriage of a political thriller and an unforgettable love story set during one of the Cold War's darkest chapters. Academy Award® winning filmmaker Florian Gallenberger directed Colonia based on a script written by him and Torsten Wenzel.

Language: German/English Subtitles



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SHORT FILM

DAISY
(2016)

POLAND



MAY 11

19.30PM

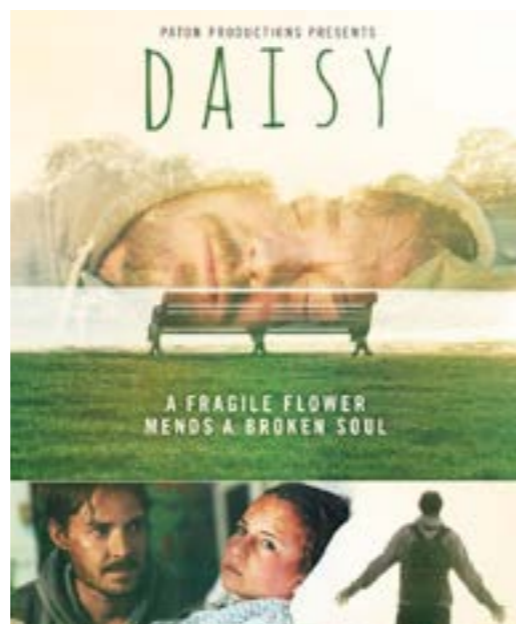
VENUE

Residence of the Polish Ambassador

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Daisy depicts the last days of a thirteen-year-old girl Daisy (Hattie Gotobed), who suffers from severe Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) and by chance meets Stinky aka Peter (Max Brown), a British Iraq war veteran who suffers from drug addiction. Like Peter Pan, Stinky is stuck in Neverland and like Wendy; Daisy inspires him to change his ways. She helps him learn to appreciate life, find home, but most importantly find love, something that she will never experience.



Language: English



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DOCUMENTARY

ABAYA FASHION
(2017)

POLAND



MAY 11

19.30PM

VENUE

Residence of the Polish Ambassador

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Abaya fashion. The traditional abaya serves as an important symbol of Islamic and nationalistic identity for people in the Arab Gulf states. Recently the Abaya has moved beyond the Arab Gulf states, emerging into the world at large and adapting yet again to meet the needs and tastes of Westernised Muslim women. Moreover, it has been adopted into the world of Western high fashion and is now being worn by non-Muslim women. It has become a truly global garment but the mystery around its origins still remains, begging the question as to where did the Abaya really come from.



Language: English

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CONCERT

CZECH PIANIST MARTIN HRŠEL

Poland
Czech Republic



MAY 12

19.30PM

VENUE

Residence of the Polish Ambassador

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Classical music.



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CONCERT

IN THE STEPS OF BÉLA BARTÓK,
AT THE GATES OF WORLDS

HUNGARY



MAY 14

19.00PM

VENUE

Embassy of Hungary

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Guessous Majda Mária (Meshi) is a Hungarian Moroccan Junior Prima Award winner singer given her roots, she is the authentic presenter of both the Hungarian culture and those of the East. She graduated from Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest and she is working there as a teacher and artist of the Musique Europe programme. With her group, she performed in the USA, Turkey, Morocco, Kazakhstan, India, Azerbaijan, Bahrain and very recently, in Kuwait. Various music traditions will come together this evening.



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FILM

MAMMA MIA!
(2008)

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An independent, single mother who owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island, Donna is about to let go of Sophie, the spirited daughter she's raised alone. For Sophie's wedding, Donna has invited her two lifelong best girlfriends-practical and no-nonsense Rosie and wealthy, multi-divorcee Tanya--from her one-time backing band, Donna and the Dynamos. But, Sophie has secretly invited three guests of her own.

Language: English/Greek Subtitles

GREECE



MAY 14

19.30PM
VENUE====
Embassy of Greece



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FILM

DE MARATHON
(2012)

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After finding out that they have a debt of EUR40.000 with the tax service, four very out-of-shape men working at a car shop start to train for a marathon, in which they can win the money to pay the debt. A feel good comedy with a message about friendship, integration and sports! And, very special, the movie was shot in Amsterdam as well as in Rotterdam!

Language: English

THE NETHERLANDS



MAY 15

19.00PM
VENUE====
Embassy of the Netherlands



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INSPIRATIONS

THE WORK OF FASHION-DESIGNER
DRIES VAN NOTEN THROUGH THE
LENS OF MARLEEN DANIËLS

CONTACT/BOOKING
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Marleen Daniëls will exhibit a series of original photographs of the work of iconic fashion designer Dries Van Noten, who lives and works in Antwerp, Belgium. He began his career in 1986, when he presented his first menswear collection as part of the Antwerp Six collective. Dries Van Noten's work is characterized by the use of prints, colors, original fabrics and layering. Marleen Daniëls began a career as fashion photographer simultaneously with the upcoming Belgian fashion designers in the late eighties. She works as portrait-, fashion-and travel-photographer.

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BELGIUM



MAY 14

20.00PM
VENUE====
Residence of the Belgian Ambassador



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FILM

VIVIR ES FÁCIL CON LOS OJOS
CERRADOS (LIVING IS EASY WITH
EYES CLOSED) (2013)

CONTACT/BOOKING
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The film that swept Spain's Goya Awards in 2014 follows the story of an English school-teacher and Beatles enthusiast who travels to Almeria in the hope of meeting his idol John Lennon, who is there shooting a film. En route, he crosses paths with two young outcasts-a runaway teenage boy and a pregnant single girl-and together they embark on an unforgettable road trip.

Language: Spanish/English Subtitles

SPAIN



MAY 16

20.00PM
VENUE====
Residence of the Spanish Ambassador



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FILM

SOAP OPERA
(2014)

ITALY



MAY 17

20.00PM

VENUE
Embassy of Italy

CONTACT/BOOKING

oasitalia.reservations@gmail.com

In a small building in Milan, on the eve of New Year, all the neighbors are struggling with their stories. Francesco loves Anna, but their story is broken by Paolo, who claims to be gay and in love with Francis. All of you are upset and bring the case to the police, and Francesco and Anna manage to find only the love a few seconds before the new year.



Language: Italian/English Subtitles



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CONCERT

CONCERT PERFORMED
BY MTQ BAND

GERMANY



MAY 18

20.00PM

VENUE
Embassy of Germany

CONTACT/BOOKING

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The MTQ band will play live music.



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FILM

SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS
(2016)

UNITED KINGDOM



MAY 21

20.00PM

VENUE
British Embassy

CONTACT/BOOKING

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/filminriyadh

Four children dream of escaping the tedium of a summer holiday with their mother. When finally given permission to camp on their own on an island in the middle of a vast lake, they are overjoyed. But when they get there they discover they may not be alone...

The battle for ownership of a lonely island teaches them the skills of survival, the value of friendship and the importance of holding your nerve.

Language: English/Arabic Subtitles



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FILM

Dossier K.
(2009)

BELGIUM



MAY 22

19.30PM

VENUE
Residence of the Belgian Ambassador

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Dossier K. is a hard-hitting crime thriller, reuniting the buddy cops from the internationally acclaimed The Alzheimer Case. This time they are a bit older, a bit more cautious, and struggling with the 'new approach' to crime control. The film plunges us into a violent clash between two worlds: the Albanian mountain clans trying to hold on to their ancient codes, and a modern metropolis desperately protecting its brittle privileges from invasion. Caught in the eye of that storm are a young Albanian on a mission-of-honor to avenge his father and a lovesick cop dead set on stopping the blood feud. By the time both find out they've been manipulated from the outset, they are on a fatal collision course.

Language: Dutch and Albanian/English Subtitles



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FILM

THE GILDED CAGE
(2013)

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For thirty years Maria and José Ribeiro have been living on the ground floor of a building in one of the most exclusive districts of Paris. Everybody loves them.

So, the day Maria and José announce their wish to return to Portugal, everybody is determined to make their plan fall through.

Language: French/English Subtitles

FRANCE



MAY 23

20.00PM

VENUE

Embassy of France



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FILM

THE WOMEN ON THE 6TH FLOOR
(2010)

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In 1960s Paris, a conservative couple's lives are turned upside down by two Spanish maids. An amazing comedy dismantling racism and wrong assumptions.

Language: French/English Subtitles

FRANCE



MAY 30

20.00PM

VENUE

Embassy of France



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FILM

FLORBELA
(2012)

CONTACT/BOOKING

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Portugal, 1920. Florbela Espanca, a woman ahead of her time and a famous poet, throws herself into a third marriage after two failed experiences. She believes that to please the new tender man in her life, she has to act as a traditional housewife. So, she stops writing but soon feels restless and frustrated. When her brother, Apeles calls her to Lisbon, she runs away from her too quiet home to join him. Together they throw themselves into the dark side of the capital: alcohol, political riots, open air balls and their strong mutual attraction. Florbela finds herself torn between two forces: the love of her husband and the turmoil brought by Apeles. When the latter dies, piloting a plane, her world collapses. Only one thing can save her: writing.

Language: Portuguese/English Subtitles

PORTUGAL



MAY 24

20.00PM

VENUE

Embassy of Portugal



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CONFERENCE

JEAN-ROBERT ARMOGATHE
"MARTIN: FROM THE LEGEND TO
THE HISTORY"

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Jean-Robert Armogathe, is an historian, graduated from L'Ecole Normale Supérieure and President of The Société d'étude du XVIIe. He will talk about Martin of Tours, a roman soldier who became an administrative and political leader.

Language: French

FRANCE



MAY 31

20.00PM

VENUE

Embassy of France



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