

Hot dates Amsterdam

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EVENTS

HISWA 2006 Until March 5

The annual boat show offers everything for the beginner to experienced water sports enthusiast.

RAI, Europaplein 22; +31 20 5491212; www.hiswa.nl



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL March 8-12

Recent international feature films and documentaries on human rights, plus discussions, debates and talks.

Various locations; www.amnesty.nl



China Blue

SWAN LAKE March 22-April 9

The Dutch National Ballet perform Rudi van Dantzig's inspired version of the Tchaikovsky classic.

Het Muziektheater, Amstel 3; +31 20 6255455; www.muziektheater.nl

CINEMASIA March 30-April 8

A diverse mix of Asian independent features, shorts and documentaries, plus a number of special events.

Various locations; www.cinemasia.nl

CABARET Until July 1

US film director Sam Mendes' provocative take on this classic musical set in 1930s' Nazi Germany.

Carré, Amstel 115-125; 0900 2525255 (NL only); www.theatercarre.nl



EASTERN CURRENT March 8, 10, 11

Choreographer Ming-Lung Yang's new work for the experimental Dance Forum Taipei and members of the Opera Company of Guogang, inspired by his fascination for the 1,000-year-old Chinese puppetry tradition.

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EXHIBITIONS

DE LÁSZLÓ IN HOLLAND

March 3-June 5

Pope Leo XII, US president Theodore Roosevelt and Queen Elizabeth II all had their portraits painted by Hungarian-born Philip Alexius de László (1869-1937). This exhibition focuses on his portraits of Dutch aristocrats and entrepreneurs.

Museum Van Loon; Keizersgracht 672; +31 20 6245255; www.museumvanloon.nl

HENRI CARTIER-BRESSON

Until April 2

A retrospective of the hugely influential 20th-century French photographer and founding member of the Magnum picture agency.

Foam, Keizersgracht 609; +31 20 5516500; www.foam.nl

INDONESIA: THE DISCOVERY OF THE PAST Until April 17

300 masterpieces of Indonesian heritage. De Nieuwe Kerk, Dam Square; +31 20 6386909; www.nieuwekerk.nl



Wayang kulit figure, Batara Brama (1856)

RESTAURANTS

CHEZ GEORGES

Small and seductive, this restaurant in the Jordaan district is a veritable tour de force of Burgundian cuisine. Gourmants will love owner/chef George's superb combinations of meat and fish (opt for the five-course or seven-course menus).

Herenstraat 3; +31 20 626332.

BUBBLES & WINES

A new addition to the city, this subtly hip and classy wine and champagne establishment offers a large – yet eclectic – selection of 50 wines by the glass and 180 by the bottle. Try a "flight of wine" (three half glasses – they're big glasses!), whilst nibbling on gourmet delights such as black truffle served with freshly baked bread.

Nes 37; +31 20 4223318; www.bubblesandwines.com

HOT GIGS

Kaiser Chiefs March 1, *Heineken Music Hall*

Death Cab For Cutie March 8, *Melkweg*

Kelly Clarkson March 13, *Heineken Music Hall*

Nana Mouskouri March 13, *Concertgebouw*

Jools Holland & his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra March 18, *Paradiso*

Heather Nova March 20, *Pepsi Stage*

Henry Rollins March 21, *Paradiso*

Chris Rea March 22, *Heineken Music Hall*

The Darkness March 23, *Heineken Music Hall*

Simple Minds March 28, *Heineken Music Hall*

INTERNETSITES

www.hollandherald.nl

Holland Herald online

www.urbanguide.nl

For night owls and party-goers

www.expatca.com

Inside information for expats

www.specialbite.com

Cool and comprehensive restaurant guides

www.specialnite.com

Amsterdam nightlife guide

www.underwateramsterdam.com

Events and info galore

www.amsterdam.info

Useful tourist information

www.lastminuteticketshop.nl

Half-price tickets to events

Info and tickets: www.mojo.nl