

Feel at home in The Hague

The International Community Fair 2008

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As organisers of the Fair we remain committed to making the Fair a day out, and this year is no exception. In coming weeks articles about the third 'Feel at home in The Hague – The International Community Fair' will highlight some of the different 'activities' taking place. Today it is the turn of the Podium, sponsored by Ortel Mobile.

This year on the Podium we welcome back some familiar faces and are happy to introduce some new ones. Under the coordination and guidance of Toastmasters the performers will no doubt entertain us with their skill and passion for what they do. Following an opening performance of the more than 50 young musicians of Viotta Youth Orchestra (www.viotta.nl) the Fair will officially be opened by a representative of the Norwegian Embassy, invited to do so because of that country's link to the Nobel Prize Committee.

Prospero (www.prospero.nu), a foundation which has been bringing jazz concerts to the city since 1997 brings one to the Fair. Peter Beets, a world class jazz pianist will, with his trio, be performing peace compositions in jazz on the podium. Having shared the stage with the likes of Chick Corea, Wynton Marsalis and John Clayton, Peter will no doubt add some pizzazz to the day.

The AATG (www.aatg.nl) will tease us with a preview of their upcoming "Nonsense" show – and promise to bring more than a smile to our faces, while the 'bollywood' dances of NANMA will have tapping our feet in enjoyment and admiration of what these children can do. For displays of public speaking POWERtalk (www.powertalkinternational.com) as well as Toastmasters of The Hague (www.toastmasters.nl) will be on hand. For a moment of reflection Art of Living (www.artofliving.org) will show us how breathing can help us all relax in this hectic world and make a contribution to a better world – within and without.

Demonstrations of Aikido (www.ipaan.hagukumi.nl); Pilates (www.handsatwork.nl) and ballet dancing from Pointeworks Dance School will add some variety, while the voices of the Morgana Madrigaal Choir (www.morganamadrigaalkoor.nl) and music from Musantica (www.musantica.nl) a classical touch. And, hoping not to have left anyone out, we are proud to host the ASH Jazz Combo with students from an international school showing the international community how music can join us all.

For a detailed schedule of the Podium performances please consult www.FeelathomeinTheHague.com under Activities, and while there be sure to order your discounted tickets ahead of time.

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