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Director of Lëtzebuerg City Museum to Lead "Luxembourg Culinary Traditions" Cultural Forum Luxembourg Fest Weekend

BELGIUM, WISCONSIN, June 18, 2024. The Luxembourg American Cultural Society's tradition of hosting a Cultural Forum during Luxembourg Fest continues this summer with "Luxembourg Culinary Traditions" taking place Friday, August 9th at the Ozaukee Nonprofit Center in Grafton, Wisconsin. This year's theme centers around the concept of food playing an important role in shaping cultural identities, and is presented by Guy Thewes, the director of Lëtzebuerg City Museum and Villa Vauban, an art museum in Luxembourg City.

Doors open at 9:30 am for the forum, which features two sessions starting at 10 am: "Kuddelfleck, Gromperkichelcher a Judd mat Gaardebounen- the Invention of Luxembourg Culinary Traditions," and "The Eating Habits of Luxembourgers in the Past." A question-and-answer session will also take place before the forum wraps at noon.

Tickets cost \$30 for LACS members and \$35 for non-members, which includes light refreshments and educational materials, and can be purchased at:

<https://www.lacs.lu/luxembourg-fest-week/cultural-forum/>

Thewes, who will be flying in from Luxembourg for this event, is a published author in the field of urban, social and military history. He completed his doctorate at the University of Luxembourg, was appointed historian by the City of Luxembourg in 1993 and curator at the city's History Museum before being named director of the Lëtzebuerg City Museum and Villa Vauban in 2018.

The Cultural Forum is part of the overall Luxembourg Fest, which provides an authentic Luxembourg cultural experience in and around Belgium, Wisconsin August 9-11, 2024.



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Saturday, August 10, the traditional Hammelsmarsch (sheep march) commences at 11 am with a parade marching west down Belgium's Main Street to festival grounds at Community Park. There, guests will be immersed in Luxembourgish activities including folk dancing, dining on Luxembourg street food, watching or participating in the World's Largest Treipen-Eating Contest, and sipping the finest in Luxembourgish beers, wines and ciders as live music plays by band, The Other Side. A complimentary Kid's Zone will once again entertain the children.

Saturday night at 5 pm is "Luxembourg Under the Stars," an al fresco culinary experience that takes place under the tent in the Grand Duke Henri Square just outside the grounds of the Luxembourg American Cultural Society, where guests are treated to the Luxembourg Tasting Experience and a dinner curated by Luxembourg restaurant mogul, Tom Hickey and the Lowlands Group, paired with Luxembourg beer, wine and hard ciders imported by Port Washington's Ansay International.

Sunday is the Luxembourg Fest Mass, which begins on Fest grounds at 10 am. Followed by Mass will be the Luxembourg Fest pageantry, where Karen and Joe Jasper will be crowned the Duke and Duchess of Fest and the Jacoby family will be honored. Lunch is available for purchase after the pageantry. Magician and comedian Glen Gerard provides entertainment starting at 11:30 am.

From Thursday through Sunday, August 8-11, the LACS Museum, Gift Shop and Research Center will be open with waived admission fees from 10 am until 3 pm. Luxembourg's Marc Klein will provide complimentary genealogy assistance in the research center on Saturday, August 10th on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details and ticketing information, visit our website: www.lacs.lu.

Please contact Tara Williams with any press requests.

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