

Events

Murder in the family

The new production of Richard Strauss's opera *Elektra* playing at La Monnaie until February 4 is an auspicious occasion for examining the Elektra Complex (so named by Carl Jung) and other forms of family violence. Writer Lisa Appignanesi, below, (*Freud's Women*, with John Forrester, latest novel, *The Memory Man*) and Freud/Lacan scholar Paul Verhaeghe (*Love in Times of Solitude*) approach the topic from historic and psychoanalytical perspectives. Adding atmosphere, actress Sara De Bosschere reads from the original drama by Sophocles and Peter Tomek plays a piano adaptation from the opera's score. Discussion in English. **La Monnaie, Place de la Monnaie, January 24, 11.00, www.lamonnaie.be**



ISABELLE BOCCON-GIBOD

Talks/ Literature

Bozar

23 Rue Ravenstein (02.507.82.00)

Until JUNE 24 **Jeudis Lire:** monthly literary series on French-language authors in Belgium (in Fr):

KVS Bol

146 Rue de Laeken (02.779.59.00 www.citymined.org)

JAN 29, 20.00 Europe from the Bottom Up, discussion of how local actions can benefit from international connections, with key speaker Erik Swyngedouw (in Eng).

La Monnaie/De Munt

Pl de la Monnaie (070.23.39.39 www.lamonnaie.be www.passaporta.be)

JAN 24, 11.00 **A Stage with a View:** Writers Lisa Appignanesi and Paul Verhaeghe discuss

The agenda provides listings of events by category in Brussels. A final section lists events outside Brussels. Each section includes our selection of favourite events which are likely to sell out fast.

Events taking place this week are highlighted in red.

☺ Family-friendly or children's event

♥ Brussels unlimited favourite

FREE Admission free

To list an event, send details by post or email (sarah.crew@ackroyd.be) before 6pm on the Thursday 14 days before publication (or earlier). Include dates, times, venue, address and contact information. Listings are free but inclusion is not guaranteed because space is limited. Brussels is a bilingual city so every street and square has both a French and a Dutch name. To save space we list only the French name. For the Dutch translation, see www.ebru.be

the myth of Elektra and the heroine's desire to commit matricide. Actress Sara De Bosschere reads from original texts by Sophocles, Peter Tomek plays piano transcriptions of the opera by Richard Strauss (in Eng; simultaneous translation in Fr & Dutch).

Théâtre National

111-115 Blvd Emile Jacqmain (02.203.41.55 www.theatrenational.be)

JAN 29 & 30, 20.15 A Quiet Evening/Strange News by Josse De Pauw and composer George van Dam: an orchestra, a video projection, a narrator and a three-dimensional sound system combine to tell the story of a former child soldier who is finally able to rejoin society (in Eng).

Auctions

Le Librairie Alain Ferraton

162/8 Ch de Charleroi (02.538.69.17)

JAN 29 & 30, 13.00 Rare and modern books, drawings and prints.

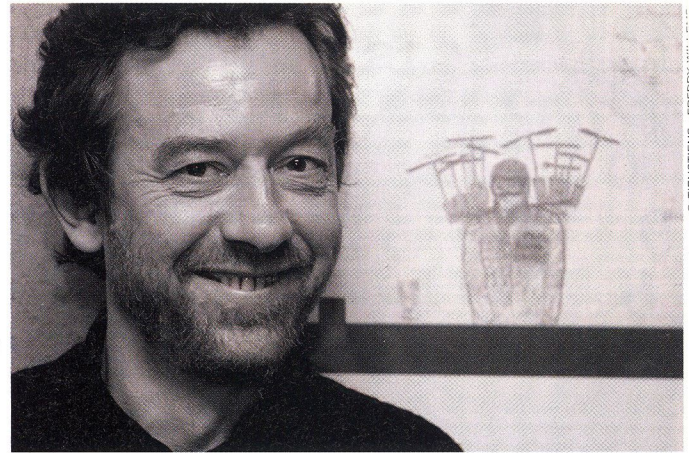
Viewing: JAN 22, 23 & 25-28, 10.00-19.00.

Uccle Saint-Job Salle des Ventes

638 Ch de Saint-Job (02.372.92.19 www.uccle-st-job.com)

JAN 26, 19.30 Art and design.

Viewing: JAN 23-26, 10.00-18.00.



Discussion

Europe from the Bottom Up

FREE Enough, already, of moaning and groaning about not having a voice in Europe's meta-decision-making processes. Here is your chance to join in, and not just by listening politely, with neighbourhood and urban activists from 13 European cities in a bridge-building, brainstorming session about working together to achieve international clout. Belgian-born political geographer Erik Swyngedouw, above, an expert on globalisation and professor at the University of Manchester, is the key speaker (in English). This is the first of several events, including next month's waffle-bake at the European Commission, in a year-long initiative culminating in November with an action plan to be crafted at Flagey. **KVS Bol, January 29, 20.00. Further information from City Mine(d), tel 02.779.59.00, www.citymined.org**

Special events

China in Bozar

Until JAN 29 Performances, exhibitions, screenings and talks held under the auspices of Europalia China. Details from 02.507.82.00 or www.bozar.be.

Europalia China

Until JAN 30 Festival celebrating Chinese culture - ancient to contemporary - with 450 events across the country. Details from www.europalia.eu.

Friday Singles Fever

From FEB 5, Fri, 20.30 ♥ Singles parties for expats and Belgians (ages 30-50), every first and third Friday of the month at Ric's River Boat, 44 Quai des Péniches (in front of Tour & Taxis). Details from 0492.03.36.93 or <http://users.skynet.be/rics-art-boat/>.

Poze III/Africa Town

Until MAY 29 Photography workshops and competition linked to the Africa Festival and Summer of Photography 2010. Amateur and professional photographers invited to send in their snaps of African life. Free disposable cameras available. Workshops in Dutch, French and English, Thursday, JAN 21. Details from www.bozar.be.

¡Viva México Festival!

Until MAY 24 Multidisciplinary arts festival marking the bicentenary of Mexico's independence and the centenary of its revolution at Bozar, 23 Rue Ravenstein. Exhibitions include Frida Kahlo, Mexican modernist architecture, contemporary photography and Imagènes des Mexicano, a major show on portraiture. Plus performances and screenings. Details from 02.507.82.00 or www.bozar.be.

Fairs/Gardens

Bozar

23 Rue Ravenstein (02.507.82.00) **JAN 23 & 24, 11.00-18.00** Art book fair, over 20,000 catalogues on sale.

Brussels Expo

Heysel (02.474.89.81 www.bruxpo.be) **Until JAN 24, Mon-Fri, 10.00-20.00; Sat & Sun, 10.00-18.30; JAN 22, until 22.00** European Motor Show Brussels, focus on green technology (www.salonauto.be).

Tour & Taxis

86C Ave du Port (www.brafra.be) **JAN 22-31, 11.00-19.00; JAN 26 & 28 until 22.30** ♥ Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair (BRAFA).