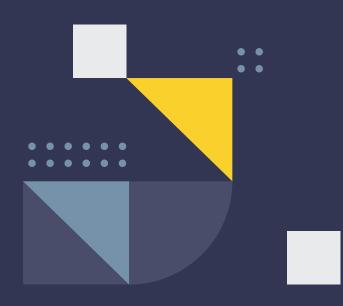


HASSELT - BELGIUM

25.26.27 October 2024



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GENERAL INFO

WWW.BOULEVARDBLUES.BE

- Code of conduct
- Info on bands and teachers
- Terms and conditions

LAST MINUTE UPDATES

Keep an eye out on our Facebook event and our Instagram account for last minute updates.



CHECK-IN

- Beginner check in @Vilderstraat 19.00h.
- General check-in from 20.30h on Friday evening. Building D @Elfde-Liniestraat 24.
- During your check-in you will get an envelope with everything you need. We ask you to wear the wristband throughout the whole weekend.
- If you are not coming on Friday, make sure to come 15 minutes before the start of your first class on Saturday.

SPECIAL NOTICE: CLASSES FOR BEGINNER TRACK START ON FRIDAY





All classes and parties will happen in the area of PXL education.



Hogeschool PXL Vildersstraat 5 B-3500 Hasselt



Party venue

Hogeschool PXL Elfde-Liniestraat 24 Hasselt (Building D)

You can reach the venue by car, by bike or foot from the city.

The train station is a 25 min walk from te venues.



PARKING



Parking = free & in front of the venue! You can use the parking across the street from building D



CAMPER VANS

You can come with your camper van. Info and conditions:

- The parking lot behind building D (Elfde-Liniestraat 24) will be used.
- Make sure to arrive on Friday between 18h30 and 21h00. After that there are no guarantees for a spot.
- Upon arrival come to building D (check in) and ask for Arden, he is our camper coordinator. He will tell you where to go.
- There is no electricity or water access at the parking lot.
- Toilets are available at building D during the hours of the festival only.
- Showers are only available Saturday and Sunday during the hours of the classes at the building that we will use in Vilderstaat nr5.
- Please leave the parking lot in a clean manner when you leave.







Our main venue (building D) has lots of space to sit, eat and chill together!

During the parties, no food will be sold, so bring snacks if you please. During the day time vending machines for heathy snacks & drinks are available.

One of the dancers offered to take care of LUNCH for participants. His name is Daniël Speek. You can make a reservation with him for Saturday and/or Sunday lunch! Interested? Check <u>THIS LINK</u> for more info + to order your food. Deadline = 22nd of October.



If you don't order your lunch with Daniël, make sure to bring your own lunch and snacks



TASTER CLASSES

We are happy to offer you some extra taster classes! You don't need to come with a partner to any of the tasters

SATURDAY WITH MEDA&VAIVA

Topic: Dancing together apart Level: All levels /open level



20.30h - 21.30h @The Monti

SATURDAY WITH EDMILSON

Topic: party dance / line dance Level: All levels /open level



20.30h - 21.30h @The Mirror

SUNDAY WITH EDMILSON

Topic: Solo choreography to be performed on Sunday night Level: Intermediate and up / people who want to perform with Edmilson



20.15h - 21.30h @The Mirror





Feel absolutely free to express yourself! At BB, no contests or lots of performances, we want to maximize our time together on the dance floor.

The bands start at 22h00 every night. It would be great to have as many people as possible when they kick off.

Dress code proposal Saturday party: black/glitter/gold/silver It can be bold or subtle, classic or casual! Just be yourself and only participate if it feels good for you!

Extra **photo shoot moment** on Saturday between 21.00h and 22.15h with Jiri, our photographer!

The dance floor at the party has a tile floor. Bring a few pairs of shoes to be sure that you can switch if needed.

We have an **unsupervised cloak room**. Please put your big bags and jackets there and keep your valuables with you at all times.

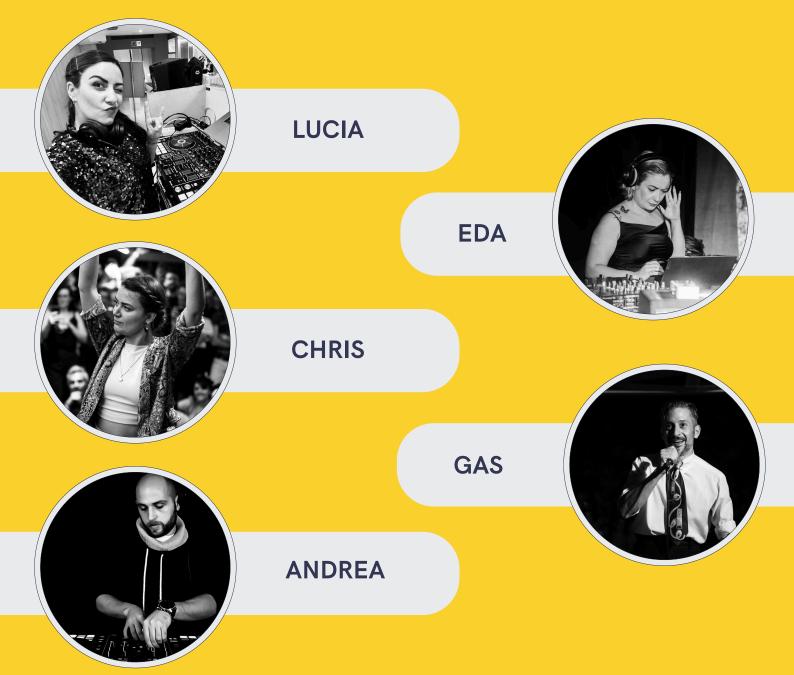
At the parties you can find a **Swivells shoe stand**. You can try and buy every night between 21h30 and 22h30 (contact = Alice Santini)

SUNDAY AFTER PARTY

At 01.15h on Sunday the party will stop at the main venue. BUT... for all the party animals that want to end the festival extra wild, we have a reservation at the club of 'Café café', a bar in the city center. We will all walk together and our DJ's Andrea and Lucia will make sure that you end the festival with a bang!

DJ's @ BB24

Our amazing DJ team doesn't need much introduction. Every single one of them is deeply involved in the blues community. They all teach locally or internationally, many of them are scene leaders, they are organizers, blues musicians... But most of all, they are dancers and knowledgeable lovers of authentic blues music. They will make you dance your beautiful asses off for sure.





CLASSES

- Be 5 to 10 minutes early in your dance studio, all classes will start on time.
- Bring a towel, a fan, your own water bottle and an extra t-shirt to class.
- During classes windows and doors will be open at all time. Bring a sweater or you can bring (or buy!) a Boulevard Blues jacket ;-)
- Floors are different at every dance studio. We advise you to bring 2 shoe options to class. If you have classes @The Playce, we advise you to bring sneakers and a slidey leather sole dance shoe.
- SPECIAL NOTICE: CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS START ON FRIDAY



Talk with Carley

This year we will do the talk AFTER the festival! All participants of the festival will be invited to join the webinar with Carley Harvey (USA) on Sunday the 15th of December at 7.30PM CET. Carley is DC's Queen of the Blues. Singer, musician and passionate to share her knowledge about the rich history of Afro-Indigenous communities. More info and a link will be sent after the festival!



Volunteers

Want to help out with a little shift? <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the schedule

Merchandise

There will be a Boulevard Blues merchandise shop on Saturday and Sunday. Make sure to stop by and take your beautiful memory. We sell: fans, jackets, tote bags and t-shirts. Please bring cash for this.

Jackets : 45€ Tote bag : 25€ T-shirt: 15€ Crop Top: 15€ Fan : 5€



Come sing with us...

In the past 2 years we have had the great joy to welcome Toon Ketelslegers. He is the conductor of an amazing local gospel choir and he is a walking encyclopedia when it comes to gospel, blues and black American history & culture.

> Last year we sang with more than 100 dancers This is what they wrote to us about it

'Most intense & beautiful moment of this year, I did not know I needed this...'

'Singing together is what really made me feel like being part of this community'

'I did not expect myself to be so emotional, but this moment moved me to tears'

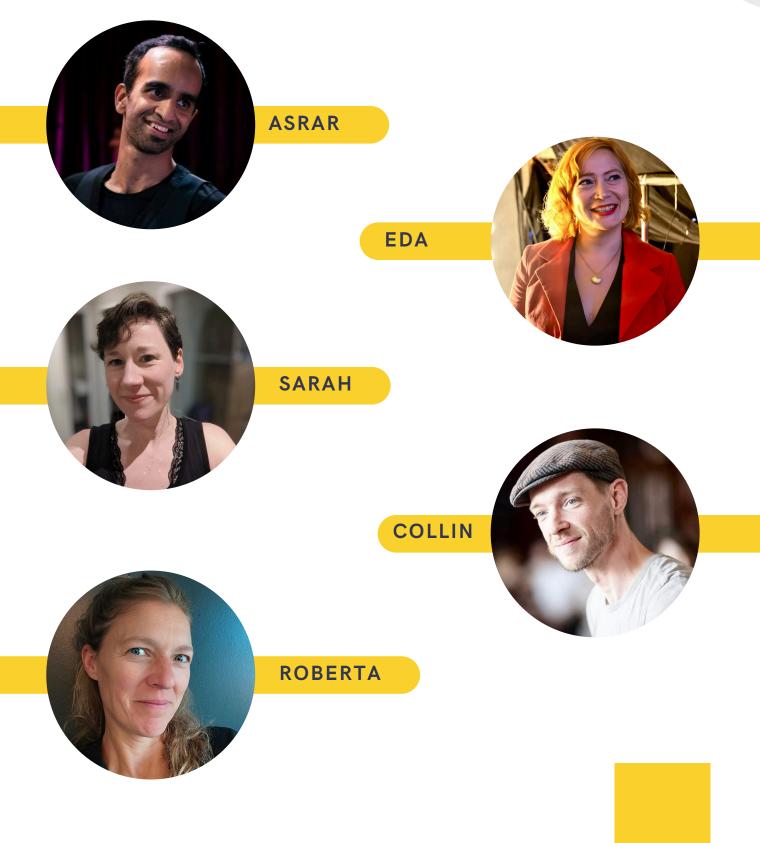
> 'My favorite moment? The gospel choir! Goosebumps!!!!'



Join us this year? So we can make it bigger and better together? Make sure to be there on Sunday from 17.45h to 18.45h



Everyone is welcome and everyone should feel safe You can find our Code of conduct on our <u>WEBSITE</u>. This is our care team. Please reach out to them if you feel uncomfortable, if you notice inappropriate behavior or if you have any other concerns.



How to get around in Hasselt

As many of you already know... Hasselt is a small city with small city transport options. Since the venue is now at walking distance from the center, we advise you to come by foot. If you are slightly further away:

BIKE options:

- Bring your own if you can. This is the safest option.
- Bike rentals via HOPPY (download the Hoppy shared mobility app)
- Belgians with a Bluebike subscription can rent a Bluebike from the station. www.blue-bike.be
- Mobit bikes can be found but this system is dying out. www.mobit.eu

TAXI options

- Uber (limited options)
- Local Taxi companies
 - Hasseltse Gele Taxi 0032 11 74 06 40
 - Vip Taxi Hasselt 0032 465 84 15 04
 - Taxi service Hasselt 0032 477 60 60 00
 - Taxi AM 0032 493 85 22 86
 - Axl Taxi Hasselt 0032 471 50 05 00

CAR RENTAL options:

- Cambio
- Paesen Car rental 0032 11 274330
- www.oscar.be

Or any major car rental company that works from the airports.

PARKING IS FOR FREE AND IS IN FRONT OF THE VENUE ACROSS THE STREET.



Sharing is caring



WHATSAPP

We have set up a WhatsApp group for the festival, where we would communicate updates if there are any.

If you're up for it you can join the group by scanning the QR-code.





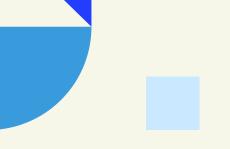
INSTAGRAM

Would you all be so kind to take 1 short video and 1 picture at our festival? Share it in your Instagram stories and tag us *@boulevardbluesbelgium*

The rest of the time, sit back and relax as Jiri will be our photographer again!

Thanks in advance







Every year we donate a part of our proceeds to a special cause.

In **2022** we bought a car full of supplies when the Ukraine refugee crisis started, drove it to Brussels and helped to distribute it there.

After the **2022** edition we donated all the profit of our merchandise to a Belgian feminist collective that is organizing protests and works hard to not forget what is happening to the women in Iran.

In **2023** we donated to the association of the amazing Belgian climate activist Thomas Goorden. **This year** we have already donated to

Collective Voices For Change.

SO.... Thanks for buying our merchandise and paying it forward...

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING THE FESTIVAL

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thankyou

Thanks to all the teachers, musicians and DJs for sharing their talent and passion with us!

Thanks to our amazing volunteers and thanks to PXL!

Thanks to our talented crew for sound and photography!

Thanks to all the people who hosted!

Thanks to our safe space team and our fabulous MC's!

Thanks to ALL OF YOU for sharing the blues love with us!