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Amsterdam Metropolitan Area offers a wide variety of 'temporary culture' in the form of festivals. There are more than 80 annual cultural events in the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, each with an attractive and diverse line-up: from fresh talent to world-renowned, from classical to avant-garde, on a small or more of a grand scale. Above all, Amsterdam presents itself as the ultimate festival city. For more information and a list of all the festivals, visit www.amsterdamfestivals.com.

StrandZuid (City Beach)

Between Amsterdam RAI and the Beatrixpark a unique city beach is created from 1 April through 25 September 2011. On the harbour side of the RAI an area of over 2,000 square metres is transformed into a sandy beach. With its hammocks, beach chairs and terraces, StrandZuid is entirely set up like a real beach location. There are showers, many activities for children and even a beach volleyball court.

For more information: www.unlimitedlabel.com

- RAI, Amsterdam

Vondelpark Open Air Theatre

From 5 June through 28 August 2011 the Vondelpark Open Air Theatre offers a variety of performing arts. The season has a fixed weekly programme and all performances are free. Thursdays are reserved for classical music, Fridays for dance, Saturdays are for youth theatre, music theatre and cabaret, and Sundays for different styles of music.

For more information: www.openluchttheater.nl

- Vondelpark, Amsterdam

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Temporary Stedelijk 2

From 3 March 2011 until a to be determined date, temporary access to the Stedelijk Museum will continue with 'Temporary Stedelijk 2', focussing on its collection of modern and contemporary art and design. Adapted to current conditions in the building, the museum will show selections from its collection in the exhibition 'Making Histories: Changing Views of the Collection'. In the framework of Temporary Stedelijk 2, the museum also offers a varied public programme as well as an extensive educational programme for visitors of all ages. For more information: www.stedelijk.nl
- Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam



Van Gogh in Antwerp and Paris

From 10 June 2011 through 8 January 2012 the Van Gogh Museum will show the exhibition 'Van Gogh in Antwerp and Paris'. Vincent van Gogh lived in Antwerp and Paris from late 1885 until early 1888. The 93 paintings from that period in the collection of the Van Gogh Museum have been studied extensively, which has led to many new insights. For example, there are two small portraits that are identical in style, but appear to portray two different men. Did Van Gogh perhaps paint himself and his brother Theo? For more information: www.vangoghmuseum.nl
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

ITs Festival Amsterdam

From 23 June through 1 July 2011 the ITs Festival will take place in Amsterdam. ITs is a platform for budding talented theatre makers of all disciplines, who are attending accredited performing arts colleges in the Netherlands. Aside from showing local theatre and dance talent, the festival also invites international productions to the festival. Carice van Houten, Jacob Derwig, Fedja van Huêt all started their careers in the ITs. For more information: www.itsfestivalamsterdam.com
- Compagnietheater, Amsterdam

Historic cheese market Edam

The historic cheese market of Edam is a traditional cheese market that takes place every Wednesday between 29 June and 17 August 2011. The cheese is delivered by special small barges and is unloaded at the market by special cheese carriers. Afterward the merchants inspect the cheese by making a tiny hole in it. If the cheese passes inspection, it is sold in a clapping ritual in the Waag. The cheese market is opened each week by a guest of honour, and takes place in the second half of the morning. On August 6 there is an evening cheese market.

For more information:
www.edammerkaasmarkt.nl
- Jan van Nieuwenhuizenplein, Edam



Julidans

From 1 July through 14 July 2011 Julidans offers a selection of prominent contemporary choreographers and dance styles. Julidans originally started out as an intimate dance event in the Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam (City Theatre) and has evolved into an international festival accommodating a wide range of perspectives on the art of dance. The selected performances are also presented at other venues.

For more information: www.julidans.nl

- Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam, Amsterdam

Rembrandt & Degas

The exhibition 'Rembrandt & Degas' can be seen from 1 July through 23 October 2011. In his early years, Degas was inspired by old masters, such as Rembrandt. For the first time ever, Rembrandt and Degas will be displayed side by side.

For more information: www.rijksmuseum.nl

- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam



Zingen op de Zaan (Singing on the Zaan)

This festival has become the most popular music event in the Zaanstreek (Zaan district). The musical boat show will criss-cross the Zaanstreek on 2 July 2011, from Knollendam to Zaandam, with forty boats full of musicians, choirs and bands. In addition, the Korenfestival (Choir festival) will take place in the centre of Zaandam and on the Zaanweg in Wormerveer. The fame of 'Zingen op de Zaan' stretches far beyond the region and you might say it is the pride of the Zaanstreek.

For more information: www.zingenopdezaan.nl

- Zaandam e.o.

Sensation

On 2 July 2011 the roof will once again be blown off the Amsterdam Arena during the annual Sensation Dance Event. The white edition, as always, will attract many concertgoers dressed in white to the largest dance event in the world.

For more information: www.sensation.com

-Arena, Amsterdam



Over het IJ Festival

From 7 July through 17 July 2011, the Over het IJ Festival will present a varied programme of theatre on location, thrilling shows for young people and original art. For eleven days more than twenty-five unique productions will be presented on a variety of unexpected and surprising locations. These locations can be found around the NDSM shipyard: a unique setting with bustling festival centres on the waterside, on Overhoeks and at Amsterdam Central Station. Between shows drinks and snacks will be available on the festival grounds at the shipyard.

For more information: www.overhetij.nl

- NDSM-werf, Amsterdam

Fort Clochard on the fortress island

On 23 & 24, and 30 & 31 July 2011 the fortress island on the coast of IJmuiden will be the setting of the intimate and mysterious Fort Clochard. The 19th century fortress, once part of the Defence Line of Amsterdam, can hold up to 350 visitors, who can enjoy DJs, film, performances and dinner. Visitors will make the crossing to the island on Saturday and return on Sunday.

During that time there is now way on or off the island. The line-up has not been announced yet. For more information: www.fortclochard.nl

- Fortress island IJmuiden

A day at the park

In the open spot in the forest, near Wagener Stadium, the merry sounds of house, tech house and melodic techno will resonate on 23 July 2011. There will be one large stage where three popular acts and a supporting act will supply the music in the park on that day. A theatre and an old-fashioned country fair will be set up on the grounds, and include many festival acts suited to the Amsterdamse Bos. You can also have an old-fashioned picnic on the grounds with your friends.

For more information: www.adayatthepark.nl

- Amsterdam/Amstelveen



Nationale Stranddijkendag (National Beach Dikes Day)

For the second time the Nationale Stranddijkendag will take place on 31 July 2011 on the beach of IJmuiden: the longest and cleanest event in the Netherlands. The Nationale Stranddijkendag is a typically Dutch, jolly, summery and annual family event. At the same time it is a record attempt by children, parents and grandparents to construct the longest, uninterrupted dike of sand between the flood lines.

For more information: www.denationalestranddijkendag.nl

- IJmuiden aan Zee, beach

Party week at Santpoort

From 30 July through 6 August 2011 many events focussing on horses will be held in and around Santpoort. Highlights are the Korte Baan (Short Track), Rijtuigentocht (Carriages Tour) and Concours Hippique (Show Jumping). There is also the annual fair with activities such as a horse show, tilt at the ring, the farmer's horse race and more. There will also be an amusement park all week and live music every night.

For more information: www.dorpsfeest-santpoort.nl

- Santpoort Noord

Amsterdam Gay Pride

Amsterdam Gay Pride takes place from 4 through 8 August 2011 and is the largest gay event in the Netherlands. The highlight of the event is the spectacular and extravagant Canal Parade on Saturday afternoon on the canals of Amsterdam. In addition, there are street festivities and sporting events on several locations in town.

For more information:

www.amsterdampride.nl/

- Amsterdam



De Parade

The world's only genuine two-month-long mobile theatre party pulls into Amsterdam from 5 through 21 August 2011. De Parade is a circus turned inside out, with the audience in the middle surrounded by the artists. An irresistible live panorama full of theatre, dance, music, art, entertainment, food and drink, and spectacles.

For more information: www.deparade.nl

- Martin Luther King park, Amsterdam

Dance Valley festival

Dance Valley once again takes place in the green valley in Spaarnwoude on 6 August 2011. As usual, the famous festival will take place in Velsen Valley in Spaarnwoude. On the rolling hills of Recreatiegebied Spaarnwoude (Recreation Area) 100 DJs from across Europe and the United States will spin their tunes all day long for some 60,000 partying revellers. Inside the tents and at the outdoor stages people can listen to various styles of music, from hard techno to clubhouse and the easy tune. Beautiful people, the best dance music and an easy-going atmosphere are only some of the ingredients of this successful recipe called Dance Valley.

For more information: www.spaarnwoude.nl

- Recreatiegebied Spaarnwoude, Velsen-Zuid

Dutch Valley

This summer, on 13 August 2011, Volendam Music, Lukassen Producties and UDC Events join forces to organise a new music festival: Dutch Valley. This festival offers the best that The Netherlands has to offer in every genre. With two outdoor stages and nine tents, the organisation hopes to attract about 30,000 music lovers to Recreatiegebied Spaarnwoude (Recreation Area). The organisers are already calling it 'the Lowlands for Dutch artists', where all styles of Dutch music come together. From torch songs to Dutch pop, from rock to megapiraat.

For more information: www.dutchvalleyfestival.nl

- Recreatiegebied Spaarnwoude, Spaarnwoude



Grachtenfestival (Canal Festival)

The Grachtenfestival (Canal Festival) from 12 through 21 August 2011 is the annual music festival based on the idea of performing (classical) music on special locations in Amsterdam. These locations are characterised by unusual or monumental architecture and historic cultural significance. Well-known solo artists and ensembles put together the concert programmes, inspired by the changing yearly theme. To a large extent, the renowned Grachtenfestival (Canal Festival) is also a platform for young talent. There is also a Kindergrachtenfestival (Children's Canal Festival).

For more information: www.grachtenfestival.nl

- Centre, Amsterdam



Haarlem Jazz Town

From 17 through 21 August 2011 the largest free jazz festival in the Netherlands takes hold of Spaarnestad. The centre of Haarlem is the focal point for all sorts of jazz. During five days visitors can enjoy listening to well-known bands in a large tent on the Grote Markt and on several stages, pubs and cafes around the Grote Markt.

For more information: www.haarlemjazzstad.nl

- Grote Markt, Haarlem



Strandfestival Zand (Beach Festival Sand)

During the fourth edition of Strandfestival ZAND (Beach Festival SAND) on 20 August 2011 the beach of Almere will go crazy. Some of the big names at the festival are KANE, BLØF and VanVelzen, and none other than Guus Meeuwis will close the festival with a full concert.

For more information: www.strandfestivalzand.nl

- Almeerderstrand, Almere

Outdoor Stereo Festival

On 20 August 2011, a wonderful daylong festival full of love, peace & house will take place in the Julianapark in Hoorn. The park will be magically transformed into a genuine dance paradise. On the 3 stages, 25 DJ acts and entertainers will make sure it's a fantastic party.

For more information: www.outdoorstereo.nl

- Julianapark, Hoorn

Uitmarkt Amsterdam

The Uitmarkt Amsterdam is the national opening of the cultural season that traditionally takes place during the last weekend of August. This year it is from 26 through 28 August 2011 on the Museumplein, Leidseplein and in the Vondelpark. The Uitmarkt offers a unique combination of water, architecture and culture. With more than 450 free performances on 30 stages, the 500,000 visitors are treated to previews of the coming season. From ballet to hip-hop, from theatre to jazz.

For more information: www.uitmarkt.nl

- Amsterdam

Havenfestival IJmuiden (Harbour Festival)

The annual Havenfestival IJmuiden (Harbour Festival) is a cultural and nautical festival on 27 and 28 August 2011. Aside from boats, there are all sorts of activities, such as street theatre and art.

For more information: www.havenfestivalijmuiden.nl

- Haven IJmuiden

Nederlands Theater Festival (Dutch Theatre Festival)

The Nederlands Theater Festival from 1 through 11 September 2011 showcases the best theatre productions of the year. These are productions that have been selected by an official jury and have been nominated for the AVRO Toneel Publieksprijs (Public Theatre Prize) and the Gouden Krekel (Golden Cricket). The prizes will be awarded on the last day of the festival, at the Gala of Nederlands Theater (Dutch Theatre). In addition to the performances there are also debates, master classes, workshops, lectures and parties.

For more information: www.tf.nl

- Various theatres, Amsterdam



Valtifest

Valtifest is a unique city festival that will take place on 3 September 2011 on an old industrial estate near the centre of Amsterdam. Always held on the first Saturday of September, it hails itself as the closing act of the festival season. Valtifest is a place for outrageous creativity, madness, avant-garde music, fashion and just about anything else you can imagine.

For more information: www.valtifest.nl

- NDSM werf, Amsterdam

Almere Haven Festival (Harbour Festival)

The Almere Haven Festival has become a fixture in Almere-Haven. This year, the eleventh edition will take place from 2 through 4 September 2011. The harbour basin is the decor for this enchanting and musical event. There is something for everyone: the free classical Havenkom concert, rummage on the antique and collectibles market, or watch the sturdy *botters*, the traditional fishing boats, sail. The Almere Haven Festival is ideally suited to visit with family and friends.

For more information: www.almerehavenfestival.nl

- Almere Haven

Feestweek Aalsmeer (Party Week)

From 4 through 10 September 2011 the Feestweek Aalsmeer (Party Week) will take place. The Feestweek (Party Week) came about when several organisers of various festivities in and around Aalsmeer decided to join forces and to centralise the organisation of the festivities. The Feestweek consists of wide variety of festivities. It includes a fair, a flower pageant, various performances, a nostalgic movie night, a big *klaverjas* (card game) tournament, a historical flower race, a *praam* (flatboat) race and a Miss Praam contest.

For more information: www.feestweek.nl

- Centre, Aalsmeer

HISWA te water

HISWA te water is Europe's most complete in-water boat show from 6 through 11 September 2011. Visitors can sit on the quays and enjoy the 'sterling' assortment of approximately 450 luxury sailboats, motor yachts, sports boats, and longboats. The minimal length of the boats on display is seven metres, which visibly distinguishes this boat show from other (inter)national water sports exhibitions. In tent accommodations on the quay sail makers and mast manufacturers, yacht brokers and suppliers of deck fittings and accessories display their wares. Every year the boat show offers dozens of Dutch, European and world premieres.

For more information:

www.hiswa.nl/hiswatewater

- Marina Seaport, IJmuiden



Nationaal Oldtimer Festival (Vintage Car Festival)

The Nationaal Oldtimer Festival on 11 September 2011 lets you relive the splendour of olden days. Whether you are a fan of oldtimers, classic cars, youngtimers, prestige cars, prewars, vintage or exclusive cars, the Nationaal Oldtimer Festival has them all. Owners of classic cars can book a racing session, participate in the Concours d'Elegance, show their classic car on the paddock, participate in the slalom and much more.

For more information: www.nationaaloldtimerfestival.nl

- Circuit Park, Zandvoort

Jordaanfestival (Jordaan Festival)

This large street party that takes place from 16 through 18 September 2011 has plenty to offer: lots of typical Jordanese music and various activities connected to a theme, including concerts by unknown artists and residents of Amsterdam. The festival, which is more than fifty years old, is a tradition that originated at the time of Liberation.

For more information: www.jordaanfestival.nl

- Jordaan, Amsterdam

Dam tot Damloop

The Dam tot Damloop on 18 September 2011 is the largest and one of the most exciting running events in the Netherlands. The run is from the Dam in Amsterdam to the Dam in Zaandam. The run covers ten English miles (16.1 km). The whole event also includes a mini run for children, a contest for cyclers, an exercise run and the biggest business run in the world.

For more information: www.damloop.nl

- Zaandam



Hermitage: Glans en Glorie - Kunst van de Russisch-orthodoxe kerk (Splendour and Glory, Art of the Russian Orthodox Church)

With Splendour and Glory from 19 March through 16 September 2011, the Hermitage Amsterdam breathes the spiritual air of extraordinary Russian art spanning ten centuries. More than 300 religious art objects symbolise century old mystical and artistic traditions of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Byzantine origins and traditions, the ecclesiastic holidays with Easter as its highlight, the tsars and their churches 'in the home' are some of the themes of the exhibition. Aspects of this are shown through paintings, costumes, as well as gold and silver attributes from the Christian high mass. The religious legacy from the period covering the 15th through the 17th century, when Moscow was the centre of religion and art, which is emphasised by the artistic wealth of the Russian Orthodox Church. Last but not least, the church art from St. Petersburg, which later became the religious heart of the country under the tsars until 1917.

For more information: www.hermitage.nl

- Hermitage, Amsterdam

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