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Amsterdam Celebrates Red-Ribbon Week and Hispanic Heritage Month

Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena



- July 26, 1947 in Mexicali, Mexico
- United States Marine Corps
- Police Officer: Calexico and El Centro, California Police Departments



On Oct. 27, 2010, US Consulate General in Amsterdam celebrated Drug-Awareness Week and Hispanic Heritage Month by paying homage to Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique 'Kiki' Camarena.

Featured guest, DEA Attaché Joseph Moses explained to the Consulate General staff how Special Agent (SA) Camarena played a pivotal role in drug prevention and awareness in the US, and how his legacy remains vibrant even today among students, teachers and community leaders.

SA Camarena had been assigned to the DEA Guadalajara Resident Office in the early 80s and in 1985 he came close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline headed by a notorious drug-trafficking organization. While heading to lunch one day with his wife Mika, he was kidnapped by five armed men, and later tortured and killed. His contributions to drug prevention still remain alive today however, and more than 80 million young people throughout the US show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free life by wearing a Red-Ribbon during the last week of October.

As part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, Amsterdam paid a special tribute to Special Agent Camarena by wearing a Red-Ribbon during our Consular Leadership Day and listened to SA Moses talk about drug prevention in the US and overseas.

Consul General Julie A. Ruterbories and the staff of the U.S. Consulate General invite you to join us as we commemorate

THANKSGIVING

English Reformed Church
Begijnhof 48, Amsterdam

Thursday,

November 25, 2010,

5:00 p.m. (17.00 hrs.)

followed by light refreshments.



To reserve your seat,
please send an email to:

CGAssistantAMS@state.gov

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IDFA 2010 Selection Announced

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documentary film festival
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The selection of documentaries for the 23rd IDFA, which will take place in Amsterdam November 17-28, has been announced and can be viewed online. The program contains some 280 titles (selected from 3,200 submissions), of which 84 are documentaries that will have their world première at the festival. There are a total of 42 Dutch documentaries in the program, spread across the various program categories. A new feature this year is the Green Screen competition: a selection of documentaries that deal with sustainability. This year's Top 10 were compiled by Finnish director Pirjo Honkasalo, and a retrospective of her work is being screened.

Film program

IDFA is unique for its international film program, the variety of genres, its politically committed program and the many European and world premieres featured each year. Add to that the presence of many filmmakers, sizeable audiences, all the discussions and debates, workshops, masterclasses and the experienced staff, and it's no wonder IDFA is the pre-eminent festival for creative documentaries.

During IDFA, creative documentaries take centre stage. This means that IDFA chooses films which express the filmmaker's point of view in a creative and cinematic manner. The selection takes place on the basis of clear criteria. IDFA searches for documentaries that are cinematically intriguing or innovative, are relevant or highly topical to society at large, and stimulate the viewer to reflect, discuss and ask questions. IDFA strives for an international, diverse, topical and politically committed programme.



HET CONCERTGEBOUW

A Unique Baroque Concert Experience,

Appassionati di Musica Barocca



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Opus Event Management and Trade is organizing a unique concert named *Appassionati di Musica Barocca*. After the famous "Three Tenors" and their Dutch counterpart "Three Baritons", we feel it is time for the Baroque music world to step up and to get a bigger audience for the unforgettable sounds of baroque music and the distinctive ambience that accompanies it. The first concert will take place on the 3rd November 2010 in the Main Hall of the Concertgebouw.

The concert *Appassionati di Musica Barocca* will draw the attention of a wide audience ranging from baroque music enthusiasts to frequent concertgoers and the public in general. As a result of an intense research and creative work undertaken since 2008 we can now proudly present a concept that would distinguish us from other baroque concerts and at the same time ensure a high quality of performance. The uniqueness of the concert consists of the combination of world class artists and musicians and a very special program.

Countertenor trios are very rare in the baroque music and haven't been performed widely. We wish to be one of the first to highlight this concept to the public.

This is the first time three internationally renowned countertenors will cooperate in one concert. American virtuosi Brian Asawa, Derek Lee Ragin and Robert Crowe stand for a guaranteed high level of performance and success.

For more information visit, www.nadyakoopmans.com.

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Unique Space Event in Omniversum



Omniversum and ESA/Estec would like to invite you, as an American citizen in the Netherlands, to a unique space event in Omniversum.

Book your tickets now, because seats are limited!

Enjoy our newest IMAX-film *Hubble*, and *change your view of our universe* with this original English version, narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio. Experience the gripping story -- full of hope, crushing disappointment, dazzling ingenuity, bravery, and triumph in *HUBBLE*, the seventh awe-inspiring film from the award-winning IMAX Space Team.

Before this award-winning film starts, astronaut Steven Smith will share some of his personal experiences with the audience about his Hubble missions. Steve Smith is a veteran of four space flights covering 16 million miles and seven space walks totaling 49 hours and 25 minutes. Smith's spacewalk time places him in the top five on the all-time American and World spacewalk duration lists. Steven has been on two missions to the Hubble Space Telescope (1997 and 1999). He currently serves as the NASA International Space Station Program liaison to the European Space Agency.

This Space Event will take place on Monday, November 15th, 2010.



How to book your tickets:

The first show is at 7.30 PM

And the second show is at 9 PM

Price per ticket: €9,75

To book your tickets, call:

070 – 41 68 200

Omniversum

Pres. Kennedylaan 5

2517 JK DEN HAAG

www.omniversum.nl

Dutchman Rick Van den Hurk of the Baltimore Orioles is promoting baseball, America's pastime, in The Netherlands.

In his words, he'd like to give something back to baseball, "the game that brought me so much." He says he realizes that a lot of Dutch kids dream of being around the Major League Baseball stars so he's organized clinics in four cities in The Netherlands and Belgium. He's even bringing over Major League Baseball players such as:



The baseball clinics will be in:
Eindhoven on Nov 6th
Haarlem on Nov 7th
Rotterdam on Nov 9th
Antwerp (Belgium) Nov 13th.

Jeremy Guthrie, Adam Jones, Brady Anderson (O's), Barry Zito (Giants), Gregory Halman (Seattle), John Baker (Marlins), and Jim Presley (former Marlins hitting coach).

For more information click on:
www.europeanbigleaguetour.com



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Amsterdam's Cultural Activities are in Abundance

Anyone who lives in or near Amsterdam, or in The Netherlands in general, quickly realizes that there is an array of cultural and sporting events on offer. In addition to the many Dutch artists, there are a number of U.S. artists who perform in The Netherlands. Recent visitors include Willie Nelson, Dionne Warwick, and many more. Favorite pop venues include the Paradiso, The Melkweg, Heineken Music Hall for pop, and of course Concertgebouw for classical music. There's a terrific web site www.amsterdamsuitburo.nl which offers an overview of live cultural events happening in Amsterdam. Visiting the box office on the Leidseplein also enables you to purchase tickets (sometimes at a great discount) and to get advice on what's on depending on your taste. A special classical concert happening soon is "The Three Countertenors." This will take place on November 3. Please see www.concertgebouw.nl for more information. You can also check out the English version of the City of Amsterdam's website www.iamsterdam.nl. Here you can find out what festivals and exhibitions are happening in addition to a lot of other practical information.

Our own website contains an upcoming events section http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/upcoming_events4.html where you can find a listing of many upcoming events, mostly in English. If you know of an event and you'd like us to publicize it on our website, please send an email to: CGAssistantAMS@state.gov and we'll see what we can do!

American Citizen Services Unit Visits the ASH Community

The U.S. Consulate General in Amsterdam will be visiting the American School in The Hague (ASH) on the afternoon of Thursday, November 4th, 2010, to offer American Citizen Services to the ASH community. These services will include adding additional visa pages in American passports, regular passport services for adult and minor passports, and limited notary services.

If you are a member of the ASH community and you would like to take advantage of any of the American citizen services being offered, please request an appointment by sending an email to, AmsterdamOutreach@state.gov.

If you aren't a member of the ASH community and are interested in ACS visiting your community, send us an email to let us know at, AmsterdamOutrecht@state.gov.

Residing in The Netherlands? Please Register!

Travel registration is a free service provided by the U.S. Government to American citizens who are traveling to, or living in, a foreign country. Registration allows you to record information about your upcoming trip abroad that the Department of State can use to assist you in case of an emergency. Americans residing abroad can also get routine information from the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

To register now, visit <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

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