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# *Grand Café Medi — terrannée*



*25 March 2010, 12.30 – 23.00 hrs*

*Felix Meritis, Amsterdam*

Grand Café Méditerranée is an initiative of  
SICA Dutch Centre for International Cultural Activities and partners.  
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## **Grand Café Méditerranée**

— is the XL version of the regular *Café Méditerranée* meetings, a series in which SICA invites leading professionals from the cultural field in the Middle East and North Africa to analyse and discuss cultural topics.

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### **13:00 – 18:00 hrs**

*Crash course Middle East, debates, expert meetings, presentations, films, match makings, informal drinks and more.*

Among many others, you will meet **Tarek Atoui** (Lebanese multimedia artist); **Hassnae Bouazza** and **Neil van der Linden** (reflecting on Arab music videos from Rotana); **Joost van Schendel** (publisher Bulaaq); **Azza Madian** (Egypt), **Nabil Asswad** (Syria) and **Ramin Sadighi** (Iran) in debate on music; **Nat Muller** in conversation with **Maha Maamoun** and **Basim Magdy** (visual artists from Cairo); **Merlijn Twaalfhoven** (Dutch composer); **Abderrahim Kassou** (president of Casa Mémoire, Morocco); **Sabri Saad el Hamus** (actor and director); **Mirjam Shatanawi** (curator of Middle East and North Africa at Tropenmuseum); **Petra Stienen** (former diplomat in Syria and Egypt and writer); the Mediamatic travel guides **Rani Al Rajji** (activist, architect, journalist Beirut/Dubai) and **Abir Boukhari** (contemporary and visual art in Syria). Journalist **Chris Keulemans** will moderate the day.

### **18:00 – 20:00 hrs**

*Mediterranean buffet  
(evening programme including diner € 25,-)*

### **20:00 – 23:00 hrs**

*Evening programme (€ 15,-)*

In the evening you will enjoy unexpected concerts by **Contrasto Armonico** – Marco Vitale (conductor) and Rasha Rizk (soprano) | Syria, **Calefax + Jungle Boldie** with **Claude Chalhoub** (violin) | Lebanon, **Tarhana** with **Hana Kamkar** (soprano) and **Kourosh Babaei** (kemanche) | Iran.

Film: **To be or not to be**, introduced by director **Frank Scheffer**. **Egg**, directed by **Semih Kapanoglu**.

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