



Flaubert 21: Commemorating the bicentenary year of Gustave Flaubert's birth

2021-2022

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Normandy to host Flaubert 21 programme of over 200 events from April 2021 to June 2022

2021 will see Normandy commemorate the bicentenary year of the birth of Gustave Flaubert. One of France's most famous and influential novelists, Flaubert's attachment to Normandy, his birthplace, home and where he did much of his writing, make him an important figure in the region's history.

For many – local councils, charities, artists, universities to name a few – 2021 will provide the opportunity to pay tribute to Flaubert and to celebrate and revisit his works through the many events taking place to mark his birth and showcase the Normandy region.

A programme of events collectively known as [Flaubert 21](#) will be co-organised by various villages, towns, cities, local authorities and institutions: Ry, Canteleu, Lyons-la-Forêt, Rouen, Le Havre, Evreux, Deauville, the University of Rouen, Rouen city council, the Seine-Maritime and Eure departmental councils, and the Normandy regional council.

The Institut de France will include the bicentenary year of the birth of Flaubert in its calendar of national commemorations for 2021. The Ministry of National Education, Youth Affairs and Sports will also include Flaubert in its sixth form syllabus for the 2021-2022 school year.

Flaubert 21 will bring together a number of remarkable regional, national and international public and private sector initiatives. Numerous key actors renowned in the arts, culture, education and tourism sectors, are working hard to put together a varied programme of over 200 events for Flaubert 21 that will be open to all. These events are planned for between April 2021 and June 2022, and will include exhibitions, live shows, conferences and other educational activities, tourist trails and dramatised walking tours. A few events will also take place between January and March 2021, including a press conference and the launch of the official Flaubert 21 website.

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- Official Flaubert 21 website (launching in January 2021): flaubert21.fr



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Flaubert 21 programme of events

*** All events and dates subject to change due to the current Covid-19 pandemic ***

▣ **Thursday 28 January 2021, 11am-12pm**

- Flaubert 21 press conference in Rouen, where the Flaubert 21 project, its organisers and the science and culture committee will be presented
- Launch of the official Flaubert 21 website: flaubert21.fr

▣ **January to April 2021**

- First events and exhibitions will kick off the Flaubert 21 bicentenary year

▣ **Friday 16 April 2021, 11am-12:30pm**

- Flaubert 21 launch press conference at the Chapelle Corneille in Rouen, where the programme of events between April 2021 and June 2022 will be presented

▣ **Saturday 17 April 2021**

- Flaubert 21's 'A tribute to Gustave Flaubert' opening ceremony, where the programme of events between April 2021 and June 2022 will be presented in front of national and international partners

▣ **April 2021-June 2022: More than 200 events organised by Flaubert 21**

- Live shows, exhibitions, conferences and other educational activities, tourist trails and dramatised walking tours, open to all

▣ **Saturday 20 November 2021**

- Flaubert 21 festive public event in Rouen

▣ **June 2022**

- Flaubert 21 closing ceremony