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Saturday 16 March 2019, from 11.45 am

Lunch at the “Le Relais d’Orgement”

8 Rue de l’Hirondelle, 49000 Angers

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“When the Blues People Sang America to France”

An Illustrated talk by

Curtis Young

Curtis Young is an American who lives and works in France. He earned his Masters and DEA in European Cultural and Intellectual History from the University of California. He is a lauréat of the Châteaubriand Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences and a professor of American Literature at ESSEC.



“When the Blues People Sang America to France” will highlight the epic role played by African-American soldiers, some 200 members of the 369th Infantry Regiment National Guard from Harlem, during the Great War. Because of segregation, these soldiers were forbidden from playing a combat role during World War I. Instead they organised into manual labour gangs to unload ships, build docks and bury the dead.



They would be the first American troops to land in France and were ultimately “loaned” to the 16th Division of the 4th French Army, under the command of French General Henri Gouraud. They were trained by the French, wore French helmets and carried French arms. The entire unit would win France’s highest award, the Croix de Guerre, and 171 of them would win the coveted Legion d’Honneur.

This is not a story we learn from American history books, nor is this a story we find in French text books.

Menu

Apéritif

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Entrée

Either

Tartelette feuilletée poireaux saumon fumé

or

Rillauds grillés, crème de pommes de terre, jus au Cointreau

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Plat

Either

Filet de Merlu, beurre blanc au citron

or

Paleron de bœuf braisé au vin rouge

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Dessert

Either

Délice aux deux chocolats (noir et blanc), coulis exotique

or

Financier au citron, crémeux à l'orange

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25 cl Wine, Mineral Water and Coffee or Infusion included

Cost: 30 Euros per head per member 32 Euros per non-member

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Julie Dufour, 47 rue des Bouteilleries, St. Lambert des Levées, 49400, Saumur
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The Deadline for receipt of Attendance Slips is Monday 11 March 2019

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Telephone:Email:

Do you have any special dietary requirements?

Number of members attending @ 30€.....

Number of non-members attending @ 32€.....

Total enclosed.....

I can provide/would like transport for, from

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