

About the French American Chamber of Commerce in Houston Joana Videgain, Executive Director



Joana Videgain, is Executive Director of the French American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. The Chamber is a non-profit, non-governmental, 100% independent, member-driven organization, made by companies for companies. Its mission is to foster the French-American business community, support businesses in their settlement and development in Houston, and build bridges for US companies with France. The FACC Houston is a place to exchange, learn and network. An exciting array of events is coming up this month and a complete listing is available on the website.

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About the International Friends of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna

The **Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna** brings together one of the largest, most complex collections in the world, spanning over 5000 years. The collections reflect diverse global cultures and are housed in a palace of fine arts, which is an artwork in itself and in 2016 celebrates the 125th anniversary of its grand opening. The wide-ranging collections are the result of centuries of passionate collecting by a long succession of Habsburg family members and are open to all who wish to be inspired by and enhance their understanding of art.

The **International Friends of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna (IFKHM)** is a dynamic group of patrons, collectors, and connoisseurs, joined by their love of the museum's extraordinary imperial collection and masterpieces of European art, with a desire to see them properly cared for and passed on to future generations.

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About the Painting on the Front Cover (Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna)

Our featured painting evokes the spirit of collecting and curating. The Habsburg collector Archduke Leopold Wilhelm, accompanied by his gallery director, David Teniers, and several other people, is depicted against a decorative background of paintings. The view is of the archduke's gallery in Brussels, where he assembled one of the most important painting collections of the 17th century during his tenure as regent from 1647–56, providing an important basis for the Vienna Picture Gallery today. Through the purchase of several large art collections that came onto the market following the revolution in England (1648), Leopold Wilhelm saw his gallery grow enormously within a short period. By the time he returned to Vienna in 1656, it contained around 1400 pictures. Most of the 51 Italian paintings depicted here are today in the Kunsthistorisches Museum.

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Sebastien Laboureau, Curator, France Pavilion

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About France Pavilion

FRANCE PAVILION presents an exceptional curated exhibition of French contemporary artists in Houston, as the opening event of the Texas French Culture Festival.

FRANCE PAVILION will showcase a selection of emerging and established French artists, such as world-acclaimed top selling French sculptor Richard Orlinski, French artist Nadine Debien or Le Closier, most known for his portraits of sport celebrities, who will be paying a special tribute to several Texas iconic figures. Most of the artists presented never exhibited in Houston before.

Guest Artist: Mr. D – Sebastien Boileau, famous Houstonian artist, will celebrate his 30 years as an artist during a special NUIT DU CHAMPAGNE at FRANCE PAVILION.

FRANCE PAVILION will be held under the High Patronage of the Honorable Sujiro Seam, Consul General of France in Houston.

Today's Presenter – Sebastien Laboureau



Sebastien was gifted in mathematics and embarked on a long studying journey, graduating from one of the Top Engineering Schools in France, Ecole des Mines de Paris. This is where he discovered another passion for finance and economics. After a master of science degree in accounting and finance obtained from the London School of Economics, he started his career in the corporate world, in management control, at AXA Group, and investment banking (Mergers and Acquisitions at Goldman Sachs). While at Goldman Sachs, he learned how to advise clients at the highest level with the highest standards, and he started developing his strong passion for the arts, collecting, travelling, and meeting artists and art professionals.

Because Sebastien remained independent and has amassed considerable knowledge and expertise in the art market, he became a respected expert. He is a keynote speaker for various private banks (Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse, Northern Trust, Credit Agricole Indosuez, etc.), family offices, art fairs, and public institutions, where he gives lectures and conferences on the art market and selected art history topics. He specializes in the topics of art and finance, art investment, pop art, urban art, and any topics related to the secondary market.

Sebastien Laboureau, as a street art expert, has been most recently featured in USA Today for his selection of the "10 Best: Cities to See Street Art." He has been interviewed by many major international press outlets such as the NY Times, the Wall Street Journal, Le Figaro, BBC News, CBS 4, ARTE, and many more.

About *The Art of Business*

The Art of Business is a luncheon series featuring business people presenting a topic of interest highlighting how commercial enterprise spurred and funded artistic endeavors. Emphasis is on the history of Europe from Ancient Greece to the mid-20th century with topics showcasing the intersection of culture and commerce, such as --

- Looted, lost, and stolen art and legal steps to get it back
- Double-entry bookkeeping and its importance for the luxury goods market across Renaissance Europe
- International banking and credit facilities from the Knights Templar to the Bruges-Florence axis
- Works of art as valuable intangible property and protecting them from counterfeiters
- Commissioning new operas and attracting the businesses who sponsor them

Have an idea for a presentation?

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RSM is a leading provider of audit, tax and consulting services in Houston. We guide our clients through today's complex business environment by understanding their needs and bringing together the right teams to address them. We are a world leader in providing audit, tax, and consulting services to middle market enterprises. Our motivation is to help them think ahead and prepare for the future of their business as they grow and expand domestically and abroad. At RSM, we build strong relationships based on deep understanding of what matters most to our clients.

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