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The Musée Picasso Paris will be re-opening its doors on October 25th, 2014. As a preview, the public is invited to explore the stunning building that houses the museum - the Hôtel Salé - for the occasion of Journées Européennes du patrimoine (the European Heritage Days) on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September 2014.

The French Minister of Culture and Communication, Aurélie Filippetti, and the President of the Musée Picasso Paris, Laurent Le Bon, announced on Monday 23 June 2014 that the museum's remarkable collections, housed in the heart of Paris' Marais district, will be open for the public to rediscover from October 25th, 2014, the anniversary of the Master's birth.

As a preview, the Hôtel Salé will be open free of charge the weekend of September 20th and 21st from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm for members of the public to come and admire one of the capital's finest architectural monuments: "the grandest, most extraordinary, if not the most extravagant, of the grand Parisian houses of the 17th century" as art and architecture historian Bruno Foucart wrote in 1985.

Visitors will have the chance to discover the 17th century architecture restored by Stéphane Thouin, Chief Architect for Historic Monuments, and the contributions of Roland Simounet and architectural firm Bodin & Associés.

The exceptional opening weekend will feature an exhibition of documents casting light on the site's history, its architecture and the museum itself.

Another opportunity to check out the renovated Musée Picasso Paris before its official opening will be Saturday 4 October 2014, as part of Nuit Blanche (the dusk

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until dawn art event). For the occasion, night-time visitors can enjoy a devised performance by Babx, *Tambors*, a contemporary fairytale projected onto the walls of Hôtel Salé's interior courtyard.

Practical information:

Musée Picasso Paris

5, rue de Thorigny

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Opening times (from 25 October 2014):

Tuesday to Friday from 11.30 am to 6.00 pm

Weekends from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm

Late night opening on the third Friday of every month until 9 pm.

European Heritage Days:

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm: open house visit of the Hôtel Salé building and exhibition on its architecture. Guided tours for visitors.

Nuit Blanche programme:

Saturday 4 October, from 8.30 pm: *Tambors*, devised show by Babx, 20-minute performances at 8.30 pm, 9.30 pm and 10.30 pm accompanied by projections.

Full visit information on www.museepicassoparis.fr