

# WORLD'S TOP-10 CHESS PLAYERS BATTLE IT OUT IN 4-DAY TOURNAMENT IN LEUVEN (BELGIUM)

**Leuven, Belgium – Wednesday, 11 May 2016 –** The greatest <u>chess tournament</u> ever staged in Belgium, <u>Your Next Move Grand Chess Tour</u>, will take place in the historic Town Hall of Leuven from **Friday 17 June until Monday 20 June**.

The <u>best chess players in the world</u> at the moment will take part in the tournament: World Champion Magnus Carlsen, former World Champions Viswanathan Anand, Vladimir Kramnik and Veselin Topalov, as well as Fabiano Caruana, Anish Giri, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Hikaru Nakamura, Aronian Levon and Wesley So.

The players will compete in a Rapid Chess and Blitz Chess tournament during the 4 days. The prize money for the tournament is \$ 150.000 (€ 134.100).

Your Next Move Grand Chess Tour is part of the the Grand Chess Tour 2016, a series of 4 chess events organized worldwide (Paris - France, Leuven - Belgium, Saint Louis – USA and London - UK). This tournament being held in Belgium is truly unique and is 'the greatest chess event ever staged in Belgium'. Never before have the 10 smartest, fastest and strongest chess players of the moment – coming from Norway, Russia, USA, France, Netherland, Bulgaria, Armenia and India – competed against each-other in Belgium.

Chess fans will be able to enjoy the experience of seeing the greatest players compete live in Leuven or watch the streaming broadcast, complete with grandmaster commentary.

Your Next Move, a non-profit organization and the organizer of the event in Leuven, promotes chess as an educational tool for children and youngsters in Belgium. The organization is not new to staging this type of event. Your Next Move has organised tournaments for children where the winners could play against the legendary chess player Garry Kasparov. They also organised the chess blitz match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, the famed English Grand Master and Kasparov's opponent in their 1993 World Chess Championship duel.

For more information and visitor registration: <a href="www.yournextmove.be">www.yournextmove.be</a> Check out the video on <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a> Follow us via <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a> and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.

#### **ABOUT**

#### **Your Next Move**

Your Next Move, a non-profit organization and the organizer of this event, promotes chess as an educational tool for children and youngsters in Belgium. By playing chess, children and youngsters learn to analyze and assess difficult situations, to act fast and to act under pressure. Chess enables them to learn to think in a creative and strategic way. Those same qualities will prove to be indispensable in life which increasingly becomes more complex, more global, where evolutions become revolutions and communication channels multiply all the time.

### The Grand Chess Tour

Your Next Move Grand Chess Tour is part of "The Grand Chess Tour", a series of major international chess tournaments that are held annualy. The 2016 tour includes tournaments in the USA, France, Belgium and the UK and offers a total prize pool of \$ 1.050.000. The Grand Chess Tour was created with one goal in mind: a circuit of international chess events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world's best players. The legendary Garry Kasparov, one of the world's greatest ambassadors for chess, inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnership between the organizers. His tireless efforts to popularize the game around the world mirror the goals and ambitions of the Grand Chess Tour. More information: <a href="https://www.grandchesstour.org">www.grandchesstour.org</a>

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