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Present

THE DARK HISTORY OF ABSINTHE
with Professor David Weir

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Absinthe is the potent emerald-green liqueur made famous by 19th century artists and writers. Toulouse-Lautrec, Degas, Manet, Baudelaire, and Oscar Wilde, to name a few, fell under the spell of absinthe. It was a subject for their art and fueled their creativity. The 'green fairy,' as it was known, was said to drive people mad, and became the only individual alcoholic beverage to be banned by governments in countries around the world, including the United States. It is still illegal in America today.

Yet politicians may have used absinthe as a scapegoat because of its popularity with counterculture of the time. Author and lecturer Professor David Weir, of Cooper Union, will join us on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, to discuss the dark, stormy, and fascinating history of absinthe.

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6:30 PM Reception
7:00 PM Program

International Wine Center
350 Seventh Ave. #1201
between 29th and 30th St.

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