

# A THIRST FOR CULTURE

verbier festival



## 30 YEARS OF THE VERBIER FESTIVAL

For a number of years, music lovers from all over the world have been gathering in Verbier in July. As always, the Verbier Festival will aim to encourage interaction and exchange between the great masters and young musicians from all over the world. But this 2023 edition will also mark the 30th anniversary of the Festival. The stars of the international classical scene, both regulars and newcomers, will converge on Verbier for this exceptional anniversary, as will young emerging talent who often come from the Verbier Festival Academy. Whether it is the multitude of stars or the highlights organised over a period of more than two weeks, this edition will undoubtedly be remembered for a long time to come.

### Opening concert (14 July)

The opening concert will be doubly symbolic: 30 years after conducting the first Verbier Festival concert, Zubin Mehta will return to open the festivities of this anniversary year with the Verbier Festival Orchestra. The energetic pianist Yuja Wang will set the tone with Rachmaninov's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 3. The work of the Russian pianist and composer Rachmaninov will be honoured in 2023 for the 150th anniversary of his birth.

### Marthe Keller (22 July) and Isabelle Huppert (23 July)

For the 30th anniversary of the Festival, two notable patrons of the event are returning to Verbier to perform: the great actresses Marthe Keller and Isabelle Huppert. The two intimate performances in the Verbier Cinema will be emotional and poignant moments for the audience.



### 30th Anniversary Gala (24 July)

The highlight of this 30th Festival will undoubtedly be the Gala which will take place in the Salle des Combins, bringing artists on stage who have made the Verbier Festival famous along with Verbier Festival Chamber Orchestra musicians. A carefully prepared programme, this will be one to remember: Barbara Hendricks - the third patron of the Festival - Bryn Terfel, Gautier and Renaud Capuçon, Joshua Bell, Martin Fröst are among more than 40 soloists with surprises not to be missed!

### Unlimited

UNLTD is a creative lab promoted by the Verbier Festival, an innovative concept that breaks with norms, pushes boundaries and stimulates curiosity around music. Outdoor concerts in unexpected places, in restaurants or on summits, artistic explorations in conjunction with other disciplines and other styles of music, etc. The Unlimited showcases emerging talent and interactive performances for all generations, and complements the Verbier Festival programme each summer.

[www.verbierfestival.com](http://www.verbierfestival.com)

## THE PASSAGE EXHIBITION

This year's Palp Festival exhibition will take on a subject as fascinating as it is frightening: death. Whether you create a playlist for your funeral, write a death notice, go on a tour of flowers that can kill or visit a haunted house, this year's exhibition in Bruson will give you a different perspective on death. It will offer various points of view on this theme and that of funeral rites, to give visitors a moment to immerse themselves in how the dead have influenced us through time and in the present.

**Dates:** from June 18 to September 10, 2023

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## THE MUSEE SAUVAGE COLLECTIONS

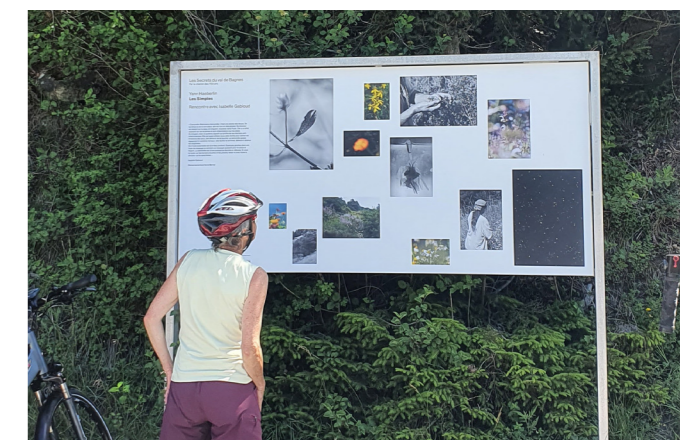
Sentimental items, objects of emotional importance, items that trigger memories and knowledge, personal to the individual: The Museum of Bagnes is showcasing ten private collections with narration by the men and women who have collected them, who live in, with and through them, and who bring them to life. This is an immersive, auditory exhibition where the text is removed to allow the powers of the object to shine through. Visitors are invited to learn about the collections through an audio headset with recorded commentary from the owners.

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## A WALK IN 3 DIMENSIONS

A stroll along a path facing the majestic mountains of the Combins between La Chaux and Les Ruinettes to encounter monumental works of art is what the 3D Sculpture Parc offers. This year, Haroon Mirza will be the artist in residence in Verbier developing a project focusing on the issue of climate change linked to water and energy, using materials, technologies and elements from Verbier's alpine environment. Everyone is welcome to come and experience this exhibition without walls at their own pace.

[www.3-dfoundation.com](http://www.3-dfoundation.com)



## 700-YEAR ANNIVERSARY TRAIL & PHOTO EXHIBITION

Starting in Le Châble, this 2.5-hour loop route passes through several villages in the Val de Bagnes. Created in 1991 to mark the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation, the route offers visitors a journey through 30 large-format photographs. The images are the result of a series of collaborations in 2021 between eleven photographers and some of the valley's inhabitants on the theme of secrets. The images presented reveal experiences and relationships with nature and the elements. From the language of trees to the virtues of medicinal plants, through the mysteries of cup stones or the magic of the still, the photographers reveal worlds which belong to those who know or work in these fields.

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