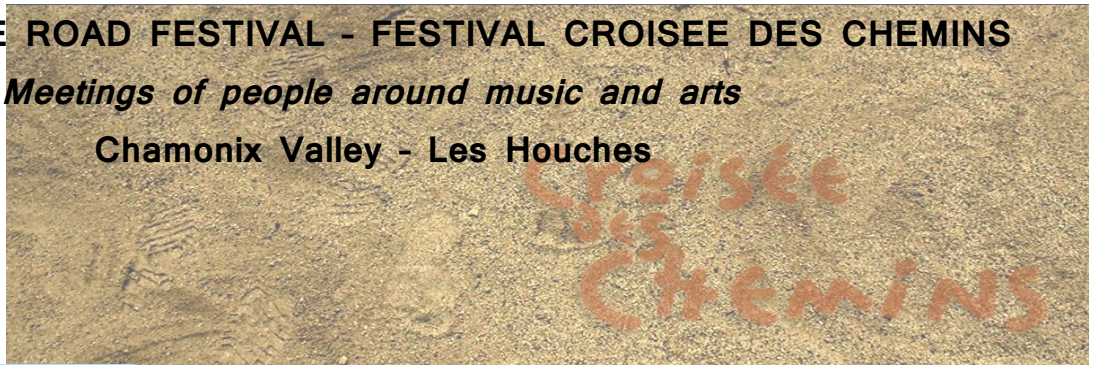


ACCROSS THE ROAD FESTIVAL - FESTIVAL CROISEE DES CHEMINS

From Friday 9th
until Sunday the
11th of August

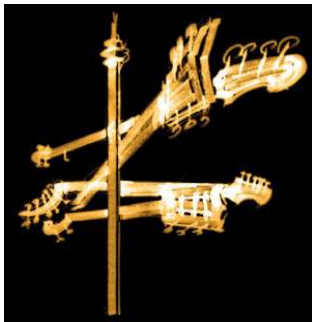
Meetings of people around music and arts

Chamonix Valley - Les Houches



Situated at the heart of the Mont Blanc in the picturesque village of les Houches, this festival celebrates new forms of meetings, those where artists from around the world join in unison to bring you their version of traditional world music. Our adventurous valley is an ideal location to bring forwards this vision of reaching above all differences and reuniting diverse cultures through a universal language that is music, making our home the perfect location to host this gathering.

Retracing the historical tales surrounding our valley, the songs and music of **Ukandanz, Terre Maire, Alif, Tadalat and Jacky O'Stick** will transport us into universe of storytelling, mixing occidental and oriental influences. Conferences focusing on the themes of gatherings, the liberty of speech of artists in certain countries (Mali, this year), counted tales and creative workshops will enrich this new event and add to the many artistic features of this festival.



Imagined in 2012 by Jacky CANTON-LAMOUSSE, a local from les Houches and grand amateur of live shows, the festival "La Croisée des Chemins" will take place over three days, from the 9th to the 11th of August on three locations:

- **The Chavant Lake**, where the festival village will be installed and the conferences, exhibitions and evening concerts will be held
- **The top of the Prarion** cable car where the opening act will take place on Friday at 2pm.
- **Merlet Park** where the Arabic and Occitan languages will be interacting on Saturday at 3pm.

From Friday morning onwards, the festival village will be open to artists and artisans from the region to expose their work at the foot of the event.



ECO FRIENDLY FESTIVAL

The **eco-responsible dimension** of the festival has been primordial since the genesis of the project. The environmental aspect is supported with collaboration from

the Communauté des Communes of the valley of Chamonix through the Territorial, Climatic and Energy Plan, the social aspect is backed by the Association Sportera Handi Cap. Respect and accessibility to all are part of the fundamental values of this contemporary manifestation.



PROGRAM

FRIDAY 9th AUGUST

10am: Lac des Chavants

- 🕒 Conference "SELLE QUI VOYAGE" - With **Karine MEERPOEL**

12pm: HIKE TOWARDS PRARION

2pm: LE PRARION

- 🕒 **JACKY O'STICK** with guest star **DEBASHISH BRAHMACHARI** (France-India)

7pm: Lac des Chavants

- 🕒 World discovery stage: **NATE WOOD TRIO** (USA-Switzerland)

9pm: LAC DES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 **UKANDANZ** with special guest star **ASNAKE GUEBREYES** (France-Ethiopia)

11pm: LAC DES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 **RADIO MEUH** aftershow



SATURDAY 10th AUGUST

10am: LAC DES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 Conference " L'ÉCOLOGIE POUR RELEVER LE DÉFI DE LA POÉSIE" - With **Clara BRETEAU**

1pm: HIKE TOWARDS THE MERLET PARC

3pm: MERLET PARC

- 🕒 **TERRE MAIRE** with special guest star **HABIB HABIB** (Occitan and Arabic songs)

7pm: LAC DES CHAVANTS

- 🕒 World discovery stage: **LA MACHETE** (New fusion African/Peruvian)

9pm: CHAVANTS: CHAVANTS VILLAGE

- 🕒 **ALIF** (India-Guinea-North Africa)

11pm: CHAVANT: FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 **RADIO MEUH** aftershow



SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

10am: LAC DES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 Conference « La Music au secours de la Paix. Exemple du Mali » - With **Manny ANSAR** (FREEMUSE 2013 prize)

4pm: LES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 **TADALAT**: Kidal Tuareg music from North Africa + guest stars.

6pm: LES CHAVANTS FESTIVAL VILLAGE

- 🕒 **END OF FESTIVAL EVENTS AND CONCERTS.**

In case of bad weather, the shows will be held at the Salle Olca.

MUSICIANS PRESENTATION

Jacky O'STICK with special guest star appearance by DEBASHISH BRAHMACHARI
FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST at the top of PRARION at 2pm

Jacky Mouvilliat chose the foot of Mont Blanc to settle down. He plays guitar, bass, the accordion and CHAPMAN Stick that he discovered during a concert by Peter Gabriel. The instrument consists of a large handle that is held vertically with no "sound box",

you don't scratch the cords, you tap them like keys on a piano.

Thanks to music, all encounters are possible. These encounters, the bonds that he formed, have opened him up to a hybridized style of music. Improvisation plays a large part in his concerts "We put ourselves in danger in certain ways, but that's what brings music to life. The ransom for this risk is pleasure: the shared pure emotion". After a tour in southern India last spring, he returns to us to our greatest joy, inspired by the perfumes and sounds of Asia.

UKADANZ invite Anaske GUEBREYES

FRIDAY 9TH OF AUGUST AT THE FESTIVAL VILLAGE OF LES CHAVANTS at 9pm

With a unique style, this is a singular encounter between an electronic quartet and Anaske GUEBREYES, the charismatic singer of Addis ABEBAS' music scene. Their music inspires itself from traditional and folkloric Ethiopian songs. With certain impertinence, they fuse in an imprint that is definitely wild. Rock and Roll energy animates the band.

No concessions. Guitare, saxophone, keyboards, drums and vocals form a ravaging ensemble that frazzles our

What a pleasure! The stage performance of UKANDANZ sways between energy and emotions..... And so the public is transcends, dances and shivers.

After their passage at "NUITS DE FOUVIERE" at the end of July, we will be welcoming them on the stage at les Chavants.

TERRE MAIRE invite ANASS HABIB

SATURDAY 10th OF AUGUST AT THE MERLET PARK at 3pm

The Occitan band and guest star Anass HABIB will be playing at the Parc Merlet.

After collaborating on two a capella albums and working together for many years on the repertoire of Occitan music, the mother-daughter duet, Béatrice and Marie Ange have associated themselves with Anass HABIB after performing at the FES FESTIVAL 2012. He is a specialist in pre medieval Christian music from the Near-East, but also in Arabic, Armenian and Greek languages, the artist also inspires himself with North African folkloric music.

"We work on the shamanic and mystical dimension of Occitan music, explains Béatrice Lalanne, especially on the oriental influence, which is one of the many sources of Occitania".



ALIF

SATURDAY 10th OF AUGUST at 9pm

A universal language in which musicians can understand each other is built on the diversity of the various cultural musical influences. The music breaths life and is born in a junction of reunions. The artists who are part of ALIF are creators and give free will to their imaginations and their knowledge of music inspired by India, Guinea and North Africa. They write music with no borders, music that stretches to the world, today's world. Sometimes, you will hear the voice of India, the base of a melody that then, brings on a rhythmic line followed by a choir of four voices. Other times, the Kora becomes the mistress of the game and leads the musical march. And finally, it's the energy of a gnawan chant that will transfix the melody. Alif evades traditional music while still contouring and borrowing from it.

Music that travels, music is in "transe", music that dreams, music where one will want to lap up all it has to offer.

TADALAT

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST FESTIVAL VILLAGE LES CHAVANTS at 4pm

(Greenery - Pastures, Hope in Tuareg language)

Heirs to the guitar revolution of the TINARIWEN and descending from the flourishing region of KIDALL, they are ambassadors of the Malian Tuareg identity, bringing forth messages of peace and unity. Their music is inspired by their elders and takes essence in a mixed movement enriched by exchanges and the opening of a modern world. Between tradition and modernity, they revisit traditional chants with sounds and arrangements from today. Genuine footbridge between the occidental and Tuareg world, nostalgic of their grand spaces of freedom, their music varies between blues, desert rock and the intense rhythms of starry Saharan nights.



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