

CHEMINS DE CRÊTE

ART FESTIVAL AND ROUTE IN LES VOIRONS
MASSIF

1 JULY - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Hors les murs

Villa du Parc

Chemins de Crête, Art Festival and route in Les Voirons Massif

Featuring the whole summer along the route: Félicia Atkinson, Collectif M.U.L.O.T., Laurie Dall'Ava, Jill Gasparina, Eric Giraudet de Boudemange, Julie Kieffer, Maxime Lamarche, Ambroise Tièche, Adrianna Wallis.

Weekend opening of the festival with Félicia Atkinson, Dominique Ernst, Jill Gasparina, Antonin Horquin, Bastien Mignot, and Ambroise Tièche.

Curated by Garance Chabert

1 July - 30 September 2023

La Villa du Parc – Contemporary Art Center of National Interest in Annemasse has an out-of-La Villa summer program in Les Voirons Massif, a unique festival mixing contemporary art and nature.

Les Voirons are a massif, a mountain mass, in the French region around Geneva, overlooking Lake Geneva opposite Le Salève mountain near the city and the Jura mountains on the other side of the lake. Les Voirons Massif also points to the majestic Mont-Blanc Massif. Harboring several protected animal species and diversified plant life, Les Voirons, now a Natura 2000 European site, has been inhabited since antiquity and abounds in stories and legends going back generations.

La Villa du Parc has invited artists, architects, writers, performers, and specialists in a range of fields to create on-site works of art that echo and resonate with this exceptional natural setting. They artists have drawn their inspiration from the natural and cultural particularities of the massif, whether it's the landscapes, legends, or uses of the mountain.

An art route featuring sculptures and sound works is waiting to be discovered the whole summer long during a walk near Le Signal des Voirons, the highest point of the massif at 1450 m. The walk should last around 90 minutes. A hut-artwork serves as a landmark and invites visitors to take in the extraordinary landscape while the featured works of art, forming a loop around this point, emphasize and revive the imagery associated with Les Voirons.

There is also a festival program of events along the mountain ridge route and in the surrounding villages, with performances, talks, a concert, and meals outdoors in nature. The festival program is scheduled for the opening weekend, 1 and 2 July, and the closing weekend, 16 and 17 September.

An exciting series of related events and activities is also scheduled throughout the summer, including an astronomy night out with Stephen Rater, a walking talk with Thomas Dutriez, a botanical tour of discovery with Christine Fuchs, and performances and tastings by Perrine Bettin in collaboration with Chef Hubert Chanove.

Guided tours of the art route can be arranged by request. La Villa du Parc also has a summer program of tours and workshops designed for day-care and recreation centers. Valentin Pinet will be shooting a film with the youth members of the Vélo Club d'Annemasse for the start of the Annemasse stage of the Tour de France.



Adrianna Wallis, détail *L'harmonie immense qui dit tout*, 2012
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Julie Kieffer, *Muktinath 010723*, 2022



Maxime Lamarche,
Austin's Island, 2017



Perrine Bettin,
Culinary Immersion « Forè »
Chef : Takesh Minagawa
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