

# LYON CULTURAL CALENDAR 2016

## «MUSIQUES EN SCÈNE» MUSIC BIENNIAL MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup>

The latest of Lyon's Biennial festivals is dedicated to contemporary music. Refined, bold and funny, it appeals to the general public through its concerts and exhibitions. There will also be a workshop at the auditorium for budding composers armed with their smartphone, and a flash mob set to a legendary work by Steve Reich. The festival aims to introduce contemporary music to a wider audience and present a diverse lineup of international talent. The 2016 edition will feature artists from 15 countries, headlined by Dutch composer Michel Van der Aa, Czech composer Ondrej Adamek and Ryoji Ikeda.

<http://bmes-lyon.fr/en/>

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## YOKO ONO RETROSPECTIVE MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

For the first time in France, Yoko Ono will exhibit a retrospective of her works at Lyon's Museum of Contemporary Art. Entitled Yoko Ono: Lumière de l'aube ("The Light of Dawn"), the exhibition will give visitors the chance to discover all of the artist's works from 1952 to today. The 82 year-old Ono will present more than 60 years of creation in an exhibition space covering over 3,000 sq. m. on three floors.

[http://www.mac-lyon.com/mac/sections/fr/a\\_venir/yoko\\_ono](http://www.mac-lyon.com/mac/sections/fr/a_venir/yoko_ono)



## THE LYON NATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL FOR HUMANITY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> TO APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

Directed by Serge Dorny, the Lyon Opera House, a historic building renovated and decked out in black metal by French architect Jean Nouvel, shines far beyond the city. This mid-season festival thrusts the Opera House into the spotlight with a focus on humanity. Four works will be performed, including Benjamin, dernière nuit by Michel Tabachnik, based on a libretto by Régis Debray. Also on the bill are La juive by Jacques Fromental Halévy, directed by Olivier Py, and Brundibar, an opera for children.

<http://www.opera-lyon.com/content/festival-pour-lhumanite>



## «QUAIS DU POLAR» CRIME FICTION FESTIVAL APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>

The "Quais du Polar" Crime Fiction Festival has become THE can't-miss event for crime fiction in France, attracting visitors from the publishing industry and the general public. The festival features a full slate of events, including roundtables, meetings with authors, a mock investigation, theatre, exhibitions, games and more. Many of these events offer free admission, with the exception of film showings and certain festivities at partner cinemas and museums. The festival's main venue will be the Palais du Commerce de Lyon. The 2016 edition will welcome Amélie Nothomb, Richard Price, Jessica Cornwell and other top-name authors.

<http://www.qualsdupolar.com/en/>



## «NUITS SONORES» MUSIC FESTIVAL MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup>

Created in 2003, Nuits Sonores is an electronic culture festival featuring a variety of daytime and evening events. It now attracts over 100,000 spectators a year and invites 250 artists from Europe and the entire world to perform at 50 venues throughout the city, including many in the Confluence neighborhood. The lineup for 2016 includes Laurent Garnier, Seth Troxler and the Motor City Drum Ensemble.

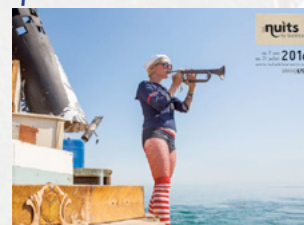
<http://www.nuits-sonores.com/en/>



## «NUITS DE FOURVIÈRE» SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> TO JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

Every summer, nearly 60 performances are given at Lyon's premier outdoor showcase, the Théâtre Antique de Fourvière, offering the 130,000 spectators a stunning view of the city. From Bjork to Zingaro to Patti Smith, the Nuits de Fourvière festival plays host to internationally renowned artists in a variety of disciplines every year. Word has it that in 2016 Michel Polnareff will be back, along with perennial favorites such as theater and circus acts. Everything is still under wraps at the time of press, however.

<http://www.nuitsdefourviere.com/en/>





# ARTS AND CULTURE LYON 2016

## EURO 2016 JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Lyon will host 6 football matches at brand-new Parc Olympique Lyonnais, opened in January of this year.

- 4 first-round matches:
  - Belgium – Italy, June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Ukraine – Northern Ireland, June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Romania – Albania, June 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Portugal – Hungary, June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 1 round of 16 match, June 26<sup>th</sup>
- 1 semi-final match, July 6<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.uefa.com>



## «JAZZ À VIENNE» JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>

Jazz à Vienne is an international jazz festival held every summer in Vienne, located 30 km south of Lyon. Four stages will host performances by top-name international artists. Around 200,000 spectators flock to Vienne for this celebration of all things jazz.

<http://www.jazzavienne.com/en>



## THE BIENNIAL LYON DANCE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup>

The Biennial Dance Festival is back for its 17th edition. This year's program includes a new work by French choreographer Jean-Claude Gallota with singer Olivia and a choreographed parade through the streets of Lyon on September 18th. The 2014 edition drew over 100,000 spectators and 43 dance companies from around the globe.

<http://www.biennaledeladanse.com/en/>



## «FESTIVAL LUMIÈRE» FILM FESTIVAL OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup>

Festival Lumière 2016 will take place from Monday 10th to Sunday October 16th. It is an opportunity to discover or rediscover cinema classics, rarities or films that have never been seen before, as well as the year's finest restorations. Fans are eager to find out who will be awarded the Prix Lumière 2016, following in the footsteps of Martin Scorsese (2015), Pedro Almodovar (2014), Quentin Tarantino (2013), Ken Loach (2012), Milos Forman (2010) and Clint Eastwood (2009).

<http://www.festival-lumiere.org/en/>



## FESTIVAL SENS INTERDITS OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup>

The Festival Sens Interdits tackles questions of memory, identity and resistance. Theater companies from Russia, Germany and Africa perform works in their native language, with subtitles, onstage at Lyon's fabulous Italian-style Theatre des Célestins. This year marks the fifth edition of the festival.

<http://www.en.sensinterdits.org>



## THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>

The eagerly awaited Festival of Lights will be back in 2016. It will unveil the installations from the 2015 edition, which was cancelled in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks in November. Come enjoy these 4 evenings to discover Lyon and its heritage in a new light thanks to works by a number of artists from Lyon and around the globe.

<http://www.fetedeslumieres.lyon.fr/en>





# ARTS AND CULTURE LYON 2016

## MUSÉE DES CONFLUENCES : NEW EXHIBITIONS!

Already one year and more than a million visitors! Lyon's new cultural gateway, the emblematic Confluences Museum, will be offering a program over the next seven months that is sure to be a feast for the senses. Two major exhibitions are slated: *Antartica*, starting April 26th, and *A vos pieds* starting September 13th. *Antartica* is an entirely digital show dedicated to the biodiversity of the Antarctic. It is based on footage from the expedition of Luc Jacquet, director of *March of the Penguins*. *Corps Rebelles*, a part of the Biennial Dance Festival, invites visitors to better understand modern dance. Faithful to its groundbreaking spirit, the Museum explores a broad array of themes through an interdisciplinary approach backed by scientific research.

<http://www.museedesconfluences.fr/fr/visit-museum>



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