

Press release

Sion, 21 August 2023

The Sion Festival 2023 continues with a bang!

After first moments of grace, the Sion Festival 2023 continues with a bang this Wednesday 23 August. Between the Bach-inspired breakdance acrobatics of the Flying Steps, the mad, teasing virtuosity of the Bons Beccs, the combined peaks of Misha Maisky and Bach, the sparkling panache of Sergei Nakariakov and the Brass Band 13 Étoiles, and the shimmering, twirling universe of Vincenzo Capezzuto, audiences will be mesmerized by stars. The end of the week also marks the start of the Tibor Varga International Violin Competition, with the 1st round on 26 and 27 August.

On Wednesday 23 August, Bach meets breakdance with *Flying Bach*, a high-flying, hair-raising show. Created just over ten years ago by the Flying Steps breakdance troupe, it is back in Switzerland for a jubilee tour, with a single concert in French-speaking Switzerland: the one organised by the Sion Festival at the Théâtre du Crochetan in Monthey.

On Thursday 24 August, the four clarinetists and the percussionist from Les Bons Beccs will bring together instrumental virtuosity, humour and theatre with panache and subtlety. They will be playing, moving, dancing and jumping as musical styles collide and a merry "wind of madness" (*Vent de folie* is the programme title) blows through the audience.

Hosted for the first time by the Sion Festival, Mischa Maisky will present a monument of cello literature on Friday August 25: the Bach suites (he will play three of the six in total), the complete works of which he has already recorded twice. An unmissable rendezvous with a living legend and his fiery cello.

European champions in 2023, the Brass Band 13 Etoiles will be in dialogue with the "Paganini of trumpets", Sergei Nakariakov, on Saturday 26 August. An encounter between an international star and Valais brass virtuosos, between classical music and the popular brass band genre, for an evening that promises to be scintillating.

On Sunday August 27, countertenor Vincenzo Capezzuto and his ensemble Soquadro Italiano will take us on an audio-visual voyage of discovery of *Migrant music*. A colorful and luminous plea for openness to the world, between Baroque virtuosity and the rich dialect of the Mediterranean basin.

On Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August, the 1st round of the Tibor Varga International Violin Competition 2023 will be held at the Jesuit Church. 25 candidates will showcase their talent before an international jury presided over by Augustin Dumay.

The Sion Festival continues until 3 September. The Tibor Varga Competition will culminate in the final on two evenings, 31 August and 2 September.

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SION FESTIVAL

- **Wednesday 23 August | 8 pm | Théâtre du Crochetan**
Flying Steps – *Flying Bach*
[Sion Violon musique | Flying Steps EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Thursday 24 August | 7.30 pm | Ferme-Asile**
Les Bons Becs – *Vent de folie*
[Sion Violon musique | Les Bons Becs EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Friday 25 August | 7.30 pm | Sion Cathedral**
Misha Maisky
[Sion Violon musique | Mischa Maisky EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Saturday 26 August | 7.30 pm | Ferme-Asile**
Sergei Nakariakov & Brass Band 13 Étoiles
[Sion Violon musique | Sergei Nakariakov & Brass Band Treize Etoiles EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Sunday 27 August | 5 pm | Ferme-Asile**
Vincenzo Capezzuto & Soqqadro italiano – *Musiques migrantes*
[Sion Violon musique | Vincenzo Capezzuto & Soqqadro Italiano EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)

Ticketing

Tel.: 027 323 85 69

[Online: Sion Violon musique | Concerts festival en - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)

TIBOR VARGA INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION

- **Friday 25 August | 4 pm | Jesuit Church**
Draw
[Sion Violon musique | Draw | Concours Tibor Varga EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Saturday 26 August | 10 am | Jesuit Church**
1st round, 1st part
[Sion Violon musique | 1st Round | Concours Tibor Varga EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Sunday 27 August | 10 am | Jesuit Church**
1st round, 2^d part
[Sion Violon musique | 1st Round | Concours Tibor Varga EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)

Free admission