

Press Release

Sion, 28 August 2023

The last delicacies of the Sion Festival 2023

The Sion Festival is already entering the third and final week of his edition 2023. Starting on Wednesday 30 August, Artistic Director Pavel Vernikov has some tasty delicacies in store for the audience as the feast draws to a close. They will be sweet and salty with Janine Jansen – who, in very good company, will offer us two evenings of contrasts –, from icy to melting with the Norwegian Soloist's Choir, sweet to sparkling with Gaëtan... After the 2nd round at the beginning of the week, the finalists of the Tibor Varga Competition will tackle their main course: the final in two evenings on 31 August (chamber music) and 2 September (with the Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra).

Surrounded by close friends and relatives – Timothy Ridout, Daniel Blendulf, Denis Kozhukhin – Janine Jansen will offer nuggets from Brahms' chamber music repertoire on **Wednesday 30 August**. These discreet and warm scores were most often written for the composer's close friends or muses.

On **Thursday 31 August**, the finalists of the **Tibor Varga Competition** will be confronted with a few searing examples from the great chamber music corpus of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, accompanied by **Alexander Chaushian** and **Ashley Wass**.

The **Norwegian Soloists' Choir** is one of the young Nordic ensembles renowned for their inventiveness, the purity of their timbre, the clarity of their melodic lines and the precision of their singing. On **Friday 1st September**, they will perform an original recital featuring motets from the great classical tradition alongside Norwegian folk pieces.

A recurrent exercise in the life of a soloist, the concerto with orchestra requires multiple abilities, which the **finalists of the Tibor Varga Competition** will have to demonstrate on **Saturday 2 September**. They will have the support of the **Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra**, conducted by **Sergej Krylov**.

On **Sunday 3 September**, late morning, Gaëtan will perform intimate versions of his most famous songs, accompanied by his trusty ukulele and **Frédéric Leclercq's** guitar. The audience will get right to the heart of his repertoire: the funny, colourful texts he conveys to children with a remarkable sense of showmanship. At the end of the concert, children can take part in a **syrup contest**.

Between flamboyant post-Romanticism and modernity, the programme assembled by **Janine Jansen** for the closing concert on **Sunday 3 September**, early evening, illustrates the chamber music production of the twenty years preceding the Great War, with works by Ravel, Chausson and Turina. The artists already present on 30 August will be joined by **Tomo Keller**, **Svetlana Makarova** and **Ting-Ru Lai**.

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SION FESTIVAL

- **Wednesday 30 August | 7.30pm | Ferme-Asile**
Janine Jansen – Brahms
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- **Thursday 31 August | 7.30pm | Ferme-Asile**
Tibor Varga Competition – Chamber music Finale
[Sion Violon musique | Finale du Concours Tibor Varga | 1ère soirée EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Friday 1st September | 7.30pm | St-Théodule Church**
The Norwegian Soloists' Choir
[Sion Violon musique | The Norwegian Soloists' Choir EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Saturday 2 September | 7.30pm | Ferme-Asile**
Tibor Varga Competition – Finale with orchestra
[Sion Violon musique | Finale du Concours Tibor Varga | 2ème soirée EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Sunday 3 September | 11am | Ferme-Asile**
Gaëtan – Family concert
[Sion Violon musique | Gaëtan EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Sunday 3 September | 5pm | Ferme-Asile**
Janine Jansen – From Chausson to Ravel
[Sion Violon musique | Janine Jansen, T. Ridout, D. Blendulf, D. Kozhukhin, T. Keller, S. Makarova & T. Lai EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)

Ticketing

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INTERNATIONAL TIBOR VARGA COMPETITION

- **Monday 28 August | 2pm | Église des Jésuites**
2nd round, 1st part
[Sion Violon musique | 2e Tour | Concours Tibor Varga EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)
- **Thursday 29 August | 1pm | Église des Jésuites**
2nd round, 2nd part
[Sion Violon musique | 2e Tour | Concours Tibor Varga EN - Sion Violon musique \(sion-violon-musique.ch\)](https://sion-violon-musique.ch)

Freed admission