



Piolets d'Or 2017

An International Celebration of Grand Alpinism

MÉTROPOLE GRENOBLOISE | LA GRAVE

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Part One: April 11th-15th

Highlights and Final Programme

Only a few days left until the beginning of the 2017 edition of the Piolet d'Or! Join us next week and meet many of the figures that have shaped the world of alpinism. "Inspiration, action and sharing" will be the themes of this unique and exciting international event.

Event highlights, free and open to the public :

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH | *Alpes-Congrès*

• **The evening will begin at 6pm with a mountain themed book fair on the theme of commitment and risk-taking.** Over a dozen authors will be present, including special guests *Kelly Cordes, Gilles Modica, Jean Michel Asselin, Alain Ghersen, Yves Ballu, Odette Bernezat, Catherine Destivelle, Victor Saunders, Bernard Vaucher, Charlie Buffet, David Chambre, Cedric Sapin Dufour* and more.

Featuring book signings, talks, discussions, and exchanges with authors and alpinists, a photography exhibit and a local organic buffet provided by the nonprofit La Mixture.

• **8pm: Celebration of Jeff Lowe's climbing career.** The evening will be hosted by the co-presidents of the Groupe de Haut Montagne, Catherine Destivelle et Christian Trommsdorff, who will be joined by storytellers and some of Jeff Lowe's climbing partners: *George Lowe (Jeff's cousin), Thomas Huber, François Damilano, Lindsay Griffin, Claude Gardien, Kelly Cordes, Victor Saunders, Sébastien Ratel, Sébastien Bohin* and others.

The event will also feature Grenoble's first screening of the film, Jeff Lowe's Metanoia, award winner at numerous international film festivals. We'll be joined by Jeff Lowe's companion and producer of the film, Connie Self.

Press conference at 5pm at Alpes-Congrès,
reserved for journalists and the media.



THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH | 8pm | Edmond Vigne Theater (Fontaine)

• **An international forum questioning the need for proof of ascents in high level alpinism in the context of increasing professionalization in the sport**, The debate, moderated by François Carrel, will feature contributions from *George Lowe (American Alpine Club)*, *Lindsay Griffin (Alpine Club)*, *Kelly Cordes, Rodolphe Popier, Thomas Huber, Catherine Destivelle, Sébastien Ratel and Christian Trommsdorff (Groupe de Haute Montagne)*. This forum will revisit famous controversies of the past, explore new questions and discuss potential changes to the Piolet d'Or Charter. For further reading, visit : <http://www.pioletsdor.net/index.php/fr/international-forum-bibliography>

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH AND SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH | La Grave

• **Two days of activities in the mountains around La Meije and a Friday evening celebration in the village of La Grave** (Drive-in theater and reception).

As a reminder, Part Two of the 2017 Piolet d'Or will take place in November, during the Rencontres Ciné Montagne film festival in Grenoble. An entire evening will be dedicated to celebrating the winning 2016 ascents.

For a detailed program of the 2017 Piolet d'Or and all of the latest updates, please visit our website: www.pioletsdor.net.



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• **UNIQUE VISITS OF GRENOBLE'S MUSEUMS***

8am to 7pm | Musée Dauphinois

Exclusive visit of the "People of the Alps" exhibit, featuring live music from musician Alain Lafuente.

Suitable for all audiences.

Reservations recommended: contact Médiarts (contact@mediarts38.fr or +33 662706413).

• **INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PROOF IN MOUNTAINEERING***

8pm | Salle Edmond Vigne de Fontaine

An international forum on the question of proof of ascents in high-level alpinism: this debate will be held in the context of increasing professionalization in alpinism, and will feature the voices of alpinists, journalists, and historians, revisit famous controversies of the past, explore new questions and discuss potential changes to the Piolet d'Or charter. François Carrel will moderate a public debate between journalists and historians (Kelly Cordes, Jean-Jacques Prieur and Rodolph Popier), professional alpinists (Thomas Huber and Sébastien Ratel) and representatives from alpine institutions (Christian Trommsdorff - GHM, Lindsay Griffin - American Alpine Journal, and George Lowe - American Alpine Club).

At the beginning of the evening, members of the Piolet d'Or Jury will announce the winning ascents of 2016. The awards will be given during Part Two of the 2017 Piolet d'Or in November. **Open to the Public.**

• **MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES IN LA GRAVE**

- **Glacier discovery and initiation!** A half-day workshop to learn about glaciers (crevasses, seracs, climate change, etc.) and glacier travel, including a roped snowshoe hike on the Girose Glacier.

- **Glacier travel on skis.** a half-day workshop aimed at teaching the techniques for travelling safely on skis across glaciated terrain (roping up, navigation and route choice, gear choices and crevasse rescue)

35€ per person for a half-day workshop. The price includes safety equipment (harness, ropes, avalanche beacons, shovels and probes) and instruction by certified high mountain guides. The price does not include the La Grave lift ticket or rental of other equipment (backcountry ski gear or snowshoes). For more information and to sign up, contact the La Grave guide office: +33 476799121.

Sign up before Wednesday, April 12th.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH • **EVENING IN LA GRAVE**

6-7pm | Outside the La Grave Village Function Hall - Pre-dinner drinks and snacks

7-9pm | Dinner in the restaurants around La Grave with Piolet d'Or special alpinist guests.

9pm | Outside the La Grave Village Function Hall- Drive-in theater: screening of short ski films and Jeff Lowe's Metanoia as an homage to the climbing career of Jeff Lowe. Joined by his cousin, George Lowe and his companion, who is also the producer of this exceptional film.

9pm | Gîte Le Rocher - Festive evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

• **FAMILY DAY**

La Grave

Concert and Easter Egg Hunt at 3200 meters! For families.

For more information and to sign up, contact the La Grave Tourism Office at otgrave-lameije.com or +33 4 76799005.

CINÉ MONTAGNE

• **CELEBRATIONS NIGHT**

Palais des Sports de Grenoble

Night of celebrations with the protagonists of the 2016 rewarded ascents and presentation of the documentary film of the Piolet d'Or 2016 during the 19th Rencontres Ciné Montagne, in Grenoble from 6 to 11 November 2017.

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