



Press release

Paléo and HES-SO celebrate 20 years of shared creativity

20 years already! On the occasion of its 49th edition (21 to 26 July), Paléo Festival Nyon celebrates two decades of collaboration with the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland (HES-SO). Twenty years of shared spirit, innovation and inspired creativity, embodied this summer by "Enigmatik", a spectacular science fiction-inspired project promising audiences an encounter of the third kind.

A landmark partnership for innovation

For twenty editions, HES-SO has partnered with Paléo as its innovation partner. This emblematic collaboration has left a lasting mark on the Plaine de l'Asse: immersive infrastructures, bold installations, interactive features and a spotlight on local emerging musical talent. Every summer, students from across French-speaking Switzerland commit to this unique interdisciplinary project. Their creativity and dedication have made the HES-SO space at Paléo a must-visit destination.

« Enigmatik » : mystery, vertigo and... beyond !

To mark this anniversary, HES-SO is offering a cosmic experience. Students from around fifteen universities of applied sciences will take over Paléo with "Enigmatik", bringing unusual experiences and performances to the festival. The project also features a forward-looking musical programme, with emerging ensembles from HES-SO's music schools. In total, six groups will perform on the Face Nord stage, at the heart of the scenography (full programme [here](#)).

A science fiction-inspired scenography

Good heavens, a UFO! A true cosmic theatre, a science fiction-inspired structure will host performances, concerts and all manner of close encounters of the third kind. Light effects, intriguing forms and immersive atmospheres will create a sensory universe where everyone is free to interpret signals from elsewhere. At times, all sense of orientation will falter, as if the stage itself had broken free from gravity... A retrospective rounds out the experience.

In numbers

- 20 years of partnership
- +100 students involved
- 15 HES-SO institutions

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