



Press release

Paléo ready to welcome 250,000 festivalgoers

Just a few hours remain before the gates open on the 49th [Paléo Festival Nyon](#). From 21 to 26 July, around 250,000 festivalgoers from across Switzerland and beyond will descend on the festival for six days of unforgettable live music. Opening night will set the tone with American duo Twenty One Pilots and the first-ever performance by pop superstar Lorde in French-speaking Switzerland. Across the week, 103 artists from 30 countries will take to the stages, including pop icon Katy Perry, legendary new wave pioneers The Cure, trailblazing “Boss Lady” Theodora, and art-pop collective Gorillaz. From headline concerts and immersive experiences to community initiatives, Paléo promises an exhilarating week celebrating music and togetherness.

Belleville Gets a Bold New Look

An instant festival favourite since its debut in 2022, the Belleville stage returns with a fresh new look. Redesigned to deliver an even more immersive experience, it now sits within a shimmering visual world inspired by precious crystals. Dedicated to electronic music and its many subgenres, Belleville has been transformed with LED screens and an all-new visual design, while preserving the spectacular light shows that have become its trademark. On the bill this year are the melancholic club sounds of okgiorgio, tech-house legend Jen Cardini, and rising frapcore sensation Urumi. [Full programme](#).

A Festival on Two Wheels

This year, Paléo is encouraging more festivalgoers than ever to travel by bike. In partnership with Pro Vélo La Côte, Police Nyon Région, the Cantonal Police and TCS, the Festival is expanding its cycling facilities to promote sustainable travel. Signposted routes, a larger secure bike park with space for up to 1,400 bicycles, festive group rides to and from the site, and a self-service repair station are all in place to make cycling the easiest way to get to Paléo. As an added bonus, cyclists can enter a prize draw via the [Codos app](#) for a chance to win tickets to the 2027 festival. An initiative supported by the Modus Foundation. [More information](#).

2026 Charity Partners: Caritas and Sea Shepherd

Remaining true to its commitment to social and environmental causes, Paléo is partnering with Caritas Geneva and Vaud, which supports people experiencing financial hardship, and Sea Shepherd Switzerland, dedicated to protecting marine ecosystems. Throughout the Festival, both organisations will host stands and interactive activities to raise awareness, including a vintage clothing sale and giant Jenga with Caritas, and workshops and photography exhibitions with Sea Shepherd. Festivalgoers can also support their work by donating their reusable cups. [More information](#).

A Tribute to Dany Gignoux

This year, La Galerie, the Festival’s exhibition space, pays tribute to Dany Gignoux (1944–2025). One of Geneva’s leading photographers, Gignoux spent nearly four decades

documenting the rise of contemporary music in Switzerland and across Europe, capturing the early years of both the Nyon Folk Festival and Paléo Festival Nyon. A selection of iconic photographs from her archive, preserved by the Library of Geneva, invites festivalgoers to revisit a defining chapter in Paléo's history.

The Ultimate Festival Kit by AVNIER

Surprise! This year, Paléo teams up with AVNIER, the brand founded by Swiss designer Sébastien Strappazzon and French artist Orelsan, for a limited-edition capsule collection. Designed with festivalgoers and late-night adventurers in mind, the kit includes a sports jersey, a beach towel and a compact crossbody bag, available from the Fontaine Shop.

HES-SO Reaches New Heights to Celebrate 20 Years of Partnership

For the past 20 years, the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland (HES-SO) has been Paléo's innovation partner. Over the years, the school has showcased immersive installations, bold creations and interactive experiences, while supporting emerging local artists. To celebrate the anniversary of this fruitful collaboration, HES-SO will unveil a science fiction-inspired structure: a cosmic theatre hosting performances, concerts and all kinds of close encounters. Listen closely... it might even lift off! [Full programme.](#)

Nordic Colours and Flavours at the Village du Monde

Miniature fjords, colourful cabins and northern lights will set the scene as this year's Village du Monde will host the Nordic countries. Alongside the Dome stage, around ten artists will also perform intimate sets at L'Escale, from traditional folk (Värttinä, Hialøsa) and shamanic trance (SKÁLD) to Arctic rap (Tarrak) and Nordic pop-rock (Ásgeir). Enjoy a smorrebrod, unwind in the sauna or go chasing the northern lights. [Full programme.](#)

La Ruche Celebrates the Power of Nature

Nature doesn't ask permission, it quietly takes hold before revealing its unstoppable force. This year, La Ruche pays poetic tribute with roaming singer-performers (Collectif Volkanik), electric sound-makers aboard a mobile caravan stage (Les Frères Jacquard), and an acrobat sawing through the wrong side of his own branch (Muchmuche Company). Around ten companies and performances will bring the area to life throughout the Festival. [Full programme.](#)

In numbers

- **6** days and **6** nights
- **250,000** festivalgoers
- **200+** concerts and performances
- **5,400** volunteers
- **80** hectares of festival grounds
- **136** food stalls
- **40** bars run by local organisations
- **3** charity partners

Paléo is Switzerland's largest open-air music festival.

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Useful resources

- [Full line-up](#)
- [Festival timetable](#)
- [Site map](#)
- [MEASE Platform](#) (interviews, TV rights and photography)

Festival and concert images will be available on the MEASE platform. Need access?
Contact presse@paleo.ch.

Press events and media tours

The press office invites you to a series of behind-the-scenes tours during the Festival (registration required via the press office, places are limited).

Tuesday 21 July, 2 pm – Sustainable mobility tour with Pro Vélo
Wednesday 22 July, 2 pm – Meet Caritas and Sea Shepherd
Thursday 23 July, 2 pm – Meet Sébastien Strappazzon (AVNIER)
Sunday 26 July, 3 pm – Closing press conference