

En 2025, ce rendez-vous d'avant-concert, bien connu des festivaliers, fait son grand retour dans un format repensé. Place aux échanges : dialogues privilégiés avec vos artistes préférés et rencontres inspirantes avec des figures majeures de la scène culturelle internationale.

Découvrez chaque jour un TALK à 17:00 au Pavillon des Combins (le week-end à 15:00 et 17:00), afin d'explorer toute la richesse et la diversité du Verbier Festival. Chaque TALK d'une heure sera animé et présenté par des journalistes et musicologues reconnus.

2025 marks the return of these well-known pre-concert talks, in a different format, focused primarily on conversations with your favourite artists or inspiring figures from the international cultural scene.

Discover a TALK every day at 17:00 at the Pavillon des Combins (with a second one at 15:00 on weekends) to explore the richness and diversity of the Verbier Festival. Each one-hour TALK will be hosted and presented by renowned journalists and musicologists.

ENTRÉE LIBRE FREE ADMISSION

Les TALKS se dérouleront en anglais. Une traduction simultanée sera proposée au public en français ou en anglais en fonction de la langue des invités.

The TALKS will be held in English. Simultaneous translation will be available for the audience — into French or English, depending on the language of the guests.

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PROGRAMME **TALKS**

THU 17.07	17:00	Mischa Maisky <i>Host: Charlotte Gardner</i>
FRI 18.07	17:00	Julien Favreau Béjart Ballet Lausanne <i>Host: Sabine Swiss & Chic (in French)</i>
SAT 19.07	15:00	Klaus Mäkelä <i>Host: James Jolly</i>
	17:00	Gábor Takács-Nagy, Blythe Engstroem, Brendan Kane <i>Host: Michèle Larivière</i>
SUN 20.07	15:00	Alain Dufaux, Claire-Aimée Allyndrée VF Collection <i>Host: Pauline Lambert</i>
	17:00	Bruno Monsaingeon <i>Host: James Jolly</i>
MON 21.07	17:00	Ekaterina Bonyushkina <i>Host: Charlotte Gardner</i>
TUE 22.07	17:00	Jean-Efflam Bavouzet <i>Host: James Jolly</i>
WED 23.07	17:00	Kengo Kuma, Peter Brabeck-Letmathe Centre Culturel de Verbier <i>Host: Patrick Aebischer</i>
THU 24.07	17:00	Presentation of the operas Gianni Schicchi and Cavalleria Rusticana <i>Host: Michèle Larivière (in French)</i>
FRI 25.07	17:00	Leonardo García-Alarcón <i>Host: Pauline Lambert</i>

SAT 26.07	15:00	Claudia Comte,Anneliek Sijbrandij Verbier Art Summit <i>Host: Samuel Leuenberger</i>
	17:00	Evgeny Kissin <i>Host: Dietmar Müller-Elmau</i>
SUN 27.07	15:00	Steve Roger, Pierluigi Orunesu Virtual Reality & Artificial Intelligence <i>Host: Yves Zahno</i>
	17:00	Sonya Yoncheva, Sofia Anisimova, Tamara Bounazou VF Atelier Lyrique <i>Host: Charles Sigel (in French)</i>
MON 28.07	17:00	Lahav Shani <i>Host: Julian Sykes</i>
TUE 29.07	17:00	Sarah Kenderdine EPFL <i>Host: Yves Zahno</i>
WED 30.07	17:00	Anastasia Kobekina <i>Host: Julian Sykes</i>
THU 31.07	17:00	Brad Mehldau <i>Host: Dietmar Müller-Elmau</i>
FRI 01.08	17:00	Paavo Järvi <i>Host: Michèle Larivière</i>
SAT 02.08	15:00	About the film "Jacqueline du Pré: Genius & Tragedy" Mischa Maisky, Clara Schlotz, Matthew Percival <i>Host: Jack Pepper</i>
	17:00	Pedja Mužijević, Stephen McHolm VF Academy <i>Host: Jack Pepper</i>
SUN 03.08	17:00	Martin T:son Engstroem <i>Host: Bertrand Dermoncourt</i>

Alongside the musicians who will perform during this 32nd Festival edition, we have invited artistic partners with whom the Verbier Festival has developed important relationships and exciting projects.



FRI **18.07** | 17:00

Julien Favreau
Béjart Ballet Lausanne
Since its creation in 1987, Béjart Ballet Lausanne has been a benchmark in the world of choreography. Julien Favreau, who joined the company 30 years ago as a dancer, was appointed Artistic Director in 2024.



SUN **20.07** | 17:00

Bruno Monsaingeon
French violinist and acclaimed filmmaker, he is known for his intimate documentaries about legendary classical musicians, including Glenn Gould, Sviatoslav Richter, Yehudi Menuhin, Klaus Mäkelä...



WED **23.07** | 17:00

Kengo Kuma
Renowned Japanese architect Kengo Kuma is the visionary behind the future Verbier Cultural Centre. His work bridges nature, technology, and human experience through an innovative approach to design.



SAT **26.07** | 15:00

Claudia Comte
Verbier Art Summit
Swiss artist based in Basel, Claudia Comte works across installation, painting, and sculpture. Her practice is guided by a longstanding interest in teasing out the history and memory of biomorphic forms through traditional hand processes, industrial techniques, and machine technologies.



TUE **29.07** | 17:00

Sarah Kenderdine *EPFL*
New Zealand-born museologist and professor at EPFL, Sarah Kenderdine is the founding director of the Laboratory for Experimental Museology (eM+). Since 2017, she has led EPFL Pavilions; an art and science space housed in a landmark building designed by Kengo Kuma.



SAT **02.08** | 15:00

Jacqueline du Pré
Genius and Tragedy
Presented by Allegro Films' Creative Director Matthew Percival, with cellist Mischa Maisky and Claudia Schlotz, this TALK explores the profound legacy of Jacqueline du Pré and her impact on generations of musicians.