

Press release

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26-year-old Eliana Burki has already an international musical career. In concert in Nendaz the 23rd of July 2010 at 20h00. The alphorn with a tint of jazz, rock, funk and blues.

The 9th International Alphorn Festival – 23rd – 25th of July 2010

The Alphorn Queen in Nendaz

A wind of folklore and festivities is blowing towards Nendaz during the last week-end of July 2010. The International Alphorn Festival will bring together lovers of this legendary instrument and numerous traditional groups. The talented Eliana Burki, a true star in the German speaking part of Switzerland, will bring a refreshing touch to this rather masculine world during her performance on Friday evening. On Sunday the 'Amicale valaisanne' alphorn group will entertain the public in parallel to the festival...

Nendaz's International Alphorn Festival constitutes one of the biggest alphorn meetings in Switzerland. The main goal behind this event is one of folklore and traditions. Numerous entertainment take place around the official contest: flag throwers, yodellers, wrestlers, folk groups, bell ringers, arts and crafts market and a grand cattle parade. During the previous edition, over 12,000 visitors enjoyed the alphorn entertainment over three days.

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New : The 'FUN' contest

Throughout the weekend, the alphorn contest (5 categories) will see over one hundred musicians from all over Switzerland and also from abroad (France, Belgium and USA) competing. The winner of the 2009 edition was a Frenchman from Briançon. Very strict rules make this competition one of extremely high musical quality. Independently from the official competition, the 'FUN' contest will give the opportunity to musicians to leave the beaten track as far as music is concerned, and offer the audience different sides to alphorn playing. This competition will take place on Saturday, during the official competition's lunch break, at the festival's venue.

The participants can perform with the instrument of their choice: horn, trombobuchel, made from wood or carbon, with two tones or more (ensemble), or with an association of instruments.

All types of music can be performed, with or without accompaniment. The winner of the FUN competition will perform the opening of the official competition's grand final on the Sunday.

The 'Amical valaisanne' in parallel...

The 'Amical valaisanne' meet every year in a different alphorn playing place with musicians coming from all over the Valais region. Its goal is to bring alphorn players from different regions closer together. This year, the 'Amicale' is organised by an alphorn-playing group from Nendaz in conjunction with the International Festival. This event promises even more alphorn players being present than last year.



The 'Amicale Valaisanne' will provide the opportunity to produce a 'morceau d'ensemble' of over 200 alphorn players, which is twice as many as the previous editions.

The inscriptions for the competition (official or FUN) are open on www.nendazcordesalpes.ch or at Nendaz Tourisme info@nendaz.ch. You can find all the relevant information and rules and regulations concerning the festival on www.nendazcordesalpes.ch

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