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20th Piolets d'Or

21st - 24th March 2012
Chamonix-Mont-Blanc (France) and Courmayeur (Italy)

Programme of Events

Wednesday 21st March

Courmayeur

- 08.30 *Pointe Helbronner (3462 metres)*
Initiation into mountain activities for youth groups organised by Courmayeur Guides Bureau (snowshoeing, ski touring, climbing)
- 21.00 *Jardin de l'Ange - free entry*
Trento Film Festival at the Piolets d'Or, with Hervé Barmasse & Nicolas Favresse
Linea Continua - Hervé Barmasse
Asgard Jamming - Favresse brothers

Chamonix

- 17.30 *Espace Tairraz - Chamonix (behind the church, pedestrian exit of Saint Michel car park)*
Welcome for jury, nominees, press, sponsors: organisation for next day activities
- 18.30 *Espace Tairraz - Chamonix, invitation only*
Official opening of the 20th Piolets d'Or with the mayors of Chamonix & Courmayeur, jury, nominees, press, sponsors & VIPs
- 21.00 *Cinema Vox - Chamonix (rear entrance, opposite tourist office)*
Screening of mountain films
Vertical Sailing (52') - expedition honoured at 2011 Piolets d'Or
Les Piolets d'Or (50') - by Jean Affanasieff

Thursday 22nd March

Chamonix

- 08.30 Departure for mountain excursions, rdv at the UCPA, 131 rue du Lyret, Chamonix
- 18.30 *Majestic Congress - invitation only*
Apéritif - sponsors, jury, nominees
- 19.00 *Majestic Congress - invitation only*
Buffet - sponsors, jury, nominees
- 21.00 *Majestic Congress - free entry*
'Alpinism and Innovation'

Hommage to Walter Bonatti

Robert Paragot: Lifetime Achievement award 2012

- a reflection on the climbing career of Robert Paragot with friends & film

Innovation today - presentation by Jérôme Blanc Gras

Courmayeur

21.00

Jardin de l'Ange - free admission

'A lifestyle - the life and times of Walter Bonatti' - with Vasco Mirandola,

live music by Piccola Bottega Baltazar

video & images by Raffaella Rivi

created by Vinicio Stefanello

Friday 23rd March

Chamonix

- 08.30 *Majestic Congress*
Presentation of nominated routes to the jury (*nominees, press & sponsors only*)
- 13.00
Lunch - jury, nominees & organisation (*Maison Carrier*)
Lunch - sponsors & press (*Chez Moustache*)
- 14.30 **Selection of mountain films** (*free admission - programme tbc*)
- 15.00
Deliberation of the Jury (*no admittance*)
- 15.00-17.00 **Nominee interviews with press**
- 17.30
Book fair & signings - a chance to meet some of the nominated alpinists and special guests
- 19.00
Dinner - jury, nominees, VIPs, press (*invitation only*)
- 21.00 **Pioletts d'Or 2012 - the ascents of the year**
an evening with jury & nominees for the 2012 event

Saturday 24th March

Chamonix

- Morning programme dependent on weather
- 15.30
bus service to Courmayeur for nominees, press & VIPs
(*exact time & place tbc*)

Courmayeur

- 16.30 *Jardin de l'Ange*
Press conference with **nominees & Robert Paragot** (*press only*)
- 18.00
Procession through historic town centre by Courmayeur Mountain Guides
- 19.00
Buffet - (*invitation only*)
- 21.00
Palanoir Cinema - (free admission)
Award Ceremony for Pioletts d'Or 2012
Walter Bonatti Lifetime Contribution Award to Robert Paragot
Pioletts d'Or 2011 Ascents Awards

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