

Piolets d'Or 2017

An International Celebration of Grand Alpinism

MÉTROPOLE GRENOBLOISE | LA GRAVE

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Jeff Lowe
Piolet d'Or Carrière 2017
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In 2017, the Piolet d'Or comes to Grenoble, the capital of the Alps, to celebrate international mountaineering and alpine-style climbing. This cultural event, which is organized by the Groupe de Haute Montagne (GHM) and is supported by the City of Grenoble, the Grenoble Metropolitan Area, the Isère Departmental Council, and the Auvergne Rhône-Alpes Region, will be an international gathering recognizing the many dimensions of alpinism.

Wednesday April 12th will be the highlight of the week's events, when American alpinist Jeff Lowe will be recognized with the 9th Piolet d'Or Walter Bonatti Lifetime Achievement Award. The evening will be hosted by the co-presidents of the Groupe de Haute Montagne (GHM), Catherine Destivelle and Christian Trommsdorff, who will be joined by storytellers and some of Jeff Lowe's climbing partners, including George Lowe (Jeff's cousin), Thomas Huber, François Damilano, Lindsay Griffin, Claude Gardien, Kelly Cordes, John Porter, Mick Fowler, Victor Saunders, Sébastien Ratel, and Sébastien Bohin.

The evening will also feature Grenoble's first ever screening of the film *Jeff Lowe's Metanoia*, which has won awards at many international film festivals. Jeff Lowe's companion and producer of the film, Connie Self, will join us.

On Thursday, April 13th, the GHM will host an international forum to discuss the increasing professionalization of mountaineering and more specifically, the question of proof of ascents in alpinism. François Carrell will moderate a debate between alpinists, journalists and historians, revisiting famous climbing controversies, exploring new questions and discussing potential changes to the charter of the Piolet d'Or.

At the beginning of the evening, members of the Piolet d'Or Jury will announce the winning ascents of 2016. The Piolet d'Or award ceremony will take place in November 2017 during Grenoble's mountain film festival, Rencontres Ciné Montagne.

These events are free and open to the public. The week will also feature a mountain literature themed book fair on April 12th at Alps-Congrès, as well as unique tours of local exhibits in the city's museums, accompanied by climbers who are passionate about art.

Finally, to add some high mountain flavor to the week's events, the 2017 Piolet d'Or invites you to join them for two days in the village of La Grave, nestled at the foot of the Meije - one of the Alp's mythical summits. Featuring festive cultural and sporting events, the weekend will celebrate alpine climbing and include hands-on workshops introducing participants to mountaineering.

As a reminder, **Part Two of the 2017 Piolet d'Or will take place in November during the Rencontres Ciné Montagne film festival in Grenoble.** An entire evening will be dedicated to celebrating the winning 2016 ascents.

Find below the detailed program.

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PROGRAMME

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH

OPENING NIGHT



• **EVENING DEDICATED TO LIONEL TERRAY***

7:30pm | Grenoble Tourism Office Conference Room

On opening night, the mountain office of the City of Grenoble welcomes its special guest, author Marcel Pérès, who will invite you to discover the life of Lionel Terray through a collection of his work, published by Glénat. The evening will pay special tribute to Terray, who is not only a local Isère climbing hero, but also an international mountaineering icon..

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH

JEFF LOWE

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARE



• **UNIQUE VISITS OF GRENOBLE'S MUSEUMS***

4:30-6pm | Musée de l'Ancien Évêché

Guided visit of the exhibition "Pic & Bulle - the mountains in comics."

4:30-6pm | Musée de Grenoble

Guided visit "Mountaineer artists: Dauphiné painters of the 19th century".

Guided tour co-led by a museum tour guide and an alpinist.

Reservations recommended: contact Médiarts (frederique.r@mediarts38.fr / 0662706413).

• **MOUNTAINEERING AND LITERATURE BOOK FAIR***

6-8pm | Alpes Congrès

The evening will kick off with a mini-book fair in the Alpes Congrès entrance hall.

Several publishing houses specialized in mountain literature will be present and offer a variety of talks and book signings. Special guests will include Kelly Cordes, Stéphanie Bodet, Claude Gardien, Gilles Modica, Jean-Michel Asselin, Marcel Peres, Alain Ghersen, Yves Ballu, Odette Bernezat, Gilles Chappaz, Catherine Destivelle, Anselme Baud, Victor Saunders, Bernard Vaucher, Yves Peysson, John Porter, Charlie Buffet and François Carrel.

Clair Obscur and Diverticimes will also present a mountain photography exhibit..

Catering by the nonprofit "la Mixture" will include a bar and local organic specialties.



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• All events are free of entrance*

• **CELEBRATION OF JEFF LOWE'S CLIMBING CAREER***

• **SCREENING OF METANOIA***

8pm | Alpes Congrès

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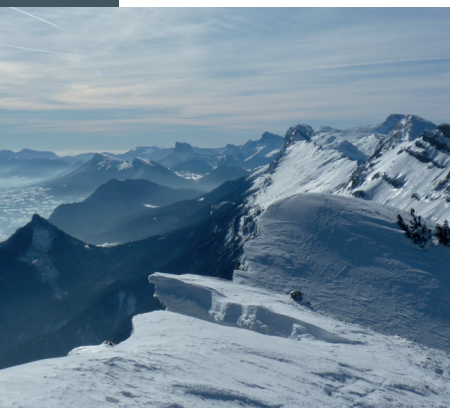
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INTERNATIONAL FORUM



FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH
& **SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH**



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• **UNIQUE VISITS OF GRENOBLE'S MUSEUMS***

8am to 7pm | Musée Dauphinois

Exclusive visit of the "People of the Alps" exhibit, featuring live music from musician Alain Lafuente.

Suitable for all audiences.

Reservations recommended: contact Médiarts (contact@mediarts38.fr or +33 662706413).

• **INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PROOF IN MOUNTAINEERING***

8pm | Salle Edmond Vigne de Fontaine

An international forum on the question of proof of ascents in high-level alpinism: this debate will be held in the context of increasing professionalization in alpinism, and will feature the voices of alpinists, journalists, and historians, revisit famous controversies of the past, explore new questions and discuss potential changes to the Piolet d'Or charter. François Carrel will moderate a public debate between journalists and historians (Kelly Cordes, Jean-Jacques Prieur and Rodolph Popier), professional alpinists (Thomas Huber and Sébastien Ratel) and representatives from alpine institutions (Christian Trommsdorff - GHM, Lindsay Griffin - American Alpine Journal, and George Lowe - American Alpine Club).

At the beginning of the evening, members of the Piolet d'Or Jury will announce the winning ascents of 2016. The awards will be given during Part Two of the 2017 Piolet d'Or in November. **Open to the Public.**

• **MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES IN LA GRAVE**

- **Glacier discovery and initiation!** A half-day workshop to learn about glaciers (crevasses, seracs, climate change, etc.) and glacier travel, including a roped snowshoe hike on the Girose Glacier.

- **Glacier travel on skis.** a half-day workshop aimed at teaching the techniques for travelling safely on skis across glaciated terrain (roping up, navigation and route choice, gear choices and crevasse rescue)

35€ per person for a half-day workshop. The price includes safety equipment (harness, ropes, avalanche beacons, shovels and probes) and instruction by certified high mountain guides. The price does not include the La Grave lift ticket or rental of other equipment (backcountry ski gear or snowshoes). For more information and to sign up, contact the La Grave guide office: +33 476799121.

Sign up before Wednesday, April 12th.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH • **EVENING IN LA GRAVE**

6-7pm | Outside the La Grave Village Function Hall - Pre-dinner drinks and snacks

7-9pm | Dinner in the restaurants around La Grave with Piolet d'Or special alpinist guests.

9pm | Outside the La Grave Village Function Hall- Drive-in theater: screening of short ski films and Jeff Lowe's Metanoia as an homage to the climbing career of Jeff Lowe. Joined by his cousin, George Lowe and his companion, who is also the producer of this exceptional film.

9pm | Gîte Le Rocher - Festive evening.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

• **FAMILY DAY**

La Grave

Concert and Easter Egg Hunt at 3200 meters! For families.

For more information and to sign up, contact the La Grave Tourism Office at otgrave-lameije.com or +33 4 76799005.

CINÉ MONTAGNE

• **CELEBRATIONS NIGHT**

Palais des Sports de Grenoble

Night of celebrations with the protagonists of the 2016 rewarded ascents and presentation of the documentary film of the Piolets d'Or 2016 during the 19th Rencontres Ciné Montagne, in Grenoble from 6 to 11 November 2017.

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