

RELOVUTION GOSPEL FESTIVAL 2025

Program, information and tips.

THE PROGRAM.

FRIDAY JANUARY 24

> 10 a.m.-4 p.m. : Choir Director's Corner

To inspire one another, share experiences, get to know one another, encourage one another, recognise one another and exchange. This is the ambition of this day which brought together 35 choir directors from all over Europe in 2024. Workshops will be offered by renowned choir directors.

- For whom? : for choir directors

- Location: Temple des Augustins

- We remind you that the entire weekend is offered to choir directors accompanying their choir.

- We will eat together at the restaurant. Remember to book via the choir registration form

> 5 p.m.-7 p.m. : registrations

Come, register and collect your welcome bag, including badge and songbook.

- For whom? : All registered

- Location: Reception of the Kiasma

- We recommend that you come early enough to avoid the queues. You will have somewhere to eat and/or have a drink nearby, as the town centre of Castelnau le Lez is close by.

- You must have purchased for the festival in advance.

- To purchase tickets : www.relovutiongospel.com (section 'Ticketing')

> 7 p.m.-10 p.m. : Singing workshop

After a welcoming speech from the president, a first workshop led by Isaac Cates and Fred Lewin, in the presence of Mona Abel, will provide an opportunity to share a taste of the weekend.

- For whom?: all registered

- Location: Espace Lagoya at Kiasma

SATURDAY JANUARY 25

> 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Isaac Cates Workshop

After a full warm-up session, Isaac Cates will offer us a workshop during which he will teach us songs from his repertoire and share his knowledge of voice placement and choir sound. This workshop will be given in the presence of Mona Abel who will perform some of his songs.

- For whom?: all registered

- Location: Espace Lagoya at Kiasma

>3 p.m.-6 p.m.: Fred Lewin Workshop

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Fred Lewin will offer to discover or rediscover some songs from his repertoire, but also a well-known song from the Gospel repertoire. This workshop will also be an opportunity to receive Fred's recognized pedagogy. Mona Abel will also be present to perform some songs from the workshop.

- *For whom?: all registered*

- *Location: Espace Lagoya at Kiasma*

>8:30 p.m.-11 p.m. (approximately): Night Of Inspiration

GN/AS Gospel, Isaac Cates, Mona Abel and Fred Lewin offer you an evening of inspiration, during which we will sing together. Classics from the Gospel repertoire, songs from the guest artists' repertoires. An evening of communion, singing, and great emotion in perspective.

- *For whom?: all registered*

- *Location: Espace Lagoya at Kiasma*

SUNDAY JANUARY 26

> Morning: free time or celebrations in town

We will offer choirs who wish to participate in a religious celebration within a Protestant or Catholic community in Montpellier. A good opportunity to make the Gospel resonate throughout the city and to share the songs.

- *For whom?: the choirs registered for the festival*

- *Location: various locations in Montpellier & surrounding area*

> 12 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Lunch

We propose to all come together to break bread together and share the Sunday lunch. Each participant will bring a culinary specialty (to eat and/or drink) from home, and we will share food all together.

- *For whom?: all registered*

- *Location: Salon du Belvedere - Corum*

>3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.: Meeting of choirs, restitution: closing.

This closing afternoon will be an opportunity to listen and share with all the choirs that participated in the festival. Each choir that wishes to sing will sing one or two songs from its repertoire. We will close the afternoon by singing together the songs learned during the workshops on Friday and Saturday.

- *For whom?: all registered*

- *Location: Espace Lagoya at Kiasma*

VENUES AND ACCESS

THE KIASMA

The Kiasma is a large hall that includes Espace Lagoya, Salon Paganini, Bar,...

1, place de la Crouzette – 34170 Castelnau le Lez

Located in the city center of Castelnau-le-Lez (which borders Montpellier), the Kiasma houses the Espace Lagoya (where we will hold workshops and all our shared activities), the Bar, the Reception Area, the Paganini lounge and the Cloakroom.

It is accessible:

- by car:

By the A709 motorway, Exit 29 (Montpellier Est Millénaire), then follow Castelnau Centre.

Parking: schools, City Hall or Vicarello underground parking.

Please note: Saturday is market day in Castelnau, car parks may be full. Use other means of transport, or carpool if you have no choice.

- By bike:

Bicycle racks are available all around the Kiasma.

- By tram:

Line 2 - Clairval stop - 5 to 8 min walk.

LE TEMPLE DES AUGUSTINS.

5, rue des Augustins – 34000 Montpellier

Located in the heart of the city, a 2-minute walk from Place de la Comédie and the Esplanade, you can get there by tram (lines 1 and 2 – Comédie stop).

SALON DU BELVEDERE.

Corum – Charles de Gaulle Esplanade.

To access the Salon, you have to go around the Corum. When you are facing the Corum, go up the stairs and go around the building on the left (the route will be signposted). The Salon is located on the terrace at the back, Allée du St Esprit (you couldn't make it up :-)).



To navigate by tram in Montpellier, download the “M'Tickets TaM” app:



TIPS / MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- for the Saturday night party: bring an evening dress. It will be a party that we will share. Let's honor this evening.
 - hot drinks (tea and coffee) will be available to you free of charge throughout the weekend
 - at the Kiasma Bar, you will find throughout the weekend: free hot water, and cold drinks (non-alcoholic) will be offered for sale.
 - we have set up a partnership with Hope Radio. You may be interviewed during the weekend. Don't be surprised :-) (and if you don't want to be interviewed, just kindly say 'no' to Edward and his team :-)
 - throughout the weekend the Paganini lounge will be made available to choir directors, so that they can have a place to relax and meet. Please respect their space. Let's take care of our choir directors, we need them all year round :-)
 - a cloakroom will be available at the Kiasma Reception throughout the weekend to store your jackets, but also, if necessary, your suitcases (especially Friday and Sunday). Do not hesitate to use it. Although it is supervised all weekend, we cannot be held responsible in the event of theft. Thank you for your understanding.
 - At the Kiasma Reception, all weekend, stands will be available for our partners, or any other organization, association, group, choir, festival, who wants to communicate on activities related to Gospel music. Do not hesitate to visit these stands.
- If you would like to use these stands to announce an event or something else, please let us know by email, before the festival, so that we can prepare a dedicated space, but also, quite simply, to find out what we are announcing as part of the festival.
- throughout the weekend, please avoid eating in the Espace Lagoya, so as not to make too much of a mess. Spaces will be available near the Bar and Reception, or simply on the forecourt of the Kiasma.

RESTORATION SUGGESTIONS:

- for Friday evening and Saturday lunchtime, we recommend that you come and register early and eat in the area
– a food truck will be available nearby

- there are also restaurant suggestions in the area. For groups, if you wish to eat there, we advise you to contact the restaurateurs in order to prepare your visit. For individuals, you can also check in advance with the restaurateur:

*** LTAM Tea room / Concept store / Space for regional producers and creators**

offers pinsa, tapas, lasagna, crozets, cakes, cookies, brownies - Homemade / quality cuisine
Can accommodate 30 people inside + terrace + takeaway
Place de l'Europe, 34170 Castelnau-le-Lez
Contact: Mélissa Boillaud -

+336 42 54 49 18 contact@ltam-salondetheconceptstore.com

*** Chez-Shou**

offers revisited Afro-Caribbean cuisine

He might have his food truck near Kiasma

Contact :Davy - +33 6 67 92 00 27

chezshou@gmail.com

* Mamie Lasagnes4 Place de l'Europe, 34170 Castelnau-le-Lez
Contact: +33 4 48 79 80 50

*** The gourmet hens** 100% homemade

who can open for the occasion, prepare a unique meal

Possibility to eat on site, around ten people around a large table in the style of a standing table + takeaway

Contact :Marion - [+339 52 27 07 75](tel:+33952270775)

contact@cocottesgourmandes.fr

This list is not exhaustive, but these restaurateurs are aware of the reLOVution Gospel Festival, and should be able to accommodate you.

- Montpellier city center is accessible in 20 minutes by tram. It is therefore easy to go there to eat.

- those who wish can also bring their own snack and eat on site (but not in the Espace Lagoya please :-))

AND FOR THE HOTEL :

- We have an agreement with LE CLOS DE L'AUBE ROUGE.

Preferential rates reLOVution Gospel Festival:

- Single room : €90 / night

- Double room : €100 / night

- Breakfast (buffet) : 10€ / person

- Tourist tax: €2.30 / person / day

When booking, specify 'de la part du reLOVution Gospel Festival'.

Attention: limited number of rooms, do not delay in booking.

- many airbnb offers are also possible nearby

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- for any additional information, a FAQ is available on the site:www.relovutiongospel.com

- if we have more information to communicate to you, we will communicate via the festival Facebook group:<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1283641855939852>

or on the event:<https://www.facebook.com/events/420599251091124>

Feel free to go there. If you don't have facebook, send spies for you, or ask us your questions at relovutiongospelfestival@gmail.com

- finally, I remind you that this festival is entirely supervised by volunteers. Who give their time to welcome you in the best possible way. If you have any criticisms or remarks, please formulate them, making sure that they are constructive, and expressed in a way that can be understood by a person who is doing their best to help you. ;-)

Happy festival to all!!