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11<sup>e</sup> FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL  
**MANDOLINES  
DE LUNEL**

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## 11<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL MANDOLIN FESTIVAL OF LUNEL "IO STO CON IL MANDOLINO !" (\*)

After a memorable 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the world rendez-vous of mandolins is about to attack its second decade ! The Festival continues to bring together in Lunel, Languedoc-Roussillon region, "*all that the planet counts as champions of this instrument*" (Le Monde).

This year's Festival offers a look at both the new and the young, with a special focus on Italy, the mandolin's birthplace, where 500 mandolin players with degrees from Italian music conservatories recently mobilized via the protest movement "Io sto con il mandolino", to introduce teaching of the mandolin in middle schools across the nation: VIVA IL MANDOLINO!

But the Festival also opens its doors to new generations of players from the US, South America (Columbia, Brazil) and France.

And as always, many musical encounters on stage and off (whether surprises or planned) and music never heard before with two world premiere creations accompanied by the National Orchestra of Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon. The Festival also proposes workshops and Master Classes led by the artists and free cocktail-hour concerts every evening in the bars and cafés around in town.

(\*) *I'm all for the mandolin!*

*"It's amazing to just grow from nothing ... An International Mandolin Festival !... As I said : I heard from Mike Marshall in North Carolina ! And now I tell all my friends : you should come to this, it's fantastic, I've never seen anything like it anywhere else..."*

**John Paul Jones/Led Zeppelin** – Godfather of the 10<sup>th</sup> edition

-> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d06qLgWBGal>

### | THE ARTISTS

- **Sierra Hull & Justin Moses** (USA): mandolin player and bluegrass singer, Sierra has been performing on major American stages since she was 11!
- **Napulitanata** (Italy, Naples): a group playing new popular Napolitan music, with the mandolin players **Fabio Gallucci** and **Salvatore Della Vecchia**
- **The MelisMandolin Quartet** (Italy): a young, talented quartet playing classical mandolin
- **Greg Liszt** (banjo), **Domnick Leslie** (mandolin) & **Brittany Haas** (violin) (USA): a fantastic trio of young virtuosos of acoustic American music
- **Perendengue Cuarteto de Bandolas** (Colombia): today's stars of the Columbian bandola
- **Nunzio Reina & Fabio Gallucci** (Italy): two international classical virtuosos accompanied by the National Orchestra of Montpellier Languedoc-Roussillon
- **The Boston Boys** (USA): a young generation group playing acoustic "soul-pop" - with **Eric Robertson**, mandolin player and singer
- The **Antonello Paliotti** (guitar) and **Nunzio Reina** (mandolin) duo: compositions for the new Italian mandolin, joined by two special guests, **Carlo Aonzo** (Italy), mandolin, and **Joan Eche Puig** (France), double bass

## | TWO WORLD PREMIERE CREATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF MONTPELLIER LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON (ONM LR)

A longtime partner of the Festival, the ONM LR, directed by the young conductor, **Nicolas André**, will come to Lunel for the world premiere of two new works composed for this year's Festival: the "Nei Mari Della Luna" concerto for mandolin and orchestra, composed by **Antonello Paliotti** (Italy), with soloists **Nunzio Reina** and **Fabio Gallucci** (Italy), and "Concertante" concerto for bandolas and orchestra, composed by **Juan Diego Gomez** (Colombia), with the **Perendengue Cuarteto de Bandolas**.

## | FREE COCKTAIL-HOUR CONCERTS

Free, public concerts by groups with mandolin take place every evening in a different café-bar of the city.

**Lindo y Querido** (France), singer-mandolin player and guitar, a sparkling duo of Mexican song **Rafael Ferrari** (Brazil), playing the 10-string bandolim, and the first to take on the genres and rhythms of the "*gaúcha*" culture and the regional music of Southern Brazil with this instrument **Dominick Leslie** and **Eric Robertson** (USA), a mandolin duo and two young virtuosos of the new American generation of mandolin players

## | MASTER CLASSES

The **Master Classes** are led by the artists; "**Discovery**" and "**Intermediate**" workshops are also offered to discover the mandolin or become more skilled

## | ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Festival is organized by the Odyssée Association in partnership with the City of Lunel; it is funded by the Regional Council of Languedoc-Roussillon, the General Council of Hérault, the Lunel region federation of municipalities, the Sacem and private partners.

-> **More information at: [mandolinesdelunel.com](http://mandolinesdelunel.com) | [www.lunel.com](http://www.lunel.com)**

## DETAILS AND PRACTICAL INFO

**Main concerts:** Georges Brassens Auditorium, av. des Abrivados. Doors open at 8:00pm, concerts start at 8:45pm (sandwich bar in the auditorium)

**Ticket prices range from €8** (reduced rate for age 16 and under and for RSA recipients -- minimum income card holders), **to €19** (for one concert); prices on a sliding scale for 2, 3 or 4 concerts

**Opening ceremony and cocktail:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 p.m, Feuillade hall, Lunel

**Free cocktail-hour concerts** everyday at 6:45pm (the Opening ceremony/cocktail being the first), plus an aperitif concert at noon on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Reservations | Workshop & Master class inscriptions**

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