

BIOT AND THE TEMPLARS (IN APRIL)

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Shows, camps, knights, troubadours invite us on an incredible journey to the Middle Ages, under banners and torches!

BIOT AND THE TEMPLARS, 2023 theme: "The legacy of the 12th century"

A UNIQUE MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL ON THE CÔTE D'AZUR

QUALITY PROGRAMMING, FAITHFUL TO HISTORY AND COMPLETELY FREE

- Grand opening evening: Friday from 6:30 p.m. with parade, troop review and sound and light show.
- Live show by Luc Arbogast and medieval ball: Saturday from 8 p.m., followed by the Medieval Ball with all the troupes of troubadours and musicians.
- The Falconry show: "Hippogriff will present birds of prey of various species and sizes to the public.
- In an exceptional aerial ballet of raptors, falconer Fabien Llorens will host a show of birds evolving near and above the public, testifying to the complicity between the trainers and their animals.
- Equestrian shows offered by Histoire Otherwise, specialists in high-flying performances.
- Torchlight parades: Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.: more than 2,000 torches will be distributed for a procession of troops and the public through the streets of Biot, filled with history.



THE VILLAGE OF THE WOLVES

A miniature medieval village entirely dedicated to children will be erected on the Arcades camp.

Activities and games will be offered continuously to children on Saturday and Sunday:

- bowling, balance and shuffleboard games,
- preparation of the tambouille in the tents with wooden dinette,
- storytellers will also perform throughout the weekend to tell skits inherited from medieval times.



BIOT AND THE TEMPLARS PROGRAM 2023

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FROM 10AM TO 7PM

- Reconstruction of medieval camps with 21 medieval camps represented - La Fontanette camp.
- Demonstrations and workshops of medieval artisans: weaver, blacksmith, potter, glassmaker, stained glass maker, cooper, illuminator, wood turner, stonemason - Rue Saint-Sébastien.
- Medieval market. More than 60 exhibitors: medieval equipment, decoration and crafts, food and drinks - Route de la Mer.
- Village des loupiots: medieval wooden games for young and old - Rue du Portugon.
- Demonstration of catapults - La Fontanelle camp.
- Medieval builders' village: squirrel cage demonstration (medieval construction machine), stone cutting workshop for children, participatory wood lathe workshop - Arcades Camp.
- Exhibition of the original archive of the Deed of donation of Biot to the Templars of 1209 - Biotoises History and Ceramics Museum.
- Exhibition of coats of arms and costumes on the theme of the Templars - Hedberg-Torun exhibition rooms, rue Saint-Sébastien.
- Exhibition commented by Laurence Magnanelli, historical costume designer, and introduction to heraldry.
- Signing sessions by historical authors - Sonia Delaunay Media Library, 4 chemin Neuf • Biot village
- Period costume rental: Adult costumes (35€) and children (up to size 12 years, 15€) - Hedberg-Torun exhibition rooms, Rue Saint-Sébastien - Biot village.
- Medieval taverns. Menus, snacks and drinks - Mistral camp and Fontanelle camp.



FRIDAY: GRAND OPENING EVENING - GRAND PLACE DES TEMPLIERS

- 6:30 p.m.: handover of the keys to the city by Jean-Pierre Dermit, Mayor of Biot to the Seneschal of the Temple Thibault of Saint-Hilaire. Presentation of the troops by Messire Thibault de Saint-Hilaire, Seneschal of the Temple.
- 8 p.m.: Torchlight parade - Departure from Biot village
- 8:30 p.m.: Review of the troops - La Fontanelle camp
- 8:45 p.m.: Burning of the city and pyromelodic sound and light show with the participation of medieval singer Luc Arbogast - Campement de la Fontanelle.



SATURDAY FROM 10AM TO 7PM

10 a.m.:

- Opening of camps, taverns and workshops.
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Grand Place des Templiers (Place de Gaulle)
- Medieval music with the Waraok Company - Festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Campement de la Fontanette
- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carrillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Medieval market, Route de la Mer

10:30 a.m.:

- Medieval combat with combat demonstration and educational explanations - Grand Place des Templiers
- Equestrian show - Camp de la Fontanette
- Conference by Philippe Josserand, Lecturer in medieval history - Salle des Mariages, place de l'Église

11 a.m.:

- Tales with Éric Derrien "From the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey of multiple stories" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Jardin Frédéric Mistral
- Medieval fights with the Los Lobos Negros Company (Spaniards) - Pont Vieux, route d'Antibes

11:30 a.m.:

- Medieval music with the Waraok Company - Festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Grand Place des Templiers
- Great fight of knights in medieval melee. The Great Mêlée with the participation of all the fighting troops - Campement de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Medieval market, Route de la Mer

12 p.m.:

- Introduction to medieval dance with the Compagnie La Volte Gaillarde - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Campement de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Jardin Frédéric Mistral

12:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Fontanelle Camp 1 p.m.
- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Raptor show - Camp de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Jardin Frédéric Mistral

1:30 p.m.:

Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Medieval market

2 p.m.:

- Medieval combat with combat demonstration with educational explanation - Grand Place des Templiers
- Equestrian show - Camp de la Fontanette
- Troop parade. Departure from rue Saint-Sébastien

2:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music with the Waraok Company: festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Grand Place des Templiers
- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carrillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Campement de la Fontanelle
- Conference by Simonetta Cerrini, Italian historian - Wedding Room, Church Square
- Tales with Éric Derrien "From the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey in multiple stories" - Porte des Tines

3 p.m.:

- Musical show with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans "Festive music from the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Medieval market

4 p.m.:

- Archery tournament - Fontanelle camp
- Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Campement des Arcades
- Medieval fights with the Los Lobos Negros Company (Spaniards) - Pont Vieux, route d'Antibes

4:30 p.m.:

- Medieval Song Concert "Les Latines" - Sainte-Marie-Madeleine Church
- Tales with Eric Derrien "From the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey in multiple stories" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval music with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carrillon and its tinkling bells" - Campement de la Fontanelle
- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Jardin Frédéric Mistral

5 p.m.:

- Medieval combat with combat demonstration with educational explanation - Grand Place des Templiers
- Raptor show - Camp de la Fontanelle
- Medieval music with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Medieval market

5:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Grand Place des Templiers
- Demonstration of combat with musical accompaniment from the Harmonie de Biot orchestra - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval music with the Waraok Company and its festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Campement de la Fontanelle
- Medieval music with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Medieval market

6:30 p.m.:

- Reception ceremony for a knight in the Order of the Temple: ceremony during which a young nobleman is knighted - Sainte-Marie Madeleine Church, Biot village
- Medieval show with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - with the Grand Place des Templiers*

8 p.m.:

- Large torchlight parade with all the troops in period costumes. Departure from Biot village

8:45 p.m.:

- Fire show "The Last Amazons" followed by the concert by Luc Arbogast - Campement de la Fontanelle

9:30 p.m.: Medieval ball With all the troubadours - Grand Place des Templiers



SUNDAY 10AM TO 6PM

10 a.m.:

- Opening of camps, taverns, workshops and exhibitions
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music from the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Grand Place des Templiers (Place de Gaulle)
- Medieval music with the Waraok Company and its festive repertoire of Middle Ages tunes - Campement de la Fontanelle
- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carrillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Medieval market. Route de la Mer 10:30 a.m.
- Combats wotgésuenciggCdîlt giedselgind911,ViliregSeeegxvigiecnéeoà-lepntlui)eue - Grand Place des Templiers
- Equestrian show – Camp de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Ychèques) - Jardin Frédéric Mistral
- Conference by Arnaud Baudin, doctor of History - Wedding Room, Place de l'Église

11 a.m.:

- Parade of children (CM1 and CM2 from Biot schools) led by the White Knights of Biot - Grand Place des Templiers
- Tales with Éric Derrien "From the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey in multiple stories" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval fights with the Los Lobos Negros Company (Spaniards) - Pont Vieux, route d'Antibes

11:30 a.m.:

- Medieval music with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Grand Place des Templiers
- Great fight of knights in medieval melee. The Great Mêlée with the participation of all the fighting troops - Campement de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Waraok Company and its festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Medieval market, Route de la Mer

12 p.m.:

- Introduction to medieval dance with the Compagnie La Volte Gaillarde - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Campement de la Fontanette
- Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Campement Mistral

12:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music with the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Campement de la Fontanette

1 p.m.:

- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Raptor show - Camp de la Fontanette
- Medieval show with the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Mistral Camp

1:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Medieval market 2 p.m.
- Medieval combat with combat demonstration with educational explanation - Grand Place des Templiers
- Equestrian show - Camp de la Fontanette

2:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music by the Waraok Company and its festive repertoire of tunes from the Middle Ages - Grand Place des Templiers
- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Round table of speakers "Everything you always wanted to know about the Templars" with Simonetta Cerrini, Italian historian, Damien Carrez, University Professor, Philippe Josserand, Lecturer - Sainte-Marie-Madeleine Church
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Campement Mistral

3 p.m.:

- Great battle of knights in medieval melee. The Great Mêlée with the participation of all the fighting troops - Campement de la Fontanelle
- Tales with Éric Derrien "from the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey in multiple stories" - Porte des Tines

3:30 p.m.:

- Show with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval skit with the Compagnie les Boulegans: festive music, the Entertainers of the Middle Ages - Medieval market

4 p.m.:

- Archery tournament - Fontanelle camp

4:30 p.m.:

- Tales with Éric Derrien "from the myth of Merlin to marvelous tales, a journey in multiple stories" - Grand Place des Templiers

- Carillon demonstration with the Gueule de Loup Company "The Carillon and its tintinnabulent bells" - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval music by the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Campement Mistral

5 p.m.:

- Medieval combat. Combat demonstration with educational explanation - Grand Place des Templiers
- Raptor show - Camp de la Fontanelle
- Medieval fights with the Los Lobos Negros Company (Spaniards) - Pont Vieux, route d'Antibes
- Medieval show by the Sonagli di Tagatam Company (Italians) - Medieval market

5:30 p.m.:

- Medieval music by the Bragaas Company (Czechs) - Grand Place des Templiers
- Medieval music with the Compagnie del Coniglio (Italians) - Medieval market

6 p.m.:

- Final parade: grand closing parade with all the troops - Departure from Biot village

6:30 p.m.:

- Closing ceremony - Biot village





THE TROOPS PRESENT

FRANCE	Ordines Terra Sanctum Les Seigneurs d'Orient Les Blancs Manteaux Les Blancs Chevaliers Le Chant de l'épée Sanctae Crutris Fratres Les Gardiens des 3 croix Terre-Saint-Jean-d'Acre Épée et le Chaudron Banneret du midi
ITALY	Fenice Templari Grifoni Mansio Nibbio Militis Templi
SPAIN	Los Lobos Negros The Spanish Templars
LUXEMBOURG	Terra Rubea
GERMANY	Templar Representatives
ENGLAND	Templar Representatives
AUSTRIA	Templar Representatives
SLOVENIA	Templar Representatives
POLAND	Polska Legnicie Pole



THE SHORT STORY

The Order of the Templars appeared in the 12th century, following the capture of Jerusalem by the Persians and Arabs.

In these times of the Crusades, pilgrimages to the Holy Land became dangerous and the paths uncertain.

It is becoming urgent for the Church to ensure the unity of Christians and to assert its authority.

1209: the arrival of the Templars in Biot

In March 1209, Count Alphonse II de Provence delivered to the Order of the Temple a deed of donation authorizing the enjoyment of part of the land in Biot.

In Biot, the possessions of the Temple were first managed by the Commandery of Grasse and it was not until 1233 that the Knights of the Temple took over their new "house", located in the ancient castle of Biot, still visible today. 'today in the heart of the village between Place des Arcades and Place de l'Église.











