



22nd Piolets d'Or

Chamonix – Mont Blanc - Courmayeur

26 to 29 March 2014 – **PROGRAM**

Conferences, Encounters, Films, Books....

They come from five continents to tell us about their expeditions: India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Alaska, Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Greenland, Antartica, and furthermore, South America, the Alps, the Pyrenees, the Dolomites... an International Jury representing all trends in mountaineering, John Roskelley, Piolets d'Or Lifetime Achievement Award, a Tribute night to Erhard Loretan.... the climbing world gathers to celebrate the most remarkable ascents of 2013.

At the foot of Mont Blanc, the cradle of alpinism, come elevate yourselves and defy the laws of gravity!

Wednesday 26 March - [Chamonix](#)

9 p.m. *Cinéma Vox - Chamonix – entry: 5 euros*

Tribute night to Erhard LORETAN -

An extra-ordinary style and life journey. The third man to have climbed all the world's 8000 m peaks.

Screening of «Erhard Loretan, respirer l'odeur du ciel» presented by Benoît Aymon, Radio Télévision Suisse journalist and producer, and Pierre Morand, Loretan's friend and climbing partner. Reading of extracts from Charlie Buffet's book: «Erhard Loretan, une vie suspendue».

Thursday 27 March - [Chamonix](#)

9 a.m. ***Aiguille du Midi. By invitation only.** Meeting at 9 a.m. at Café Vertical (Aiguille du Midi cable car station). Journey to the Aiguille - 2 cable cars, leaving 9:55 and 10:10 a.m.*

Visti to 'Espace Vertical', «Step into the Void» and to the new Aiguille du Midi station. An extraordinary space allowing the wider public to approach the climbing and high-altitude world. Presentation of Piolets d'Or, FREEDOM Operation and Aiguille du Midi.

12 a.m. **Eagles flying with eagle cam.**

8.30 p.m. *Majestic - **Presentation of the nominated expeditions and climbers.** Free entry*

Who are they? Where do they come from? Videos, photos and climbers meet the audience.

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9 p.m. Jardin de l'Ange, Courmayeur – free entry

'What I hold as value' — a conversation with Erri De Luca, musical performance by L'Orage's Alberto Visconti and Rhémy Boniface.

Friday 28 March - [Chamonix](#)

2.30 p.m. Majestic. **Non-stop film presentations.** Free entry.

5 p.m. Majestic. **Presentation of mountaineering books and signing.** Free entry.

6 p.m. *Majestic* - **Meet the 2014 Piolets d'Or protagonists.** Free entry.

Jury members – nominees

A chance to socialise and exchange ideas! Cocktail party debate with the Jury, the climbers, partners and press.

8.30 p.m. *Majestic* – Free entry.

Meet John ROSKELLEY, Piolet d'Or Carrière 2014

Presentation of the Jury members: George LOWE, Catherine DESTIVELLE, Karin STEINBACH, Denis URUBKO, Sung Muk LIM and Erri DE LUCA

A conversation with Erri DE LUCA, writer and alpinist

Saturday 29 March – [Courmayeur](#)

9 p.m. *Cinéma PALANOIR* – *free entry* - Gala night presented by Kay Rush

Official Award ceremony:

**Piolets d'Or Lifetime Achievement Award - Walter Bonatti Prize: American climber John Roskelley.
Piolets d'Or Achievements of 2013**

To celebrate international alpinism exclusive videos and interviews with the 2014 Piolets d'Or protagonists will be screened during the evening. The event will also feature the original musical performance of Aosta-based band L'Orage, accompanied by singer Naïf and dancer Marco Chenevier.

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