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20th Rendez-vous aux Jardins, 2nd to 4th June 2023: “Garden Melodies”

The latest “Rendez-vous aux Jardins” organised by the French Ministry of Culture will be held on Friday 2 June (mostly for schools), Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June on the theme of “Garden Melodies”.

This year’s event explores the sounds of gardens, from bird song and animal cries to the splosh of water, the rush of wind and the rustle of plants. Visitors can also discover sound installations and attend concerts performed in bandstands and gardens.

It is a unique opportunity to discover the design of the gardens opened for the event and to take part in one of thousands of cultural and educational activities, including demonstrations, concerts, shows, exhibitions and late-night openings.

On Friday 2 June, for example, the Jardin botanique Dominique-Alexandre Godron will invite school children in Nancy to be among the first to explore the noises and sounds of one of the city’s green spaces as they enter a forest of “sound objects” guided by the music of Debussy or garden to the sound of music. Visitors can also stroll through the Parc du Bois Cornillé in Brittany where 19th-century landscapers Bühler and André created a vast estate, now a national heritage site with “Remarkable Garden” status, and enjoy a recital by harpist Catherine Baudichet.

This three-day event offers members of the public the chance to explore the wealth and variety of parks and gardens, to talk to the owners, gardeners, landscape artists and botanists who care for them, and to learn about the work that goes into studying, conserving, restoring and creating them and into passing on garden knowledge and know-how.

More than twenty European countries will be taking part in the event: Andorra, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

In France, the event is being organised by the Ministry of Culture and implemented by regional cultural affairs departments in conjunction with public institutions and organisations of garden owners.

It benefits from an extensive network of partnerships and the support of private entities, media outlets and institutions.

To learn more, visit: rendezvousauxjardins.fr