

Chamonix Mont-Blanc 21st May 2018

## **CHAMFEST - the fun-filled festival for all the family in Chamonix - 15th, 16th & 17th June 2018**

Hilarious bilingual comedy, **The Franglais Show**, will be presented by comedians from **Taking The Piste** on the cabaret-themed Sunday 17th June of new boutique family festival CHAMFEST, in Chamonix Mont-Blanc from 15th to 17th June, with plenty of double-entendre and second language interference to make Chamonix's cosmopolitan audience smile.

Well-respected British comedy headliners **Ian Moore** and **Nick Doody** will present improvised stand-up in French and English, held together by French TV sketch comedian **Phil Darwin**. This comedy show, delivered in Franglais and Frenglish several times during the day, is sure to entertain the English and French speaking audience of CHAMFEST, on **Sunday 17th June**, in a language that Chamonix people will enjoy interpreting as making fun of the frantic semantics that can happen when English speakers live in France and vice versa.

Comedian **Ian Moore** has lived in France for 10 years, but commutes back to the UK every week for work and has recently given a stand-up show, all in French, at The Comedy Store in London. A regular guest on English and French radio and TV, **Ian** takes a wry and witty approach to his commentary on Brexit and UK-EU bickering. He has written several books on being a Brit living in France and is a columnist for the magazine *Living France*. **Nick Doody** is a popular stand-up on the **Taking The Piste** comedy circuit across the Alps and has been performing comedy since the 90s when, as a student, he got off to a pretty good start by supporting the legendary Bill Hicks. Since then he has performed all over the world and was the first British comedian to perform in Croatia. A much sought-after comic writer, **Nick** has penned jokes for Joan Rivers, Lenny Henry and Dame Edna Everage, as well as the BBC's *Mock The Week* TV show. The two Brits will have as **The Franglais Show's** French emissary **Phil Darwin**, the son of a Congolese diplomat who has made a career out of being an ambassador for international comedy.

**The Franglais Show** stand-up comedy fits perfectly with the cabaret theme of the final day on Sunday 17th June of the first CHAMFEST, as all festival goers are encouraged to come in electro swing fancy dress, a style that is 1920s meets cabaret. "This is to celebrate Chamonix's status as the most elegant ski resort in France, as well as the town's hosting of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924," says Jo Saw, the creator and director of CHAMFEST - an event she devised to celebrate the

wonders of Chamonix Mont-Blanc and her tour operator company Chamonix All Year's 15th anniversary, whose tagline is "we love Chamonix". In addition to the comedy programme on **Sunday**, the music programme will feature plenty of fashionable electro swing music, with hip Parisian electro swing kings DJs **Typoboy + Kid Supreme** (AKA *les gangsters chic des platines*) and smoking hot Berlin rave jazz and swing tech band **Dirty Honkers**.

Family fun can be enjoyed throughout the whole of CHAMFEST, with Italian caricature artist **Jacopo** capturing the spirit of the festival in cartoons and available on all three days for an instant caricature souvenir. While best-loved kids' cartoon character **Peppa Pig** will be at CHAMFEST on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday and Sunday for her young fans to meet and cuddle. Other entertainment and creative activities for children are being given by **La Petite Folie** and **Oui-Care**, including face-painting, arts and crafts and line dancing.

**La Compagnie des Guides**, Chamonix Mont-Blanc's mountain guiding company, will have an inflatable wall on all three days of CHAMFEST, as a soft and fun introduction to climbing, supervised by guides and with security gear provided. The Chamonix guides will also be organising treasure hunts around the CHAMFEST site on Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday and Sunday. These activities hosted by **La Compagnie des Guides** are free, with the possibility of making a donation to their Caisse de Secours charity which aids the families of injured or lost mountain guides.

The brilliant **Globule Radio**, a radio station produced and presented by children, will be on-air at **90.5FM** throughout the festival broadcasting as **CHAMFEST Radio**, so festival fans and goers can tune-in to listen to all the fun, as it happens, at CHAMFEST.

As well as being a fun-filled festival, CHAMFEST is all about celebrating what there is to love about Chamonix Mont-Blanc, with much more on the programme to be discovered and enjoyed, so be sure to watch the website for details and to book tickets: <https://chamfest.fr/en/programme-2018/>

"Friday is a great day for locals to check out the festival - we'll be supporting some local causes and applauding local talent. Saturday is party day with a full programme of music and kids' activities. Get your fancy dress out of the cupboard for Sunday, our cabaret day, with comedy, more music and dogs welcome too!" says CHAMFEST creator, Jo Saw.

CHAMFEST is a family friendly festival that is environmentally conscious and considerate of its neighbours, thus the festival will close at 10PM every evening to ensure there is no disturbance.

Local tour operator Chamonix All Year, celebrating their 15th anniversary and the main sponsor of CHAMFEST, is offering a 15% discount on all of their accommodation booked in Chamonix for the festival and there are other hotel groups in the Chamonix valley offering 10% off bookings for the festival, too:

<https://chamfest.fr/en/festival-info/accommodation/>, as well as further accommodation information available on the local tourist office website:

[www.chamonix.com](http://www.chamonix.com). For festival travel packages and airport transfers, CHAMFEST partner Chamonix Valley Transfers (CVT) are giving 10% off all bookings for festival goers: <https://chamfest.fr/en/festival-info/travel/>.

For more information: [www.chamfest.fr](http://www.chamfest.fr)     [www.facebook.com/CHAMFEST](https://www.facebook.com/CHAMFEST)

<https://chamfest.fr/en/book-tickets/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoALjL3WJvXwFtBa4k8ksmg>

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