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2002 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Antonio Saura, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain – Strasbourg

(February 21–April 21)

Exhibit on Spanish artist Antonio Saura (1930–1998), a major figure in the Abstract Expressionist movement. His works are filled with the history, characters and symbols of Spain, as well as hideous monsters and creatures. The Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, a pink granite-and-glass building located on the banks of the Ill River, was designed by Adrien Fainsilber, and inaugurated in 1998. It holds an outstanding collection of art, from the academic works of Bourguereau to the likes of Kandinsky, Gauguin, Picasso and Nam Jun Paik. A section is devoted to the largest collection in the world of works by native son Jean Arp.

www.musees-strasbourg.org/F/art_mod.html

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Festival Art Danse – Burgundy (March 1–31)

International dance festival featuring the Merce Cunningham dance company, Magali and Didier Mulleras, Post-Retroguardia and la Baraka, and taking place in Dijon, Auxerre, Beaune, Macon, Le Creusot, Chalon-sur-Saône and Montceau-les-Mines.

www.art-danse.com

Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra (Until May 14)

Messiaen, Bruckner and Britten are among the composers featured this season, under the direction of Jan Latnam-Koenig.

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7th Medieval Festival – Sedan (May 8–19)

In the formidable decor of Europe's largest fortified castle, daily festivities, medieval music concerts and dances, and sound-and-light spectacles featuring 300 participants in period

costume. Medieval market showcasing more than 80 artisans. An evening banquet at the château will close the festival.

www.medieval-sedan.com

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14th International Music Festival – Colmar (*July 3–14*)

The 14th edition of this festival, under the direction of Vladimir Spivakov, will be dedicated to Jean-Pierre Rampal and feature students and disciples of the great flutist, including Emmanuel Pahud and Philippe Bernold. With Michel Plasson and the Orchestre du Capitole de Toulouse, the Prague Chamber Orchestra and the Ensemble Orchestral de Paris, under the direction of John Nelson.

infofestival@ot-colmar.fr

Champagne Fair – Troyes (*May 3–June 9*)

Large trade event featuring more than 250 exhibitors in the fields of technology, industry, arts and crafts, and food and wine, attended by 55,000 visitors. Concerts, shows and exhibitions.

www.ot-troyes.fr

Joanne of Arc Festival – Reims (*June 22 and 23*)

2,000 people in medieval dress escort “Joan of Arc” and “King Charles VII” in a pageant celebrating the coronation of the French kings. Musical sound and light show and fireworks.

reims@ville-reims.fr

Grande Parade Automobile – Mulhouse (*July 20–22*)

Spectacles, expositions, rallies and other activities, including a grand procession with more than 700 automobiles. The Musée National de l'Automobile houses the Schlumpf collection, the largest automobile collection in the world, with 500 vintage cars illustrating 100 years of automobile history.

ot.ville-mulhouse.fr

Mozart's “Don Giovanni” – Saverne (*July 5–7*)

The Château des Rohan is the perfect decor for this outdoor production of Don Giovanni, directed by Gerard Corbiau, under the artistic direction of Thierry Bosquet. The Château des Rohan was built in 1779 by the Archbishop of Strasbourg and has a remarkable 150-yard neo-classic façade.

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20th International Festival of Baroque Music – Beaune (*July 5–28*)

Prestigious music festival taking place in 15th-century Hospices and the Romanesque Notre-Dame collegiate church.

www.festivalbeaune.com
ot.beaune@wanadoo.fr

39th Tour de France – Epernay *(July 10)*

189 cyclists, including some of the world's champions, will start the 4th leg of the Tour de France covering 43 miles to Château-Thierry. Twenty-one teams of nine riders each will take part. Thousands of cycling enthusiasts are sure to turn out to see if Lance Armstrong can pull off a win for the fourth consecutive year.

www.letour.fr

Grand Prix de France – Nevers Magny-Cours *(July 19–21)*

Formula 1 car race.

www.magnyf1.com/tf1magny/site/english/index.asp

Wine Growers' Festival – Eguisheim *(August 23–25)*

Traditional parade, crafts market and wine tasting are held in the courtyards, streets and ramparts of the old medieval town.

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Reims Marathon *(October 20)*

More than 15,000 runners participate in the marathon, semi-marathon and 10-km annual race. The course starts in front of Notre-Dame Cathedral and ends at the Parc des Expositions.

www.ville-reims.com/france/marathon

72nd International Gastronomic Fair – Dijon *(October 31–November 11)*

500 exhibitors present foods, wines, crafts, culinary equipment and more from the world over to more than 200,000 industry professionals and members of the general public. Food trade, with 350 exhibitors, remains the most important section.

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Les Trois Glorieuses – Beaune *(November 16–18)*

Famous charity wine auction held annually since 1859 at the Hospices de Beaune, the oldest hospital in France. Wine yielded from the vineyards owned by the local hospitals is auctioned, setting the benchmark for the entire vintage. Hundreds of buyers from around the world take part. In addition, wine tastings, a gala dinner and wine brotherhood meetings round out the program.

www.hospices-de-beaune.tm.fr