

**A considerable exploit for the Visions du Réel Avant-Première and a moving comedy for the Opening Ceremony**

18 April 2017, Nyon (Switzerland) – **The Avant-Première of the Festival, on the evening of Thursday 20 April, will rise to a major challenge! To kick off the 48th edition of Visions du Réel, Festival international de cinéma Nyon (21 to 29 April 2017), the public is invited to a screening themed around exploits and team spirit, with *Encordés* by Frédéric Favre (free entry). On the following day, the Opening Ceremony will be attended in particular by Alain Berset, Federal Councillor and Anne-Catherine Lyon, Member of the Cantonal Council of Vaud. The opening film, *The Grown-Ups* by Maite Alberdi, uses humour and tenderness to highlight the desire for freedom of four forty-year-olds living with Down syndrome. These films, both of which were presented at the project stage at the film market at previous editions of Visions du Réel, will be competing for the Prix du Public this year. Full programme: [www.visionsdureel.ch/en](http://www.visionsdureel.ch/en)**

**Festival Avant-Première – Thursday 20 April  
Exploits and team spirit with *Encordés***

Who are they, these people who attempt to rise to the challenge of the Patrouille des Glaciers, an extreme ski mountaineering race famed for its difficulty? With the dynamism and empathy that characterise his filmmaking, Frédéric Favre offers up an extraordinary adventure in *Encordés*. “Our love of humanity guided our selection process. So it’s perfectly natural that we found ourselves drawn to films highlighting values such as commitment, both on a personal level and in solidarity, which becomes focused and exacerbated in the face of difficulties,” emphasises Luciano Barisone. The Swiss director Frédéric Favre will be present at this world première for a discussion with the audience. The Avant-Première and the reception following the screening will be hosted by the Municipality of Nyon and Visions du Réel.



Thursday 20 April at 7.30 pm, Théâtre de Marens, Nyon | Additional screening at the Salle Communale in Nyon at 8:00 pm | Free entry  
Additional screenings on Saturday 22 April at 10:00 am at the Salle Communale in Nyon and at 10.00 pm at the Théâtre de Grand-Champ, Gland  
Trailer and tickets > [www.visionsdureel.ch/en/film/encordés](http://www.visionsdureel.ch/en/film/encordés)



**Opening Ceremony – Friday 21 April  
*The Grown-Ups*, a moving documentary comedy**

“A magnificent lesson in humanity, simultaneously funny and tender, with a subtle approach!” That is how Luciano Barisone sums up the film screened during Visions du Réel’s official Opening Ceremony, whose special guests will include Alain Berset, Federal Councillor and Anne-Catherine Lyon, Member of the Cantonal Council of Vaud. The film chosen for the occasion, *The Grown-Ups* by Chilean director Maite Alberdi, is a moving documentary comedy that bears witness to the aspirations of four forty-year-olds living with Down syndrome. Placed in an institution by their families, they would like their own house, an independent life, to get married and start a family.

Swiss première, Friday 21 April at 7.30 pm, Théâtre de Marens, Nyon | Additional screening at the Salle Communale in Nyon at 8:30 pm  
Additional screening on Saturday 22 April at 3.00 pm, Théâtre de Grand-Champ, Gland | Tickets > [www.visionsdureel.ch/en/film/the-grown-ups](http://www.visionsdureel.ch/en/film/the-grown-ups)

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