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## TOMATOES, CLASSICAL MUSIC AND RESISTANCE AT VISIONS DU RÉEL FOR THE PRE-OPENING ON 4 APRIL

When Tomatoes Met Wagner by Greek director Marianna Economou will be kicking off the 50th edition of Visions du Réel. The film will be screened at the Festival Pre-opening on Thursday 4 April at 19:30 at the Théâtre de Marens, then at 20:00 in the Grande Salle. The screening is offered by the City of Nyon and Visions du Réel, reservations are mandatory on <a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch">www.visionsdureel.ch</a>.

When Tomatoes Met Wagner, between resistance and reinvention

In a context of economic crisis and rural exodus, two cousins move into tomato processing with the help of the village's grandmothers and the music of Wagner. A bittersweet comedy, fully anchored in the here and now, which is a modern story of rural revitalisation and the reinvention of "living in harmony" against the backdrop of globalisation. The film will be screened on Thursday 4 April at 19:30 at the Théâtre de Marens with a second screening at 20:00 in the Grande Salle. The screening is offered by the City of Nyon and Visions du Réel, reservations on <a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch">www.visionsdureel.ch</a>. A third screening will be held on Wednesday 10 April at the Théâtre de Grand-Champ in Gland. <a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch/2019/film/when-tomatoes-met-wagner">www.visionsdureel.ch/2019/film/when-tomatoes-met-wagner</a>

## Party Party – Visions du Réel's music nights

After last year's success, Visions du Réel's nights of music are back and will make you want to party until dawn. Party Party kicks off on Friday 5 April with the oriental groove of Ramin & Reda and the electronic performance of Obertonstruktur der Kaulquappe as of 22:00. The party will continue all weekend, with "carte blanche" sessions for Bongo Joe on Saturday 6 April and Hapax 21 on Sunday 7 April. There will be concerts and DJ sets all week long, including a concert of cinematographical music by the Nyon group Fitzcarraldo at the Temple de Nyon on Wednesday 10 April and the now cult karaoke event with Yacine Nemra. Just like last year, several concerts will be held at La Parenthèse, in Nyon, and at the Théâtre de Grand-Champ, in Gland. www.visionsdureel.ch/festival/infos-pratiques/soirees

## Alain Berset and Nuria Gorrite at the Opening Ceremony and Celebration on Friday 5, April

To celebrate this 50th edition, Visions du Réel will have the pleasure of welcoming many prestigious guests, starting with Federal Councillor Alain Berset and President of the Vaud government Nuria Gorrite, who will both be speaking at the Opening Ceremony and Celebration on Friday, 5 April, beginning at 19:00. On this occasion, the film *Gods of Molenbeek*, by Finnish director Reetta Huhtanen, will be screened as a Swiss premiere. The film tells us a beautiful story of friendship where childhood is the kingdom of the search for meaning, against a backdrop of tension following the terror attacks in Paris then Brussels. The film will be followed by a drinks reception offered by Vins de Nyon in the Village du Réel. It will also be possible to see the film on the same day at 20:00 in the Grande Salle and on Saturday 6 April at 16:00 at the Théâtre de Grand-Champ in Gland. <a href="https://www.visionsdureel.ch/2019/film/gods-of-molenbeek">www.visionsdureel.ch/2019/film/gods-of-molenbeek</a>

Find the full programme on: www.visionsdureel.ch/festival/programme

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